

# Prayer Focus

## February 2022



*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."*

**Psalm 46:1-3**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we pray for our partners Community Concern, and their work in Sri Lanka at Morning Star Care Centre (MSCC) in Dehiwela beach slum, Heavena refuge, and their new project, Reducing Vulnerability to Trafficking and Abuse. We pray for our Trustees who are meeting on Saturday.*

On **Tuesday** give thanks and pray for encouragement and blessing for the Community Concern team providing non-formal education and counselling for extremely vulnerable children at MSCC.

On **Wednesday** pray for the children at MSCC, whose education was severely disrupted last year. Pray for children sitting delayed examinations and pray all the children catch up easily with missed academic work.

On **Thursday** pray for the Heavena team who support women who have suffered trafficking and domestic abuse, and their children. Pray the women find work and accommodation and can rebuild their lives and provide security for their children.

On **Friday** give thanks for the response to our Christmas appeal and pray for a successful launch of Community Concern's new initiative to support women and children at risk of trafficking and abuse. Pray plans are not adversely affected by high inflation rates.

On **Saturday** give thanks for our Trustees, and for their commitment to the work of Global Care. Pray for wisdom and inspiration at their meeting today. Give thanks for Mark Curran who retired last year after serving as a Trustee for 15 years.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we pray for the Communications Team, who are planning new initiatives, including face-to-face events for the first time in two years. We pray for our partners Street Kids Direct (SKD) and their work with street children in Guatemala City.*

On **Sunday** give thanks and pray for the team responsible for communications, fundraising and marketing. Pray for a peaceful transition to new roles and responsibilities within the team. Pray for inspiration and wisdom as they plan and prepare events and campaigns.

On **Monday** pray for our Valentine's initiative, 'You light up the room'. Pray people will be inspired to donate a simple solar light for a child in Uganda. Pray the lamps improve the health and safety of children and encourage home study\*.

On **Tuesday** pray for the team planning a challenging sponsored event in June, 'Take a Risk for Children at Risk'. Pray practical arrangements can be agreed soon and the event can be advertised and go ahead without any difficulties.

On **Wednesday** give thanks for the 'Children at Risk' initiative and the generous donations which enabled Global Care to provide practical support to children and families throughout the pandemic. Pray for a high take-up of the sponsored event and for productive fundraising.

On **Thursday** give thanks and pray for the SKD Guatemala staff and volunteer teams. Pray children continue to build good relationships with new volunteers at SKDs new centre, Centro Opp.

On **Friday** give thanks for extra tuition classes which enabled children and young people to develop their ability to study and improve academically after missing many months of school. Pray that through mentoring and homework support all the children thrive at school.

On **Saturday** pray for children who started working when their family's income was severely affected by the pandemic. Pray the SKD team can encourage children and their families to prioritise education and children are motivated to attend school.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we pray for our Operations Team and their management trip to Spurgeons Academy in Kibera on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya from 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February. We pray for their work with all our overseas partners.*

On **Sunday** pray for insight and blessing for Steve, Head of Operations, and Dorica, Operations Officer, and their work overseeing and administering overseas projects. Pray for safe travel, good health, and smooth administration as they fly to Kenya.

On **Monday** pray for the local team at Spurgeons Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. Pray they will be encouraged as Steve and Dorica visit them today. Pray for wisdom as the UK management and operations teams consider overseas management trips for the coming year.

On **Tuesday** pray for the children who attend Spurgeons Academy. Pray they know Jesus' love and security in this unstable environment. Pray that Steve and Dorica's visit brings joy and blessing to the children.

On **Wednesday** pray for peace and hope for families in Kibera who continue to struggle financially after the latest coronavirus wave and amidst political tension. Pray for projects facing internal and external challenges, pray for communities whose livelihoods are impacted by climate change.

On **Thursday** Pray for Steve and Dorica as they travel back to the UK. Pray for UK teams planning for the Big Give in December 2022. Pray for the two prospective country programmes targeted to submit proposals.

On **Friday** pray for an end to the conflict between the Ethiopian government and forces in the northern Tigray region. Pray for our partners Addis Kidan Baptist Church and their project in Koshe, Southern Ethiopia, pray the conflict does not affect international development aid.

On **Saturday** give thanks for new projects and initiatives started last year and pray for partners considering developments this year. Pray the operations and management teams will find clarity as they seek God's wisdom in their consideration of new proposals in 2022.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we remember International Mother Language Day and we pray for our partner DS and his work in Karenni state, Myanmar. We pray for our partners and their work in India, for Emmanuel Ministries in Kolkata, at Calcutta Emmanuel School and Pavement Club, and for the Global Care team in Mumbai.*

On **Sunday** give thanks and pray for our partner DS and his family, whose lives have been severely disrupted by Myanmar's military coup last February and by pandemic restrictions. Pray for their safety, and for good health. Pray for peace in Myanmar.

On **Monday**, International Mother Language Day, pray for ethnic communities in our projects who suffer discrimination because of the language they speak. Pray that each of us can learn to accept others just as they are.

On **Tuesday** pray for protection for Karenni children, families, and primary teachers supported by DS. Pray children can attend school without fear and pray older children can travel safely to live in villages away from home where they attend high school.

On **Wednesday** give thanks and pray for the Emmanuel Ministries team and their programmes in Kolkata. Pray for wisdom and strength in their work supporting vulnerable and marginalised children and families who live in extreme poverty.

On **Thursday** pray for the children who attend Calcutta Emmanuel School (CES). Pray children can study well and improve and progress academically despite continued limits on face-to-face lessons. Pray for children sitting national exams this month.

On **Friday** pray for the Pavement Club team and the children they support, as they navigate ever-changing coronavirus restrictions and uncertainty regarding rules governing public gatherings. Pray for caregivers struggling to support their families without work or with vastly reduced incomes.

On **Saturday** give thanks and pray for local teams at Global Care centres in Patripul, Mumbai. Pray for wisdom, and for their safety, as they re-establish their work at the centres and encourage victimised Dalit children to attend school.

On **Sunday** pray for an end to the abuse and persecution which the children receive either at school or in the community. Pray that our partner's support enables them to gain self-determination and dignity and believe in a hopeful future.

On **Monday** as India recovers from the latest wave of coronavirus, pray for good health and protection from Covid for local partners, and the children and families they support. Pray vaccination programmes for teenagers, which started last month, reach vulnerable communities.

\* Follow the link to find out more about buying a solar lamp for a family in Uganda as an alternative Valentine's gift or at any time: [www.globalcare.org/product/solar-lamp/](http://www.globalcare.org/product/solar-lamp/)