

# Prayer Focus

# October 2022



“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand...”  
**Isaiah 41:10**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we pray for our partner DS and for the families he supports in Karenni state, Myanmar, and we remember World Teacher Day on 5th October.*

On **Saturday** pray for the people of Myanmar who continue to live in fear and uncertainty twenty months after the military coup. Pray for international agencies working to support the millions of people displaced from their homes.

On **Sunday** pray for our partner DS and for his family, who do not see him for months when he is visiting the Karenni people. Pray for his plans to visit the villages and schools supported by Global Care early next year.

On **Monday** pray for children who attend the schools Global Care supports in Karenni state. Pray their education is not disrupted by ongoing violent clashes. Give thanks and pray for the village teachers DS supports.

On **Tuesday**, pray for teachers and pupils we support through ‘informal’ schools in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, and Syria. Pray children will be equipped to progress to formal education at government primary schools.

On **Wednesday**, World Teacher Day, give thanks and pray for teachers, who continue to work under immense pressure and uncertainty. Pray they are committed to ensuring children receive equitable quality education whatever their circumstances.

On **Thursday** pray for children who receive free education at formal schools run by our partners in Kenya and India. Pray teachers are motivated to stay at the schools and staff turnover is reduced.

On **Friday** give thanks and pray for children in Uganda, Guatemala, Zambia, and Zimbabwe who access formal education at government schools through our sponsorship programme. Give thanks for school management teams and teachers who work in partnership with Global Care.

On **Saturday** give thanks for the teachers who refer children to a homework club run by our partners in Albania. Pray for children starting school for the first time as their mothers begin to earn income through self-help groups in Ethiopia.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>:** *This week we pray for our local teams and projects in Uganda and for CEO John White, Head of Operations Steve Wicking, and Operations Officer Dorica Kaswa, who are visiting Uganda this week and leading the Global Care Uganda annual conference.*

On **Sunday** pray for the team travelling to Uganda from the UK today. Pray for safe, trouble free travel, and for good health, throughout their trip. Pray for all our partners in Uganda, pray for safe journeys for those travelling to Kampala.

On **Monday** pray for all those attending safeguarding training in Uganda today. Give thanks and pray for the members of the Uganda National Board who are meeting in Kampala. Pray for wisdom as the board reviews our Uganda projects.

On **Tuesday** pray for the Uganda national conference which starts today. Give thanks and pray for management teams at our Global Care centres in Kampala, Soroti, and Rukungiri as they present their annual reports.

On **Wednesday** pray for the Uganda and UK teams as they discuss feedback from the board meeting, and begin workshops focussed on strategic planning and direction. Pray for God’s vision and blessing on both formal and informal conversations at the conference.

On **Thursday** as the Uganda teams review Global Care processes for project design and planning, pray for understanding and inspiration. Pray for John travelling back to the UK this evening, and for Steve and Dorica travelling to Soroti with the local team.

On **Friday** pray for Dorica and Steve as they visit families of sponsored children today and review the sponsorship programme. Pray children and their families will enjoy spending time with their visitors. Pray the UK visitors are blessed through meeting project beneficiaries.

On **Saturday** give thanks and pray for our programmes supporting families affected by disability in Soroti. Pray for Salume, the Disability Community Outreach Officer. Pray for the Disability Support Groups and for Steve and Dorica meeting disabled children and their families today.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *This week we continue to pray for Steve and Dorica who are in Uganda until Monday. We remember the International Day of Rural Women which was on 15<sup>th</sup> October. 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 **Sunday** Steve and Dorica leave Soroti and travel back to Kampala. Pray they find time to rest and relax today. Pray that as they reflect on their visit so far, they will have clarity in understanding current situations and insight for the future.

On **Monday** pray for meetings taking place in Kampala with the local team and pray for Steve and Dorica as they travel back to the UK overnight. Pray for wisdom as they prepare for meetings in the office to review Uganda programmes.

On **Tuesday** we remember the International Day of Rural Women. This year's campaign highlights the essential role rural women play in the food systems of the world. Give thanks for women working in agriculture and pray they receive equal rights and pay.

On **Wednesday** pray gender equality initiatives will empower women and girls. Pray for our partners in Ethiopia, Zambia, and Cambodia working to uphold the rights of women in their communities and enable them to start income generating businesses.

On **Thursday** pray for inclusive and equitable quality education and access to lifelong learning for girls living in rural areas. Pray for vocational training partnerships in Uganda which aim to equip young women with skills to provide for themselves and their families.

On **Friday** 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 **Saturday** 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.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 31<sup>st</sup>:** *This week we pray for our partners and their work at Houtberg Childcare Centre in Zimbabwe, at Spurgeons Academy in Kibera slum, Kenya and for our partners Street Kids Direct (SKD) Guatemala and their work in Guatemala City.*

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. Give thanks for a period of good health for children and staff.

On **Tuesday** pray for productive harvests from agricultural initiatives at Houtberg which are 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 the weather.

On **Wednesday** give thanks for the team at Spurgeons Academy in Kenya. Pray for blessing and inspiration as they seek to support children and their families who live in overcrowded conditions without access to basic infrastructure and facilities.

On **Thursday** pray for teachers and management staff at Spurgeons who are working hard to meet the requirements for a new national school system and curriculum. Pray for the children as they transition to new classes and new ways of learning.

On **Friday** pray for children whose safety is compromised by poor housing and by frequent fires in overcrowded conditions. Pray for the many families in Kibera affected by rapidly rising inflation. Pray for those who have limited income but face increased costs.

On **Saturday** 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 **Sunday** give thanks for the SKD protection home which offers short-term emergency accommodation for children and families needing a safe place to stay. Pray for the SKD team who help to find longer term safe accommodation solutions.

On **Monday** pray for families in Guatemala City who struggle to find jobs and support their families. Pray for children expected to work to support family finances and pray that through the work of SKD, families understand the importance of children's education.