

Monthly Prayer Bulletin

December 2023



"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift"
~2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)

Give Thanks

Thank God for sending his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the hope of the world. (Matthew 12:21 NIV).

Conflict in Gaza and Israel: Give thanks for the negotiated truce, release of hostages and humanitarian aid delivered during the cease-fire period. Praise him for the generosity of supporters who are giving and praying for the needs in the Middle East.

Thank God for our partners who continue to work tirelessly in extremely difficult circumstances to offer hope, practical provisions and long-term capacity building to those who need it most.

Tearfund Family: Join us in thanking God for the continued collaboration and sharing of resources among the nine Tearfund organisations around the world.

Cambodia: Praise the Lord for our partners MRO in the work they do for children's justice and child wellbeing in Cambodia. Pray for their holistic programme of child protection work with local churches, this includes livelihood improvement, coaching for positive parenting, and protecting children's rights. Pray for wisdom and strength as they build relationships with the new Cambodian government's leadership and ministries.

World News

Middle East: With the conflict in Gaza and Israel thousands of people have been internally displaced in Lebanon. Our partners write "we are all a bit tired and drained" and make the following prayer request, "Besides the displaced people and their children especially, please pray for our team, that we would truly reflect Jesus' image to the people we serve." They add, "No matter how tough things become, we are certain that the Lord is with us, and we believe in the promise that He will never abandon us. If we have any hope at all, our hope is in God's word."

Ethiopia: Please pray for resources as millions of people are exposed to a food crisis in the country triggered by a combination of conflict and climate induced hazards. Please pray for sustained peace in the country as the government plans negotiations and cessation of hostilities with warring groups in the country.

Ukraine: Pray for all those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Ask God for comfort for every person who has lost loved ones, homes and their sense of peace. Pray that they will find places of rest and restoration. Ask God especially for his hand on local churches in the region – that they will be a source of strength, shelter, provision and encouragement. Cry out to God for peace and for a complete end to the conflict. Pray that no more lives will be lost and that people will be able to start to rebuild their lives.

Ireland

As we celebrate our Christmas traditions and festivities, pray for all those who are spending the holidays apart from their families, away from their homes, sheltering in conflict situations or with little food. May the Lord protect them and bless them this Christmas season.

Please pray for Tearfund Ireland team members taking time off over the Christmas and New Year period. Pray for rest, refreshment, and time to reflect on the wonder of Jesus birth.

We are so grateful for all the opportunities to share with churches, small groups and prayer gatherings about the work of Tearfund Ireland and our partners in 2023. If your church or small group would like to invite a Tearfund Ireland speaker, please contact Emma [HERE](#).