

Prayer Guide

OCTOBER 2023



OCTOBER 1-7

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

(Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV)

At the centre of the Christian message is the truth that we don't have to be good enough or strong enough to do things for God. We give to others because we have first received. We give in thanks and celebration!

Prayer Points

- Please pray for God to open the door to community contacts who are excited to work together on affordable housing projects. We pray for vision and wisdom and vision for everyone working toward this end.
- In Haiti, we pray that the violence and unrest would subside. We pray for peaceful resolution to conflict and that infrastructure would be in place to prevent criminal behaviour.

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OCTOBER 8-14

"[God] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' " ~ The Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV)

Do you ever think of your weakness as a gift? Sometimes when we need help from others, or share how we have looked to God for strength in a time of need, we are reminding people that it's okay to be human.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for employees who are experiencing fatigue. We continue to pray for the right employees to join our work. At this time there are still a number of open contracts and the need for casual staff to support the locations. Pray that current employees experience times of refresh and rest on their days off.
- We pray for many people in Haiti
 who have experienced various kinds
 of trauma due to the unrest in their
 country. We pray for healing, and
 for supportive communities of care.



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OCTOBER 15-21

"From [Jesus'] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

(John 1:16, ESV)

John the Apostle reminds his readers that Jesus came not to reveal the law but to show grace upon grace upon grace. This doesn't mean that the law is bad, but that God's grace goes beyond even the good or wrong that we have done.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for employees as we adjust to use new software tools and platforms!
- We pray for everyone in leadership as we navigate change initiatives. Change is exciting but it can lead to apprehension or fears! We pray for strength as we inspire one another to become champions for good changes and meaningful growth.



OCTOBER 22-28

"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35, NLT)

It takes energy, investment, and work to use our gifts to serve others. It is worth it, though, as it is a blessing to share our gifts with others and to receive their gifts.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for health and wellness for everyone connected to this organization. We pray that we would take the precautions needed to keep ourselves and each other safe as various viruses and illnesses are in communities during the change of season.
- Praise God for the travel and learning trips happening in October and November with teams going to Guatemala and Nicaragua! We pray for safety and great learning and serving opportunities.

OCTOBER 29 - NOV 4

"Truly I tell you,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." (Luke 21:1-4, NIV)

In God's economy, there are no small gifts. Those who appear to have less to contribute may actually be giving more out of what they have. For some it is easy to give - praise God! For others it can demand a lot - praise God for this as well. Rather than judging the gifts of others, we receive with thanks.

Prayer Points

- We pray for protection for the church in Haiti and its leaders as they continue to reach out in Christ's name.
- Please pray for continued and increased child sponsorships to expand our outreach and meet needs.
- Give thanks for the progress on the renovations to the new community center in Bekoji, Ethiopia. We are grateful for the opportunity to make this a place of community and growth.