

Prayer Focus

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“This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you... put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.”

Acts 2:23-24

Friday 1st – Saturday 9th: *This week we pray for our partners Love Your Neighbour and their work at Home of Love and preschools in Bangladesh, and we remember World Health Day on 7th.*

On **Friday** give thanks for the team at Home of Love caring for abandoned and orphaned boys. Pray for wisdom and blessing in their work to keep children safe and help them heal from trauma and find hope for their futures.

On **Saturday** pray for the extremely vulnerable boys living at the Home. Pray children readjust to the discipline of educational study after 18 months without school and pray they find motivation to learn again.

On **Sunday** pray for agricultural initiatives at Home of Love, and for local farmers. Pray for successful planting and growing in increasingly unpredictable weather conditions. Pray for good harvests providing enough food for the home family.

On **Monday** pray for the children’s extended families. Pray for the local team as they work with families to enable some of the boys to return to safe environments in their home villages.

On **Tuesday** give thanks and pray for the preschools, which provide basic education and equip children to progress to formal schools. Pray for the teachers who worked tirelessly through two years of changing restrictions to ensure children continued to receive education.

On **Wednesday** pray for children at the preschools as they settle back into regular classes. Pray they quickly catch up with lost education and enjoy being back in a learning environment.

On **Thursday** World Health Day, give thanks for our Medical Response Fund, which gives international partners access to funds to intervene in medical emergencies. Give thanks for all the children who received medical help last year, which they could not otherwise afford.

On **Friday** pray for children with chronic diseases who do not have access to adequate healthcare facilities. Pray that children with HIV/AIDs can access the medication they need. Pray for our local partners who go to great lengths to support these children.

On **Saturday** pray for children who suffer because of preventable and treatable conditions. Pray for increased access to immunisation, adequate nutrition, safe water and food, and quality professional healthcare.

Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th: *This week we pray for CEO John White who is travelling to Lebanon to meet our Syrian partners. We pray for our work with partners in South Sudan. As we approach Easter, we reflect on Jesus’ death and resurrection.*

On **Sunday** give thanks for our partners in Lebanon and Syria who have supported children affected by the war in Syria for over a decade. Pray for safe journeys and good health for John as he travels to the area.

On **Monday** pray face-to-face meetings can take place between John and our Syrian partners. Pray for their discussions and pray for wisdom and inspiration as they review the project and plan for the future.

On **Tuesday** give thanks for students who graduated from the Teacher Training Programme in South Sudan. Pray for students who are resitting exams or retaking courses. Pray for the thousands of children who benefit from receiving education from these trained teachers.

On **Wednesday** pray for our partners in South Sudan and for the UK Operations Team as they discuss proposals for potential new programmes in the area. Pray for God’s guidance on the way forward.

On **Maundy Thursday** as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, pray for the courage to love others with humility and service. Pray for those who betray, and are betrayed, and for innocent victims everywhere.

On **Good Friday** remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, offering Himself to death in order to restore man's broken relationship with God. Pray that as we consider the wonder of His compassion, goodness and love, we are inspired to follow His example.

On **Saturday** as we reflect how Jesus' friends and family mourned and wept after His death, pray for those who are grieving this Easter. Pray they find peace, rest, and hope in God's everlasting love.

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd: *This week we celebrate Easter, and we pray for the team at New Day Centre and their programmes in Bathore, a slum suburb outside Tirana, the capital of Albania.*

On **Easter Sunday** give thanks for the redeeming grace of Jesus, and for the love of God, who gave his Son so that through faith we have the gift of eternal life. Pray that the lonely and afraid will know his love today.

On **Easter Monday** as we continue to rejoice in our salvation, remember the desperately poor and vulnerable children, families and communities supported by our projects, and pray that they will know joy and peace, and have hope for their futures.

On **Tuesday** give thanks and pray for the team at New Day Centre who provide a wide range of activities in the Bathore community for extremely vulnerable children and young people and their families.

On **Wednesday** pray for the children who receive homework support and tuition at the School Club. Pray that children gain confidence and self-respect, and their academic performance at local schools improves and stabilises.

On **Thursday** pray for teenagers and young people who attend the Youth Group. Pray that through the love, care and teaching of the local team they can know the love of God, learn to trust again, and address their fears and anxieties.

On **Friday** pray for children with behavioural problems and learning disabilities. Pray families respond to the support of the local team and understand how to communicate with their children with patience and love.

On **Saturday** pray for children who receive Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy. Give thanks for children whose physical activity, and speech and language have improved. Pray children will gain life skills and be able to access education.

Sunday 24th – Saturday 30th: *This week we pray for our partners and their work in North Africa (we don't specify where these partners work and who they are to protect their safety). We pray for our partners at Houtberg Childcare Centre in Zimbabwe.*

On **Sunday** pray our North African partners are blessed and encouraged in their work caring for, protecting, and supporting children and young people who face the practical consequences of cultural prejudice.

On **Monday** give thanks for children who finished school and graduated to university. Pray that children make good academic progress now they have returned to full time school. Pray they complete education and fulfil their dreams for good jobs.

On **Tuesday** pray the children receive emotional healing from rejection and abuse. Pray they know the love of God and receive his peace and joy. Pray they can become independent in society and develop healthy and healing relationships.

On **Wednesday** give thanks and pray for the Houtberg Centre team who provide safety, shelter and access to education for orphaned, abandoned and abused children in Zimbabwe. Pray for good health for the team and their families.

On **Thursday** pray for children at the Houtberg Centre. Pray they thrive in the loving family environment of the centre. Pray that they enjoy being back at school and quickly catch up with missed learning.

On **Friday** pray for agricultural initiatives at Houtberg. Pray that this year productive harvests yield enough food for the children and staff and surplus to sell to generate income.

On **Saturday** give thanks that the children can learn agricultural skills at the centre, which are essential for survival in this environment. Pray children gain the education and skills needed to enable them to live independently.