

# Monthly Prayer Bulletin

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*"Today in the city of David a Saviour has been born to you.  
He is Christ the Lord!"  
~Luke 2:11 (NIV)*



## Give Thanks

• As we enter the season of Advent, we thank God for sending his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Take some time to reflect on the following words from Isaiah the prophet: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6. Turn your reflection into worship as you consider what his coming means for you in your life today.

• We give thanks for the faithfulness and generosity in finances and prayer from all our supporters through another difficult year. The latest Tearfund Ireland is now available bringing updates on key areas of our work and stories of impact. You can get your copy [HERE](#).

• Thank you for praying for us as a staff team this year. We are grateful for how quickly our new colleagues have settled into life at Tearfund Ireland.

## World News

• Lebanon: Thank God for the recent opportunity to meet one of the Merath Lebanon team in Dublin. Please pray for their team and church partners in Lebanon as economic, social and political struggles continue there. Ask God that they may find moments of real rest and hope as they continue their work particularly as the harsher winter weather sets in.

• Cambodia: Pray for our partners M'Lup Russey working to locate children who have been placed in orphanages so as they can be reunited with their families. Pray also for their ongoing work with care leavers as they navigate the challenges of adult life without the support of a family or community network.

• Ethiopia: September saw the start of another year of our Self Help Group project in Ethiopia. Thank God for the amazing impact of this project on individuals, families and communities seeing tens of thousands of people lifted out of poverty. Some of this good work is facing challenges due to the secondary impacts of coronavirus and tensions within the country arising from the conflict in the Tigray region. Pray for people's safety and for an immediate de-escalation of the violence. Pray that the Self Help Group work will be able to continue unaffected and that many lives will continue to be transformed.

## Ireland

• As Ireland faces an uncertain month due to the 4th wave of the Coronavirus, pray for church leaders. Many are fatigued after leading through 18 months of restrictions only to be facing into another period of pastoral, financial and societal challenges.

• We are grateful for the generosity of supporters and businesses that provided items for our online fundraising auction which now open until early December. You can see the items [HERE](#).

• Pray for us as we prepare a new Irish Aid funding application for our Global Justice in Youth Work facilitation skills programme for church youth leaders. Pray for clarity, wisdom and efficiency. If you would like to know more about the programme, get in touch.

• We have enjoyed meeting some of you in person again this autumn to bring updates about the work you have been supporting in your churches and small groups. If you would like a Tearfund Ireland speaker please contact Emma.