

MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

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**'AS FOR ME, I WILL ALWAYS HAVE HOPE;
I WILL PRAISE YOU MORE AND MORE.'
~PSALM 71:14**



GIVE THANKS

- As the Syria conflict enters its 10th year this month, give thanks for our friends Merath and all the churches reaching out to those affected by the war, providing much needed relief and education for refugee children. Pray for them amidst the current uncertainty, for grace, wisdom and the ability to continue their work unhindered.
- Thank God for the funding we receive from Irish Aid to work with our partners. With the potential opportunity to apply for higher levels of funding, please pray for wisdom for the Tearfund Ireland team.
- Mother's Day will be celebrated on 23rd March this year; take time to thank God for all the mothers in Ethiopia who have seen their family life transformed through their involvement in Self Help Groups.
- 'But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish' Psalm 9:18. Thank God that he does not forget those in need. Pray for hope for those who face afflictions.

WORLD NEWS

- Pray for all those impacted by the Coronavirus that is spreading and causing so much fear, isolation, illness and loss. Ask God to halt the spread of the virus and limit the suffering. Ask him to give leadership and medical experts discernment and guide their actions and strategies. Pray for God's encouragement for all the medical teams across the world who are serving the sick so sacrificially.
- Please pray for Zimbabwe, where people are struggling to feed their families in the midst of a huge drought. Although in some parts of the country it has finally begun to rain, the damage has already been done. Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on March 1st with a service written by the women of Zimbabwe to be broadcast on RTÉ 1 television and radio at 11am. (The RTÉ service will be available to view on the RTÉ player until March 10th.)
- In Ethiopia locusts have been causing huge damage to crops. Please pray for Tearfund Ireland partners and SHGs in the Hawassa area, where farmers are concerned that their coffee and grain crops might be affected. Please pray for the security situation there in the lead up to elections in the summer. Pray for peace and stability.
- International Women's Day takes place on March 8th. Take time this month to pray that women everywhere may live the abundant life God intends for them.

IRELAND

- As the EU project that we are part of gets underway, please pray for favour as we communicate both the message and process of Alternative Care for orphaned and vulnerable children. Pray that it will result in more children growing up in a family based care setting instead of an institution.
- Continue to pray for those recently elected into Irish parliament, that they will quickly form a new government which will have an appropriately, positive approach to overseas development aid.
- The Follow Justice weekend takes place from 6th-8th March at Ovoca Manor. Please pray that we have a productive weekend, where people learn how their faith can influence their work for justice in the world.
- Tearfund Ireland and Spirit Radio are collaborating to host coffee mornings in homes, churches and groups across Ireland on the morning of Wednesday 25th March to raise funds to see more people lifted out of poverty. Please pray that the coffee mornings will be a great success and listen in on Spirit Radio.