

# Global Care Prayer Focus

## April 2018



*“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”*

**Luke 24: 5-7**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we remember the blessing of Easter. We also pray for the health of children and their families in our projects as we recognise World Health Day on 7<sup>th</sup> April.*

On **Easter Sunday** celebrate Jesus’ resurrection with joy and thanksgiving. Thank God for his incredible love and grace, shown through our undeserved gift of Jesus. Pray the Good News of the Gospel and the peace and love of God will be shared with many more this year.

On **Easter Monday** as we continue to rejoice in our salvation, remember Dalit children attending our Patripul centre. Pray for their health and safety as they have limited access to clean water and sanitation and often have unhygienic or dangerous jobs.

On **Tuesday** give thanks that Raul\* in Bangladesh was able to have surgery for a tumour on his leg. Pray he makes a full recovery.

On **Wednesday** pray for children in our projects in India, who are particularly susceptible to viral infections, malaria, and dengue fever as well as increased health risks caused by flooding and poor sanitation.

On **Thursday** pray for Diego\* in Guatemala, who developed Bell’s Palsy (paralysis of the left side of his face). Diego is undergoing treatment including medication, injections and therapy. Pray for relief from pain and return of normal facial movement.

On **Friday** pray for the health of children’s caregivers in all our projects. Pray for the health of children who act as head of the family. Pray for the many children who suffered bereavement of close relatives in the last year.

On **Saturday**, World Health Day, give thanks for the Medical Response Fund incorporated in our Children@Risk programme. Pray for governments, and for the international goal for everyone, everywhere, to have access to essential quality health services without facing financial hardship.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we continue to acknowledge World Health Day and pray for children who attend Kindergarten at New Day Centre in Albania and the Ark Disability Day Care centre in Soroti, Uganda.*

On **Sunday** give thanks for Global Care’s work with children with physical, sensory and learning disabilities. Pray for worldwide justice and equality for children with disability and for increased availability of inclusive education.

On **Monday** pray for Julian\* and Ardita\* who have cerebral palsy. Pray Ardita responds to treatment and thrives in the loving environment at New Day Centre. Pray Julian’s family see improvements in his mobility and basic life skills.

On **Tuesday** pray for Aisha\*, who started having regular physiotherapy at New Day Centre after staff identified problems with her walking. Her mother is disabled and her father unemployed. Pray their social and economic situation improves.

On **Wednesday** give thanks for the neuropsychiatric service and group counselling sessions now available at our Albania centre. Pray for staff and parents as they receive advice on how to support children with emotional difficulties.

On **Thursday** give thanks for The Ark. Pray for Manny\* who recently had pneumonia and anaemia and is very weak. Pray for encouragement for his single mother who has to juggle work with caring for Manny.

On **Friday** give thanks for Felix\* who has shown great progress educationally and physically. Pray for Felix’s family. His father rejects Felix because of his disability and his mother has been unwell.

On **Saturday** give thanks for the physiotherapy service provided at the Ark. Pray children continue to benefit from physiotherapy, and attending physiotherapy sessions empowers and supports families to care for children at home.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:** *This week we pray for our partners Addis Kidan Baptist Church and our project in rural villages in Ethiopia.*

On **Sunday** give thanks for the Addis Kidan Baptist Church team providing pre-schooling for vulnerable children. Pray for wisdom as they seek to provide spiritual and educational input to poor rural and semi-rural communities.

On **Monday** pray communities increase their understanding of the long-term benefits of education for their children. Pray children are enabled and encouraged to go to school.

On **Tuesday** pray children at the pre-schools gain the education and confidence required for them to move on to formal government schools.

On **Wednesday** pray for the 'self-help' groups for pre-school parents. Pray for the team helping parents take part in micro-finance schemes enabling them to save money and develop income-generating projects

On **Thursday** pray for \*Melissa, who has a leg problem requiring multiple surgeries. Pray for her family struggling with her having another operation, and for the availability of translators at the hospital as their spoken language is different from the doctors'.

On **Friday** pray for wisdom in discussions between the team and local government officials. Pray for continued government support through the provision of resources and practical help.

On **Saturday** pray for agricultural initiatives helping families grow improved and more varied crops, and for improved health and hygiene understanding through health education and building pit latrines.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 30<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we pray for activities and events around our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

On **Sunday** give thanks for the thousands of lives touched through the work of Global Care over the past 35 years. Pray for Global Care's continued work with the poorest, most marginalised and disenfranchised across the world.

On **Monday** pray our vision for 2018 is realised, that Global Care is equipped to do more to help more children who are more vulnerable. Pray for new funds, new UK partners and new partner churches.

On **Tuesday** pray for the stories of individuals, communities and families whose lives changed thanks to Global Care interventions. Pray readers of our blog, social media channels and website will be encouraged and challenged by these stories.

On **Wednesday** pray for the team travelling to Uganda in August to take part in 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Pray for wisdom as they prepare and for smooth planning for the UK and Ugandan teams.

On **Thursday** give thanks for supporter Rob Halligan and patron Fiona Castle, and their presentation 'Around the World in 80 Minutes'. Pray their evenings of music and stories about children they met on trips with Global Care will be both entertaining and inspirational.

On **Friday** pray for generous giving in response to our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project, Building Ability in Disability, which aims to support children with mobility problems in Rukungiri, Uganda, enabling them to access education.

On **Saturday** pray for the Coventry Fundraising Friends team who are holding a 60s/70s night tonight for the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project. Give thanks for all their hard work and for those who support their fundraising activities.

On **Sunday** pray for our fundraising Dragon Boat Regatta 'Making Waves for Disability' on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Pray at this stage for a great response to our invitation for competitors and sponsors.

On **Monday** give thanks and praise for God's rich blessing, and His grace and mercy which enable the work of Global Care. Pray for His ongoing provision and for His love, wisdom and vision to guide us in everything we do.

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