February 2021

Pray with us

Introduction
Welcome to the February prayer sheet. This is a temporary resource replacing the prayer diary until the next edition comes out in April. Do print or forward to anyone you think would be glad to receive it so as to aid them in their prayers.

This February, we highlight prayer requests from our country programme in Malawi and their work helping families in poverty to start small businesses.

There are also points for prayer on upcoming UN International Days that were once a feature of the monthly prayer e-mail.

You can sign up for the prayer e-mail using the link available on the prayer diary page: caid.org.uk/prayerdiary

Thank you for joining with us in prayer.

Reflection on prayer
‘To pray is to practice that posture of radical trust in God’s grace—and to participate in perhaps the most radical movement of all, which is the movement of God’s Love.’


Praise and petition
Give thanks for all those who bring about positive change. This month is Christian Aid’s Changemakers Supporter Conference with sessions to help to equip and inspire all those who are standing with us to create change in 2021.

Pray for those who sign up to find fellowship and for God to be at work in the conversations and ideas during the week.

Give thanks for the love we have for God’s wonderful creation. On 14 February the Climate Coalition will be holding their annual ‘Show the Love’ celebration highlighting everything we care about and want to protect from the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Pray for a wave of support and for our politicians to prioritise tackling climate change.

Give thanks for all the benefits of Fairtrade which allows growers, workers and miners to achieve a fair price for their work and for communities to benefit.

Pray that this Fairtrade Fortnight will be a success in renewing our commitment to social justice and fair trade for all.

Four new mothers who gave birth at Kalima Camp in Malawi after surviving flooding following Cyclone Idai in 2019.
Prayer requests from Malawi
Heavenly Father, you are good. You delight in us when we honour you in our work. May you please bring opportunities for businesses and employment that fulfil parents' desire to make life better for their children.

Thank you for Christian Aid Malawi for providing processing equipment and soft loans to women. Bless these ventures so their families can live healthier and more secure lives.

Colossians 3:23

Jesus, we come to you humbled by Malawi's unstable economic situation which has been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. This has affected all professions, including those working for the Christian Aid Malawi country office.

Restore our economy Lord as prices for all commodities have risen. Inspire our leaders to create policies that address the causes of extreme poverty. Proverbs 31:8-9

Prayers for Malawi provided by Lusungu Chinombo, Programme Officer, Christian Aid Malawi.

Prayers for family, friends and colleagues
There are so many people who have suffered great losses due to Covid-19. Please hold in your prayers the families, friends and colleagues of the two Christian Aid staff members who have sadly passed away recently.

Take some time to pray for all those experiencing bereavement at this time, and especially anyone you know personally, that they will feel loved during this time of loss.

International days in February
4 February: Pray for all those working for peace around the world across boundaries of religion and culture on the International Day of Human Fraternity.

6 February: Pray for everyone campaigning for an end to FGM and working with women and girls suffering the consequences on the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation.

11 February: Pray for those working in education around the world and giving young people the possibility to learn and discover on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

13 February: Pray for Christian Aid's partners using broadcasting to send important messages to remote communities on World Radio Day.

20 February: Give thanks for all those who have tirelessly worked for social justice and pray for fresh awakening and inspiration for campaigners on the World Day of Social Justice.

21 February: Pray for all those who have been displaced and who feel cut off from their language and culture on International Mother Language Day.

22 February: Pray for the success of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight and that everyone will get a fair price for their hard work.

A prayer for Ash Wednesday (17 February)
O God, advocate of all who are oppressed,
You shatter our illusions of righteousness
and unmask our divided hearts,
in order that we might be filled with longing for justice and generosity
and so be made whole.
And as justice and generosity
are true marks of a heart turning towards you,
let our actions as well as our intentions
bear witness for the longing of our hearts.

Changemakers Conference 2021
Our Changemakers Conference is running from 22-26 February with online sessions every day on a range of different topics including opportunities to discuss scripture and pray together.

You can see the programme and sign up online at caid.org.uk/supporterconference2021

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