

Monthly Prayer Bulletin

September 2023

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

~Psalm 82:3



Give Thanks

Join us in giving thanks for the return of relative stability in the Amhara Region of Ethiopia. Pray that it will continue to stabilise. Pray for Ethiopia overall as the country is struggling with food insecurity and the impact of the two-year conflict in the Tigray Region.

Over the past few months, we have benefited from the involvement of a master's level student who has helped us in a number of compliance activities and research projects. We thank the Lord for her involvement, and we pray for the continued development of our Core Humanitarian Standard self-assessment as well as our shared research into Irish people's perspectives on climate. Please pray that we will clearly identify areas to strengthen in our work and how best to direct resources.

Tearfund Family: Join us in thanking God for all the Board members of each Tearfund organisation. Thank God for their willingness to give their time, expertise and watchful care over their respective Tearfund. Ask God to continue to nurture the relationships between the Board Chairs of the Tearfund Family as they meet regularly.

World News

Ethiopia: Please pray for our Ethiopian partners as they are wrapping up project activities for this year and preparing a report on the last 12 months of activities. Please pray for a smooth start to the next phase of the project this month (September).

We hope to be welcoming a new member of staff to our team in Ethiopia. This person will bring skills to help us strengthen our ability to evaluate our projects toward even better outcomes for those who participate in the Self Help Groups. Please pray for the team as they welcome their new colleague.

Lebanon: Continue to pray for Lebanon as it is in its fourth year of deep economic, political and social crisis. In June 2023, Lebanon recorded the second highest food price inflation in the world, which has had a devastating impact on the food security of both Lebanese and Syrian households. Please pray for Tearfund Ireland team members who will visit Lebanon this month to meet partners and learn more about the work. Pray for safety in travel and for strengthening of relationships as we look forward to working together into the future.

Tearfund Ireland Partners: We pray for all those who are marginalised and vulnerable in Ethiopia, Lebanon, Cambodia and Jordan. Join us in asking God to resource us to continue the long-term work of sustainable development in these regions.

Pray for those who continue to rebuild their lives after the earthquakes in Syria & Turkey, and those who struggle for daily sustenance in east Africa and Yemen. May God help us demonstrate his protection and care.

Ireland

Thank you to all those who completed the on-line churches survey and participated in focus groups. The data is currently being collated and analysed. Please pray that we will learn a lot from the information gathered. Pray that the information will help us in our work to raise awareness of the key issues and challenges that face our partners around the world today.

We thank God for all the people we have met at church conferences over the summer. Give thanks for churches and organisations across Ireland who strive to equip people for life in the Kingdom of God. Pray that churches and congregations would be encouraged as they share the love and goodness of God with those in their community.

Please pray for the team as we enter the busy autumn season and roll out our new harvest resources (available on the Tearfund Ireland website [HERE](#)). If your church or small group would like to invite a Tearfund Ireland speaker, please contact Emma [HERE](#).