

MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

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**'GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER
PRESENT HELP IN TIMES ~OF TROUBLE'
~PSALM 45:1**



GIVE THANKS

- 'The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.' Psalm 28:7. Give thanks for God's faithfulness in the midst of the severe trial that faces our world at this time.
- Give thanks for organisations across the world finding creative ways to continue reaching out despite lockdowns or reduced funding.
- Thank God for sending his son Jesus and the wonderful hope of eternal life that is found in him. John 3:16
- Thank you for praying with us for funds to continue our Global Justice in youth work programme here in Ireland. We have just received word that we will receive funding from Irish Aid for a further 2 years.

WORLD NEWS

- Despite lockdown and reduced funding churches in Lebanon are finding creative ways to continue education for Syrian Refugee children through distance learning, also providing food vouchers and hygiene kits for very vulnerable families. Please pray that they will know God's provision and hope at this time.
- Ethiopia: Our colleagues Mulugeta and Genet have asked for prayer as they work with local partners during this challenging time. Pray for them that they may be enabled to help our partners see how they can be relevant and vigilant in this new situation. Pray that partners will have wisdom about gatherings including workshops and how to encourage Self Help Group members.
- Yemen: It is five years since the conflict in Yemen began. Please pray for peace, hope and an end to disease, fear, famine and war there.
- Pray for comfort for people around the world who have lost loved ones to the Coronavirus, and healing for those who are sick. Ask God to give strength to those who are caring for people who are ill, and that they will be protected from becoming infected themselves. Lift up your own church congregation in prayer and ask God how he's calling you to respond.

IRELAND

- With children at home for an extended period, many parents are wondering how to care for them appropriately in these new circumstances. World Without Orphans are making a parenting resource available online in many languages to help strengthen families at this challenging time. Here is a link to this resource. Please pray for families to be strengthened in Ireland and across the world.
- Tearfund Ireland and Spirit Radio coffee mornings have been postponed until October 21st. Please stay in touch and see how you can be involved in the autumn. Pray that the coffee mornings will be well supported later in the year.
- This Easter 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13