

# MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

Oct 2019

**'GOD SAW ALL THAT HE HAD MADE  
AND IT WAS VERY GOOD.'**

**~GENESIS 1:31**



## GIVE THANKS

- Thank God for all those who participated in the Tearfund Prayer and Worship evening to pray for the world's climate crisis at the end of September; thank God that globally more and more people are responding to the challenge of the climate crisis. Ask God what he would like you to do in response to this emergency and how you can engage your church and community in action.
- Give thanks with us for the successful registration of the Tearfund Ireland Ethiopia office. Pray for the staff team, Mulugeta and Genet, that they will be blessed as they continue their work with partners to establish new Self Help Groups. Pray for the team from Ireland heading to Ethiopia at the end of this month; for safe travel and that they will be inspired by the Self Help Group work they see.
- Thank God for the recent visit of Dr Alia Abboud from Lebanon and for the new understanding she gave us of the situation for Syrian refugees living in Lebanon today. Thank God for what he is doing in the midst of such a challenging crisis. 'God is teaching us many things through this crisis and the first lesson is forgiveness' (Lebanese Church Leader). Ask God to give our partner churches there the strength, grace and the resources they need to help refugees in their communities.

## WORLD NEWS

- Pray for the World without Orphan Global Forum in Thailand at end of October, that Christian leaders who attend may be inspired and learn "how to place the lonely in families" (Psalm 68:6), while taking care of orphans. Thank God that the Tearfund Footsteps resource on Caring for Orphans is now available in Swahili. Pray that the resource will be a helpful tool for families, churches and communities as they seek to keep vulnerable children in family based care rather than place them in institutions.
- The autumn can often see an increase in natural disasters in terms of devastating storms, typhoons and hurricanes. Please pray that there will be fewer and with less impact this year. Please pray for the Renew Our World campaign that Tearfund Ireland is part of; the campaign aims to shape a world that reflects God's love for creation.
- Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe, who have been deeply wounded by decades of economic and political turmoil. Pray that they will know God's peace, healing and forgiveness as they process the news of Robert Mugabe's death. Pray for the leaders of the country, that they may govern in peace and find long-term solutions to the economic crisis.

## IRELAND

- Pray for Sean and Markus as they spend time with peers from the Tearfund family around the world this month in Kuala Lumpur. Pray that it will be a time of building relationship, sharing of ideas and new alliances to work together to see more people lifted out of poverty for good.
- Please pray for the EU project proposal that is still in the assessment phase. We hope to hear whether the application is successful by December. Please continue to pray with us for the provision of the funds that are urgently needed to support our partners' project work overseas.
- We expect the next call from Irish Aid for Development Education grants to open later this month. We hope to continue our Global Justice in Youth Work training programme with this funding. Please pray for wisdom as we prepare our application for 2020/21 and contact us if you or youth leaders you know would be interested in participating in the training.
- Pray for wisdom, integrity and unity as our politicians plan for the future with the uncertainty of Brexit.