

# Monthly Prayer Bulletin

August 2023

*"And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones,  
who cry out to him day and night?"*

*~Luke 18:7*



## Give Thanks

We give thanks for all the individuals across Ireland who give their time or finances in support of Tearfund Ireland. We pray that they would be encouraged, inspired and deepen in the realisation that they are making a significant impact on the lives of people in some of the most challenging circumstances around the world.

Join us in giving thanks that our latest set of annual accounts have been audited and approved at the Tearfund Ireland Board meeting in June. We are grateful for the auditors and the all the Finance team who work so well together.

CHS: Thank God that we have got off to a good start with the assessment of our programme work using the CHS Alliance, Core Humanitarian Standards process. Please continue to pray that we will learn from the results to improve our work and to serve people better.

## World News

**Tearfund Family:** Pray that the 10 other Tearfund organisations around the world will be resourced to carry out their work of development and humanitarian relief. Pray that the Tearfund Family will continue to strengthen each other for holistic transformation of individuals and communities.

**Lebanon:** Pray for political and economic stability in Lebanon and an end to the deadlock which currently exists. Lebanon has been without a president for a number of months. Pray for the raising up and appointment of a wise leader who can govern with integrity for the benefit of all.

**Cambodia:** Following national elections in Cambodia, the long term prime minister Hun Sen has announced that he will transfer power to his son Hun Manet in August. Pray for unity among the people, and for peace in the country.

**Ethiopia:** As another year of the Self Help Group project in Ethiopia draws to a close, with the next phase beginning in September, please pray for the team as they close out one year and plan for the coming 12 months. Conflict has flared up in regions that previously would have been peaceful; this makes it difficult for our partners to reach project participants. Please pray for peace and safety.

**Syria:** The UN Security Council has failed to re-authorise an important cross border mechanism through which humanitarian aid reached North-West Syria. If there is no solution found, and the UN's supplies run out, 2.7 million people will go without life-saving aid. There is international pressure, including through INGOs, and local organisations to extend the mandate and resume cross border delivery. Pray that decision-makers, government leaders and international bodies will be attentive to the needs of the most vulnerable in societies across the world.

## Ireland

Pray that those in positions of leadership within churches across Ireland will be refreshed over the summer. Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw them into deeper levels of intimacy and rejuvenate them for the benefit of those they serve.

Tearfund Ireland staff are now working in Hybrid, sometimes at home and sometimes in the office. We are thankful for the technology that facilitates this, and it is always improving, but as everywhere, poses other challenges! Pray for energy, communication and effectiveness. Pray that team members will get some rest and refreshment during summer holiday season.

Please join us in praying that people within Ireland will complete the online survey to help us gather good data on the Church's perspectives on issues of faith, justice and climate. If you haven't completed the survey yet, you can do so here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCVHDTR>

Please pray for the team as we prepare for the busy autumn season, including developing new climate justice materials with CIYD and a new harvest pack. If your church or small group would like to invite a Tearfund Ireland speaker, please contact [emma.lynch@tearfund.ie](mailto:emma.lynch@tearfund.ie)

We pray that the will of God would be done on earth as it is in heaven and we pray that we would be people full of hope and peace as we trust in Him (Mt 6.10; Rom 15.13)