

Monthly Prayer Bulletin

October 2023

*"May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
May the God of Jacob protect you!"
~Psalm 20:1*

Give Thanks

We thank the Lord for all our partners who are deeply committed to seeing their communities transformed. Thank you to all those who pray, give, and work tirelessly for tangible demonstrations of God's kingdom in the lives of people who are most vulnerable in Cambodia, Lebanon, Ethiopia, and Jordan.

Thank God for the opportunity to join partners working with refugees in Lebanon in September as they celebrated their 25th Anniversary. If you would like to find out more about refugees and what life is like for them, why not sign up for our new five-email learning journey, which will be launched this month? Sign up [HERE](#).

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) to create materials to help young people explore climate justice and faith. Two new youth resources will be launched at the beginning of October: talks on climate justice for use in youth groups, school assemblies, and churches, and a climate justice reflective journal. To find out more, please contact Emma [HERE](#).

World News

Ethiopia: Please pray for favour as we finalise and submit the annual report to Irish Aid for our SHG project in Ethiopia. It is a very busy time for the Tearfund Ireland team in Addis, gathering final data for the report and working with partners to plan for the next 12 months of project implementation.

Please pray for Bemnet, who joined the team in September during a particularly busy time. We are very thankful for her. She is an answer to prayer. Please continue to pray for her as she settles into the team and her new role.

The frequency and scale of humanitarian emergencies and needs seem to be increasing. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya. Pray that necessary medicines, food, and basic needs will reach all who are in need. Pray, too, for all who will experience trauma during the difficult rebuilding process in both regions.

Pray for all our sector peers and partners and those we collaborate with in the Irish Emergency Alliance. Pray that we all may deepen our relationships and systems of working together.

Members of the Tearfund Family: Please pray that all ten Tearfund organisations will continue building relationships of sharing, being innovative, and finding ways to resource the international church for the benefit of the most vulnerable in their communities. Pray for Tearfund CEOs and others who will gather in early October to plan and share together.

PRAY
for
peace

Ireland

Please pray for us as we co-facilitate a Creation Care space at the Praxis gathering in Dublin on October 6th and 7th. Pray that technology will hold up as a partner from Ethiopia is scheduled to join us for a conversation about how the changing climate is affecting people in Ethiopia today.

Thank God for the focus on prayer in the Tearfund family. Please pray for us as we gather to pray across the world on October 18th. Ask God that we hear what he is saying to us at this time.

Give thanks for the new level of commitment from Irish Aid to work with the Department of Foreign Affairs to update travel advice about the potential harms of volunteering in orphanages. Although often done with the best of intentions, volunteering in orphanages can have a harmful impact on vulnerable children. To learn more about the work done to raise awareness of the issues by Tearfund Ireland and others, you can read our new case study [HERE](#), prepared as part of an upcoming event in New York.