

Prayer Focus

June 2022



“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:5-7

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th: *This week is National Volunteers week, and we pray for our volunteers.*

On **Wednesday** give thanks and pray for blessing for Global Care’s volunteers who give their time, energy and skills to support and fundraise for our work to improve the lives of vulnerable children.

On **Thursday** give thanks for Global Care’s Trustees who freely give their time and expertise to oversee our work. Pray for vision and discernment for Trustees and the UK Management Team as they review and plan over the next few months.

On **Friday** pray for our regional volunteer groups in Coventry and Warwickshire, and the North East. Give thanks for their fundraising efforts, and their contribution to promoting the work of Global Care.

On **Saturday** pray for managers and volunteers at our Coventry and Bulkington charity shops which generate crucial income for our overseas work. Pray the teams will be blessed and inspired in their work and that other volunteers will join our shops teams.

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th: *This week we pray for our partners in Syria and the School Clubs they provide at The Hope Centre, in Damascus. We also pray for potential partnerships in Lebanon.*

On **Sunday** give thanks for donations to our Lent appeal which raised funds to support the work of the Hope Centre for a further 12 months. Pray for local and UK teams as they consider project plans for the next five years.

On **Monday** 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 **Tuesday** pray for Syrian children whose families fled fighting in Northern Syria and now live in the Damascus area. Pray for safety amidst ongoing conflict and healing from past trauma. Pray the children know the Lord’s love and security.

On **Wednesday** 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 **Thursday** 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.

On **Friday** pray for our Operations Team as they consider new proposals with partners in Lebanon, which is experiencing a worsening financial and economic crisis. Pray for wisdom as they consider how to best support families at such a challenging time.

On **Saturday** pray for the seven young Syrian refugee women (aged 15-20) in Lebanon, who recently completed a sewing course, supported by Global Care, and 16 new students who are currently studying sewing or make-up. Pray they can use their new skills to support themselves.

Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th: *This week we remember World Day Against Child Labour on Sunday 12th and pray for children at risk of child labour in our projects. We pray for the team at New Day Centre and their programmes in Bathore, Albania.*

On **Sunday**, World Day against Child Labour, pray for children worldwide in child labour – who are either too young to work, or involved in activities that may compromise their physical, mental or educational development. Pray for an end to child labour.

On **Monday** pray for children in our projects who worked during lockdowns to support drastically reduced family incomes. Pray they all return to school and give thanks for the support of catch-up classes and homework clubs in Guatemala and Albania.

On **Tuesday** pray for our informal schools in Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh. Pray parents understand the value of education and encourage their children to attend classes rather than working. Pray children are equipped to progress to formal government schools.

On **Wednesday** pray for wisdom for the team in Bangladesh, who are planning a new initiative to help teenagers overcome financial and social barriers to returning to school, after working to support their families during the pandemic.

On **Thursday** give thanks and pray for Evis and the team at New Day Centre. Give thanks for their commitment to providing a variety of programmes to support children and families living in poverty and distress in Bathore.

On **Friday** give thanks and pray for physiotherapy and speech therapy sessions, and for development therapy services for children with autism in Bathore. Pray children make good progress. Pray for the mother's networking group, pray the women find hope for their children's futures.

On **Saturday** pray for children who attend the kindergarten and homework club. Pray for young people who attend the youth club. Pray they know they are loved, progress academically, have hope for a better future and grow into secure independent adults.

Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th: This week we remember Father's Day, and we pray for our partners and projects at our centres in Kampala, Rukungiri and Soroti in Uganda.

On **Sunday**, Father's Day, give thanks for fathers who bring love and cohesion to families. Pray for men, including some of our partners, who act as mentors to vulnerable young people without fathers, or with poor male role models.

On **Monday** give thanks for our three local teams in Uganda and pray for strength and vision as they support sponsored children and run different specific local initiatives. Pray that sponsored children become self-sufficient adults, providing for themselves and their families.

On **Tuesday** give thanks and pray for Patrick and Catherine in Kampala. Pray for wisdom as they develop a new project providing young mothers with vocational training opportunities. Pray the young women can start successful businesses and support themselves and their child.

On **Wednesday** pray for Moses and Penlope and the children with disability they support in Rukungiri. Pray the children can all attend school regularly. Pray for wisdom as Rukungiri and UK teams review long-term solutions to enable the children to continue in school.

On **Thursday** pray for Salume, the Disability Community Outreach Officer in Soroti, and pray for her work supporting and advocating for children with disability. Pray for the children's families and communities and pray for understanding of the rights of children with disability.

On **Friday** pray for children in our Uganda projects with HIV/AIDS or sickle-cell disease. Pray families can earn sufficient income to pay off debts and provide necessary additional food and medication. Give thanks for our emergency medical fund which helps families in crisis.

On **Saturday** pray for co-managers David and Fred and the rest of the Soroti team. Every member of the team has suffered a bereavement or serious accident / incident in their family in the last couple of months. Pray for encouragement and strength.

Sunday 26th – Thursday 30th: This week we pray for our partners equipping marginalised families with microfinance and small businesses skills as a sustainable development tool. Monday 27th is the UN's Micro, Small and Medium Business Day, in recognition of the role such enterprises play in sustaining growth in developing countries and transforming families' prospects.

On **Sunday** pray for the team in Ethiopia overseeing women's Self Help Groups in Ethiopia and Shashamene. Pray for wisdom as they seek to equip women, support relational challenges in groups, and challenge cultural norms.

On **Monday** give thanks for the small businesses which are being established in Ethiopia and pray for protection against climate and economic shocks which can be very challenging to manage in the vulnerable early days of a business venture.

On **Tuesday** pray for our partners in Sri Lanka, who are in the very early stages of establishing women's groups as part of their anti-trafficking initiative, which will eventually include developing small-scale enterprises. Pray they will be able to inspire women in poverty to believe they have genuine alternatives to risky work overseas as housemaids.

On **Wednesday** pray for the vulnerable women and young people in Albania taking part in an agricultural initiative to grow, dry and sell medicinal and aromatic plants. Pray the project continues to successfully generate income for workers' families and for New Day Centre.

On **Thursday** pray for the Disability Support Groups (DSGs) in Uganda, and their varied initiatives to improve the economic sustainability of families affected by disability. Give thanks for the well-established goat scheme in Abeko, and pray for inspiration for newer DSGs, as they seek to develop their own ideas.