DECEMBER

# PRAYER FOCUS

Welcome to the final Prayer Focus of 2026! Thank you so much for all the multiple ways you have supported us this year, with special thanks for your prayers. Our work depends entirely upon the grace of God, and we are so grateful to those who faithfully bring our needs to Him in prayer.



1-5 DECEMBER

## WEEK ONE

This week we pray for children struggling with health needs, marking World AIDS Day (1st) and the International Day for Disability (3rd).

Please pray for:

- HIV+ children at the Kadella Centre in Sri Lanka
- HIV/AIDS-affected children at Spurgeons Academy, Kenya
- sponsored children in Uganda, India and Sri Lanka affected by HIV and / or disability
- equity, justice and better advocacy for disabled children in poor communities
- new work from our partners in Zambia with disabled children.

6-12 DECEMBER

## WEEK TWO

This week we continue to pray for our partners in Kolkata, India, and the progress of our Christmas Appeal.

Please pray for:

- the team at Emmanuel Ministries, and their many efforts to help Kolkata's most vulnerable children
- protection for children living, working and arriving alone at Sealdah Station, Kolkata
- wisdom in developing an expanded Drop-In Centre to support these children and families
- Give thanks for the generous response to our Christmas Appeal so far, and pray it continues.



Pray for sponsored children, like 8-year-old *Bitan from Bangladesh, who will be receiving Christmas gifts, and for children across our projects who will be enjoying Christmas celebrations over the next few weeks. Pray for our partners as they share the true meaning of Christmas, and for the families who have never heard this wonderful story before!

13-19 DECEMBER

# WEEK THREE

As Christmas approaches, pray for the youngest children, born into multi-dimensional poverty, just like Jesus.

Please pray for:

- safety and provision for mums and babies with inadequate shelter and clothing
- help for mums and babies born displaced from wider communities or families which would usually support them
- babies born without healthcare
- young families fleeing persecution and targeted acts of violence
- child refugees trying to make sense of life in foreign lands, cultures and languages.




Illustration by a child known to our partners in Bangladesh - based on Luke 2:14

20-26 DECEMBER

# WEEK FOUR

This week we celebrate the birth of Jesus - Emmanuel, God with us!

We give thanks

- for Jesus, God's greatest Gift. We kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth.
- for Jesus, the Light of the World, who shines in some of the world's darkest corners through the work of our partners. May His Light shine even more brightly in 2027!
- for Jesus, the Bread of Life, who uses our gifts to feed hungry people, physically and spiritually
- for every child and family for whom our partners have provided shelter this year - may they never again hear 'no room at the inn'.

27-31 DECEMBER

# WEEK FIVE

This week, as 2026 closes, we thank God for His provision over the year.

Pray for:

- God's blessing on our faithful donors and supporters, giving thanks for their generosity
- wisdom and encouragement for our international partners, many facing economic and political challenges.
- inspiration and encouragement for our staff, trustees, shops teams and volunteers, giving thanks for all they do for vulnerable children.
- our work to have even greater impact in 2027, to do more for more children who are more vulnerable.