

Prayer Focus

May 2022



*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*
Matthew 5:9-10

Sunday 1st – Saturday 7th: *This week we pray for our partners New Life Action Foundation Trust (NLAFT) and their work in rural Zambia. We pray for Steve Wicking who is visiting a Global Care local fundraising group, and for a job vacancy in our UK office. We pray for our partners and their work in Myanmar.*

On **Sunday** give thanks and pray for our partners NLAFT, providing education and welfare support in rural Zambia. Pray for the communities they support, where families survive through subsistence farming and have limited access to basic services.

On **Monday** give thanks for all the children who access education through M8 Community Primary School. Pray for staff at the school. Pray that local communities see value in supporting education for children.

On **Tuesday** pray for our Head of Operations, Steve, who is attending a meeting of Global Care North East today to give feedback from his trip to Kenya. Pray that members of the group will be encouraged by the impact of their fundraising efforts.

On **Wednesday** pray for the women who take part in the microfinance project in Zambia. Pray their small businesses are profitable and generate enough income for the women to afford to send their children to school.

On **Thursday**, as Myanmar faces escalating violence and a humanitarian crisis fifteen months after the military coup, pray for the team at Grace Children's Home in Yangon. Pray for their safety. Pray for the children, who have returned to their home villages.

On **Friday** give thanks and pray for good health and safety for our partner DS and his family. Pray for protection from heavy fighting and airstrikes for Karenni children, families, and primary teachers supported by DS. Pray for peace in Myanmar.

On **Saturday** pray for wisdom as we look to recruit a new Donor Development Officer to join the Coventry Office team. Pray for the team advertising the vacancy, pray the information will reach the best person for the position.

Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th: *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 an evening prayer meeting taking place on 9th and a Trustees meeting on 14th.*

On **Sunday** 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 **Monday** pray for the online prayer meeting this evening. Pray for Syriani, Community Concern's Programme Director, who is joining supporters and the UK team, and leading prayer for Sri Lanka programmes. Pray that God will lead and bless those taking part. *

On **Tuesday** give thanks and pray for teachers at Morning Star Care Centre. Pray children quickly catch up with education missed during lockdown closures, progress in their learning, and move on from MSCC to mainstream education.

On **Wednesday** pray for the MSCC field officers who provide counselling for children and advice and counselling for their families. Pray the children know God's peace, joy and love and begin to find hope for their futures.

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 and pray for Community Concern's new initiative to support women and children at risk of trafficking and abuse. Pray women can find jobs near their homes and pray their children are protected and can go to school.

On **Saturday** give thanks and pray for our Trustees and their meeting today. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they review our work and proposals for the future. Give thanks for John Scott who has been a trustee since 2010, as he attends his last trustees meeting.

Sunday 15th – Saturday 21st: *This week we pray for our partners Street Kids Direct (SKD) Guatemala and their work in Guatemala City. We pray for our partners and children at Spurgeons Academy in Kibera slum, Kenya.*

On **Sunday** give thanks and pray for the SKD Guatemala staff and volunteer teams. Pray for volunteer mentors and for children on the mentoring programme. Pray children learn to make wise choices and understand the value of education.

On **Monday** pray for children and young people attending tuition classes at SKD Guatemala centres. Pray that children develop their motivation and ability to study and give thanks for their improved academic progress after missing many months of school.

On **Tuesday** pray for families in Guatemala City whose income was severely affected by the pandemic. Pray that children and their families prioritise education and pray for the safety of children expected to work to support family finances.

On **Wednesday** give thanks for the team at Spurgeons Academy in Kenya. Pray for blessing and inspiration as they seek to support families whose lives were severely affected by pandemic restrictions. Pray for wisdom as they develop a strategic plan for the next three years.

On **Thursday** pray for teachers and management staff at Spurgeons who are considering the implications of a new school system and curriculum the government is introducing next year. Pray children rebuild educational knowledge and skills lost during school closures.

On **Friday** pray for children whose safety is compromised by poor housing and by frequent fires in overcrowded conditions. Pray for the safety of local teams and children as political tension increases in advance of elections in August.

On **Saturday** pray for wisdom as the local team consider the challenges of necessary building renovations and developments at the school alongside government construction works associated with the railway running through Kibera.

Sunday 22nd – Saturday 28th: *This week we pray for our partners Emmanuel Ministries and their work in Kolkata, India at Calcutta Emmanuel School and Pavement Clubs. We pray for the Global Care team and their work in Patripul, Mumbai, India.*

On **Sunday** 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 **Monday** pray for the children who attend Calcutta Emmanuel School (CES). Pray children can study well and improve and progress academically as they become used to having face-to-face lessons again.

On **Tuesday** give thanks and pray for the Pavement Club team. Pray for children who returned to the city after moving to rural villages during the pandemic. Pray they are motivated to return to school.

On **Wednesday** pray for caregivers struggling to support their families without work or with vastly reduced incomes in the aftermath of pandemic restrictions. Pray they understand the value of education and pray for children expected to work to support family finances.

On **Thursday** give thanks and pray for local teams at Global Care centres in Patripul, Mumbai. Pray for wisdom, and for their safety in their work supporting and advocating for victimised Dalit families and children.

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

On **Saturday** pray for Dalit families who struggle to find work to generate enough income for basic necessities for the whole family. Pray for children who worked through the pandemic and pray they can return to school without fear of abuse.

Sunday 29th – Tuesday 31st: *We recognise the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers and 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**, the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, pray for those who seek to maintain peace and protect civilians along the disputed border. Pray for Peacekeepers protecting the border between South Sudan and Sudan, and for the school we support in Thurlith in this conflict Zone.

On **Monday** pray for an end to armed conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. Pray for peace throughout Ethiopia. Pray for our Ethiopian partners and pray that the fighting does not extend to the area where they operate.

On **Tuesday** 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.

***If you would like more information or to sign up to the prayer evening please visit**

[Prayer Event May 2022 - Global Care - Tackling Poverty One Child At A Time](#)