

# Monthly Prayer Bulletin

February 2025

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



## Give Thanks

We're grateful for the safe arrival of International Programmes Manager Sophie's baby and pray for continued joy, peace and health for the family. We welcome Phil Lindsay, on secondment from Tearfund Australia, to cover for Sophie while she is on maternity leave. Pray that he settles well into his part-time role with us and assists in the strategic development of our international programme work.

Join us in giving thanks for generous support for recent appeals for the Middle East. As we approach the year end, pray for God's favour with our finances and that we will finish the year on target with sufficient resources to send to our partners.

Please pray for wisdom for the team as we finalise the budget for the 12 months beginning 1st April 2025.

Give thanks for the Lenten series of online GCE facilitation skills sessions with CIYD youth leaders. If you know of a youth leader who would be interested to join please contact Emma [HERE](#).

## World News

**Cambodia:** We are delighted that a representative from our partner organisation in Cambodia will visit Ireland to take part in events and visit churches in late March. Please pray as we plan for the visit and for the visa application process to go smoothly.

**Middle East:** As we have been praying for an end to the violence in the Middle East, so we thank God that the ceasefire has come into effect. Pray for the ceasefire to hold, for all hostages to be released, for the safe delivery of aid, and for lasting peace in the region.

**Ethiopia:** Our CEO, Sean has been visiting partners in Ethiopia. He shares: "All the partners speak of the deteriorating security situation within and across the country. There are many unresolved tensions following the outbreak of conflict in the northern regions two years ago and there are many places in which partners are restricted in travel and are unable to access some Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to follow-up with participants. However, a positive element in this situation is that a several people who were formerly associated with the SHGs, now volunteer to assist the newer SHGs. In this region where two different groups are in conflict, the SHGs are left alone to continue because both opposing groups recognise that the SHGs are not trying to usurp their authority, they are "only doing good community development work." Thank God for the recognition of the work of SHGs and pray for an end to the conflict and peace to come.

## Ireland

Please continue to pray for good participation in the Coffee Mornings we will host in March. If you would like to host a coffee morning in your home, workplace or church, please contact Amanda [HERE](#).

Please join us in praying for the success of grant applications that are being assessed by Irish Aid for work both in Ethiopia and in Ireland.

We are currently reviewing the data systems that we use to interact with Tearfund Ireland supporters. Please pray for wisdom in the selection, design and funding of a new CRM system.

Pray for the Tearfund Ireland team as we continue preparing the implementation of our 2025-2030 strategy. Pray for the staff as we set out key goals and cascade the objectives toward a clearly mapped five year plan. Please join us in praying for these specific items:

That we can articulate our mission and vision to inform, envision and equip existing supporters while attracting new supporters.  
That we can deepen relationships and develop resources to help churches and Christians deepen their awareness of and participation in best practice in international development and humanitarian relief

That we would strengthen mutually beneficial relationships with our partners as we walk alongside them  
That we can raise specific funding for digital systems to improve efficiency, increase reach and be fit for the future

Ultimately, we pray that all involved in Tearfund Ireland would continue to seek the heart of the Lord; that we would know him and love him; and through this relationship we would have wisdom and capability to help the Church in Ireland demonstrate love for our global neighbour.