

Prayer Focus

March 2022



"... Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ... But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Isaiah 53: 3b, 5

Tuesday 1st – Saturday 5th: *This week sees the start of Lent. We pray for our partners in Syria and the School Clubs they provide at The Hope Centre, in Jaramana, Damascus, which are the focus of our Lent Appeal*.*

On **Shrove Tuesday** pray for The Hope Centre team who provide educational and therapeutic support for extremely vulnerable primary-aged children living in Damascus. Pray the team are blessed in their work and pray for their safety and wellbeing.

On **Ash Wednesday** pray for a generous response to our Lent Appeal 'Healing Young Hearts'. Pray we raise sufficient funds to support The Hope Centre for a year. Give thanks for all the children supported through School Clubs over the last three years.

On **Thursday** pray for Syrian refugee children whose families fled fighting in Northern Syria and now live in, or on the outskirts of, Damascus. Pray for safety amidst ongoing conflict, healing from past trauma, and relief from the effects of the pandemic.

On **Friday** pray that through the love and support of The Hope Centre, children begin to have hope, and learn basic educational knowledge and skills. Pray that children gain the confidence and motivation to continue their school education.

On **Saturday** pray for an end to spiralling economic uncertainty in Syria. Pray for families supported by the Hope Centre, who live in inadequate over-crowded accommodation and cannot afford basic needs. Pray for peace and security, for hope and blessing.

Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th: *This week we pray for UK staff who are speaking at churches, and we remember International Women's Day on 8th March. We pray for our partners and projects in Uganda and for CEO John White and Head of Operations Steve Wicking, who are visiting our Uganda teams.*

On **Sunday** pray for John White and Steve Wicking who are speaking at Canley Community Church today, and Anita White, Communications & Fundraising Manager who is speaking and spending the day at St Mary's Church Eaton Socon.

On **Monday** pray for our programmes specifically aimed at supporting and enabling women in Ethiopia, Zambia, India, Sri Lanka and Albania. Pray that women are enabled to live and work in safety, and that their children are protected and educated.

On **Tuesday** International Women's Day, celebrate women's achievements worldwide, pray for gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls. Pray for a world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. Give thanks for the women in your life.

On **Wednesday** pray for John and Steve as they travel to Uganda and arrive in Kampala this evening. Pray for good health and safe travel throughout their trip. Pray they will be blessed and encouraged during their visit.

On **Thursday** give thanks and pray for Patrick and Catherine, the Kampala team. Pray they will be blessed and encouraged by the management visit. Pray for meetings taking place with auditors and lawyers in Kampala.

On **Friday** pray for wisdom and vision as the UK managers visit different programmes in Kampala today. Pray for discussions with the Kampala team as they review the local project and consider proposals for new initiatives.

On **Saturday** Steve and John are joined by Board Members Pastor Job from Soroti, and Gertrude Iga from Kampala, as they make the long drive south to Rukungiri today. Pray for a straightforward and safe journey.

Sunday 13th – Saturday 19th: *This week we continue to pray for Uganda as John and Steve return to Kampala, John flies home, and Steve travels to Soroti in the Northeast.*

On **Sunday** pray for wisdom and blessing for the Uganda Board meeting taking place in Rukungiri today. Give thanks for the Board members and their commitment to Global Care over many years.

On **Monday** give thanks and pray for Moses and Penlope, the Rukungiri team. Pray they will be encouraged and inspired as they review and discuss initiatives in Rukungiri with the UK visitors.

On **Tuesday** pray for children with mobility disabilities enabled to attend school through the Rukungiri disability project. Pray for clarity as we plan for future projects supporting disabled children. Pray for a safe and restful journey as the visiting team return to Kampala.

On **Wednesday** pray for sponsored children at our three centres in Uganda. Give thanks that most children are back at school after missing almost two years of their education through the pandemic. Pray for teachers in Uganda.

On **Thursday** pray for peaceful and smooth administration around travel to the UK, including obtaining PCR tests within the required timeframe. Pray for John as he returns to the UK and for Steve and Pastor Job travelling to Soroti in North-eastern Uganda.

On **Friday** give thanks and pray for Managers David and Fred, Disability Community Outreach Officer Salume, and the Soroti team. Pray for blessed and fruitful discussions with Steve.

On **Saturday** pray for partners, children, and families in the disability groups in Abeko and Atiira. Pray Steve will be encouraged and inspired when he visits these programmes for the first time. Pray the groups will be blessed by their UK visitor.

Sunday 20th – Saturday 26th: *This week we continue to pray for Steve's visit to Uganda and his return to the UK on 22nd. We pray for our partners and their work in Cambodia.*

On **Sunday** pray for families in Soroti who lost businesses and work through the pandemic and continue to live with rising prices for basic commodities. Pray for Steve who is attending church and visiting families today.

On **Monday** give thanks that where appropriate, young people in our Uganda projects are enabled to learn business skills through apprenticeships. Pray for wisdom as we review projects and discuss the best ways to continue supporting children and young people.

On **Tuesday** pray for Steve as he meets Patrick back in Kampala today and returns to the UK overnight. Pray for the families of UK staff, pray they will effortlessly adapt to the return of Global Care overseas visits.

On **Wednesday** give thanks for Titus and the team at New Hope Children's Home in Poi Pet. Give thanks for a good rice harvest last year and praise God that the project is now operating independently and can continue without our partnership.

On **Thursday** pray that travel rules soon allow the UK management team to visit Cambodia and say 'goodbye' to the New Hope team and meet our new partners, Victory Church Cambodia who work in Tapouk village.

On **Friday** pray for the hog-rearing project in Tapouk Village which has been affected by cheap imports from Thailand, Covid restrictions and the collapse of tourism. Pray for wisdom as the UK and Cambodia teams consider how to proceed.

On **Saturday** give thanks that the Tapouk project has equipped and trained five families to care for and raise pigs. Pray that they continue to generate a small income as they run their businesses independently.

Sunday 27th – Thursday 31st: *This week we remember Mothering Sunday. We pray for our partners, the Addis Kidan Baptist Church Welfare and Development Association, and the self-help groups they administer in Koshe and Shashamane, Ethiopia.*

On **Sunday, Mothering Sunday**, pray for mothers, orphans, and child-headed families in our projects. Pray that they know love and security through family, friends and local partners. Pray that we will be prepared to follow God's leading and be part of His provision for others.

On **Monday** pray for an end to armed conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. Pray that as the situation stabilises, the UK team can visit the women's self-help groups. Pray for peace throughout Ethiopia.

On **Tuesday** pray for families living in rural communities in Ethiopia, whose livelihoods depend on subsistence agriculture. Pray for our partners, the Addis Kidan Baptist Church Welfare and Development Association, and pray for their work to help families understand the value of education.

On **Wednesday** pray for family empowerment programmes in Koshe and Shashamane. Give thanks that women taking part have received training and are saving money. Pray more women join the groups. Pray that the number of children going to school continues to increase.

On **Thursday** pray for local facilitators, supported by local volunteers and churches, who visit self-help groups and homes. Pray they build trust with the women and their families and pray the women's husbands remain supportive of their involvement in the project.

*For more information about the Lent Appeal, or to donate, please go to www.globalcare.org/2022/02/lent-2022/