

MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

May 2021

**"A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A DEFENDER OF WIDOWS,
IS GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING."**

~PSALM 68:5-6



GIVE THANKS

- Iraq: Join us in thanking God for funding from Bishops Appeal for a project piloting foster care in the Kurdish region of Iraq, so that children without biological families can grow up in family settings rather than institutions.
- Praise God that humanitarian aid is now reaching previously inaccessible places in Tigray, Ethiopia, where there has been continuing violence. Around 1 million people out of 3.5 million people who were in a dire situation have been reached with food assistance. However more is needed. Pray for provision for those in need. Pray for reconciliation and peace for all Ethiopians.

WORLD NEWS

- Ethiopia: Our colleague Mulugeta writes "COVID-19 marks the darkest era of human history". Despite all the challenges being faced by Ethiopians, the pandemic is the hardest of all. Please pray for strength, perseverance and wisdom for our colleagues and partners in Ethiopia as they continue to develop and support Self Help Groups in such a challenging time.
- India: Pray for the people of India, suffering an unimaginable wave of Covid-19 infections. More than 200,000 people have died and many millions have been infected.
- Neglected Crises: Just because conflicts and humanitarian disasters are not in the news headlines does not mean that they are not happening. Lift up all those who have been forced to flee their homes in the DRC, Syria and elsewhere in the world. Pray for God's protection and help for them to get to safety. Pray for those working to support refugees that they will have the resources they need.

IRELAND

- Please continue to pray for the online Conference we are hosting on May 14th 'Beyond Institutional Care – Rethinking how we care for vulnerable children'. Pray for the team as we prepare for the conference day and that speakers and contributors will be able to join from across the world with a clear internet connection. You can register to attend the conference [here](#).
- Climate Justice: This month we are submitting a fresh application to work with the Girls Friendly Society to build the capacity of members to take action for climate justice. Please pray for favour as the application is assessed.
- The Tearfund Ireland strategic review process continues, we value your prayer for wisdom as we consider priorities for our work in the short to medium term.
- Christians have been at the centre of many movements to challenge injustice. Right from the early church, Christians have taken a stand. Ask God to show you if there are injustices that you can challenge today.