

Prayer Focus

July 2022



*"Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."*
Isaiah 40: 28 -29

Friday 1st – Saturday 9th: *This week we pray for our UK team, 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).*

On **Friday** give thanks and pray for our Operations Team who support and monitor all overseas projects and respond to emergency requests for funding. Pray for wisdom as they consider applications from our partners for new projects and initiatives.

On **Saturday** give thanks and pray for the team responsible for communications, fundraising and marketing. Pray for inspiration and wisdom as they plan and prepare events and campaigns. Pray they will meet their targets for new partners and sponsors this year.

On **Sunday** give thanks and pray for the team working to secure funding for current and new programmes. Pray for successful Trust fund applications and for favour on our 2022 Big Give application.

On **Monday** give thanks and pray for the UK office team and support staff. Pray for a student from Warwick University starting a 6-week placement today as Data Analysis and Research Intern.

On **Tuesday** pray for our Patrons and give thanks for their work supporting and promoting the work of Global Care. Pray our Trustees will be blessed as they monitor and oversee the work of Global Care.

On **Wednesday** give thanks for our North African partners and pray they 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 **Thursday** give thanks for the young woman who finished school and graduated to university last year. Pray she fulfils her dream for a good job. Pray that children attending school make good academic progress as they move through the education system.

On **Friday** 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 **Saturday** pray for one of the long-serving members of staff who is retiring. Give thanks for her many years of service and pray she will be blessed in her retirement.

Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th: *This week we remember World Youth Skills Day on 15th July and pray for Vocational Training Schemes and Youth support clubs in our projects.*

On **Sunday** pray for young people participating in vocational training and apprenticeships at local businesses through our Uganda sponsorship programme. Pray they are not adversely affected by the country's unstable economy and succeed in obtaining work or setting up their own businesses.

On **Monday** pray for the initiative supporting young mothers to attend vocational skills training in Kampala. Give thanks for good progress made by the first seven young people and pray they are equipped to independently support themselves and their children.

On **Tuesday** give thanks for the Youth Club and Youth Alpha course at New Day Centre in Albania. Pray for youth leaders and pray the young people find healing and security in the love of God and the local team.

On **Wednesday** pray for young people learning skills in organic farming through the 'Learn to Fish' project in Albania. Pray they can use the skills they gain to build independent futures.

On **Thursday** pray for young people throughout the world who are unemployed, exposed to lower quality jobs, under-paid, or without fair contracts. Pray for young people who work in intolerable conditions out of necessity to generate income to help their family survive.

On **Friday**, World Youth Skills Day, pray for young people facing discrimination due to gender, disability, ethnicity, or other factors. Pray they will not be disproportionately impacted by current uncertainty in predicting which skills and abilities will be needed in the future (post-pandemic).

On **Saturday** pray for wisdom and discernment for overseas partners and the UK team as they prepare and consider proposals for new overseas initiatives aimed at equipping young people with skills to enable independent living.

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd: *This week we pray for our partners at Houtberg Childcare Centre in Zimbabwe, and our partners Love Your Neighbour (LYN) at Home of Love in Bangladesh and their work in village pre-schools.*

On **Sunday** 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 **Monday** pray for children at the Houtberg Centre. Pray they thrive in the loving family environment of the centre. Pray they enjoy school and progress well academically now they have been back for four months.

On **Tuesday** pray for productive harvests from agricultural initiatives at Houtberg which were adversely affected by severe weather. Pray for wisdom as the team consider alternative crops for commercial farming which will withstand the impact of climate changes.

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

On **Thursday** pray for the extremely vulnerable boys living at Home of Love in Bangladesh. Pray for the children's extended families and pray for the local team in their work to enable some of the boys to return to safe environments in their home villages.

On **Friday** pray for agricultural initiatives at Home of Love, and for local farmers. Pray for a successful planting and growing season, following last year's poor harvest. Give thanks for our Trust Funding Co-ordinator who is leaving today. Pray for her as she takes on new challenges and give thanks for her many years of service to Global Care.

On **Saturday** give thanks for the pre-schools, which provide basic education and equip children with the skills to go on to formal government schools. Pray for children finding it difficult to readjust to the discipline of educational study or who struggle academically.

Sunday 24th – Sunday 31st: *This week we remember the World Day against Trafficking in Persons on Saturday 30th and pray for families in our projects who are at risk of trafficking.*

On **Sunday** pray for greater understanding of the global problem of human trafficking. Pray for the thousands of men, women and children who have fallen into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad, and pray for their freedom.

On **Monday** give thanks and pray for Community Concern's new initiative to support women and children at risk of trafficking and abuse in Sri Lanka. Pray women can find jobs near their homes and pray their children are protected and can go to school.

On **Tuesday** pray for internally displaced families in Syria, at risk of human trafficking. Pray for our partners House of Hope supporting displaced children and families living in extreme poverty in a suburb of Damascus.

On **Wednesday** pray for our partners working in India at Pavement Clubs who meet children and families affected by trafficking. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as they support vulnerable families.

On **Thursday** give thanks for the team at New Day Centre in Albania and for their support of a women's group in Bathore, providing peer support and specialist advice. Pray for the many families in Albania affected by trafficking.

On **Friday** pray for children living on the streets or at risk of living on the streets. Pray for our partners and their work with street children in Guatemala City who are at high risk from gangs and from kidnapping and trafficking.

On **Saturday**, World Day against Trafficking in Persons, pray for an end to the global trafficking of men, women and children. Pray for Governments to work in collaboration to end exploitation and enforce laws to prosecute traffickers.

On **Sunday** pray this year's campaign is effective in raising awareness of the role of technology in human trafficking. Pray the campaign reduces the risk of people falling victim to online trafficking and promotes development of technological solutions to fight human trafficking.