

MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

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**'BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART, ALL
YOU WHO HOPE IN THE LORD.'**
~PSALM 31:24



GIVE THANKS

- As we enter a new year take courage and give thanks, that despite the pain of this world God is with us. Thank God that he for us and calls us to participate in his kingdom. Take some time to ask God how he might be calling you to partner in his mission of restoration and renewal in 2021.
- Join us in giving thanks for the great support for the online coffee morning in December and for all those who were able to join us. The image of Mary and the nativity above was painted by Bethany Garvey Williams as part of the morning's activities.
- Thank God for all the young people and their branch leaders who participated in the pilot of the new climate justice themed GFS Global Connections badge programme. Please pray for participants as they work projects to highlight and promote climate justice.

WORLD NEWS

- Ethiopia: The UN has reported that 2.3 million people need aid in the Tigray region of Ethiopia and that there is the potential for a massive coronavirus spread. Pray for those impacted by the situation, that food, water, shelter and medical supplies will get to those who need it. Please continue to pray for a swift and peaceful resolution to the conflict.
- Yemen: Lift up the Yemeni people who have gone through so much due to the protracted conflict there and ask God to bring peace.
- Uganda: There has been a surge in violence in Uganda over the last few weeks leading to several deaths ahead of the presidential elections on January 14th. This is the first election since 2006 that the EU will not send a group of observers to monitor the election. Pray for a decrease in violence. Pray for a fair and inclusive election, and for the results to be respected.
- Covid-19: 'Men ought always to pray and not to lose heart' Luke 18:1. Pray for the Covid-19 crisis worldwide, praying particularly for our partners in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Lebanon Uganda and Yemen. Pray for wisdom for the policy & decision-makers in government and health care systems. Pray that our partners will not grow weary in doing good.

IRELAND

- As Tearfund Ireland enters a strategy refresh process in 2021, please pray that we will have clarity and insight in the direction-setting process.
- Please pray for the team as we plan for a conference in May as part of an EU project. Pray for favour as we plan for how best to 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.
- With church gatherings continuing online please pray for opportunities to bring updates and prayer points about Tearfund Ireland partners' work as part of online services, small group meetings and prayer gatherings.