

Monthly Prayer Bulletin

January 2025

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

~Romans 12:12



Give Thanks

We thank God for your prayer support, faithfully bringing so many difficult situations from around the world before God in prayer. Though we see challenges, conflict and sadness in many places, we believe together that there is hope over every one of these things.

Join us in thanking God for all our partners. Pray that they will experience a fresh outpouring of energy, hope, faith and love as they look forward to 2025.

We have been encouraged by the generosity and expressions of partnership from the many church leaders we've spoken to recently. Pray that Tearfund Ireland will continue to be a resource and a ministry partner for the Church in Ireland.

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.

Lebanon: When the ceasefire in Lebanon was announced last month, our partners wrote: 'Our emotions have been on a roller coaster, with the intensity of pain around us and the scarcity of sleep. We are so thankful for the cease fire and praying for the people as they return back to "whatever is left of their home".'

Syria: Our partners in Lebanon ask for urgent prayers for the people of Syria and especially for local churches working hard to spread peace in these challenging times - 'We know that our Lord Jesus Christ is always with us and listens to our prayers, so let us pray together for peace in Syria and the whole world... We find comfort in the words of the Bible: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28).'

As we begin a new year, pray for God's comfort for those living in conflict zones and as refugees. May God's love and hope surround them, and transcend earthly circumstances. Pray for protection over those working in conflict areas to alleviate suffering and meet basic needs.

Ethiopia: Thank God for the remarkable impact of business training on young women like Mihret who runs a successful coffee shop. She says "About nine years ago no one considered me a 'woman of influence'. Now I get several business-related calls every hour and currently give advice to people who want to start business, I even consulted bank managers who wanted their wives to start business. The training made me think big!" Please pray that more and more women would benefit from such training opportunities.

Ireland

Please pray for the Tearfund Ireland staff and Board as we work on the practical implementation of our new strategy.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to record a Sunday Worship Service which was broadcast on RTÉ 1 on the morning of Sunday 29th December. If you missed the service but would like to watch it, you can find it on the RTÉ player [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. Pray that we will receive all the funding and resources we need over the final 3 months of the Tearfund Ireland financial year.

We pray that Tearfund Ireland supporters would experience a rejuvenating experience of God's love for them and for His entire creation during this month of January and that the depth of that knowledge would stay with them through the whole year.