



WEEK OF PRAYER COMMUNITY GUIDE

One week of prayer focused on seeing an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

March 22-27, 2021

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

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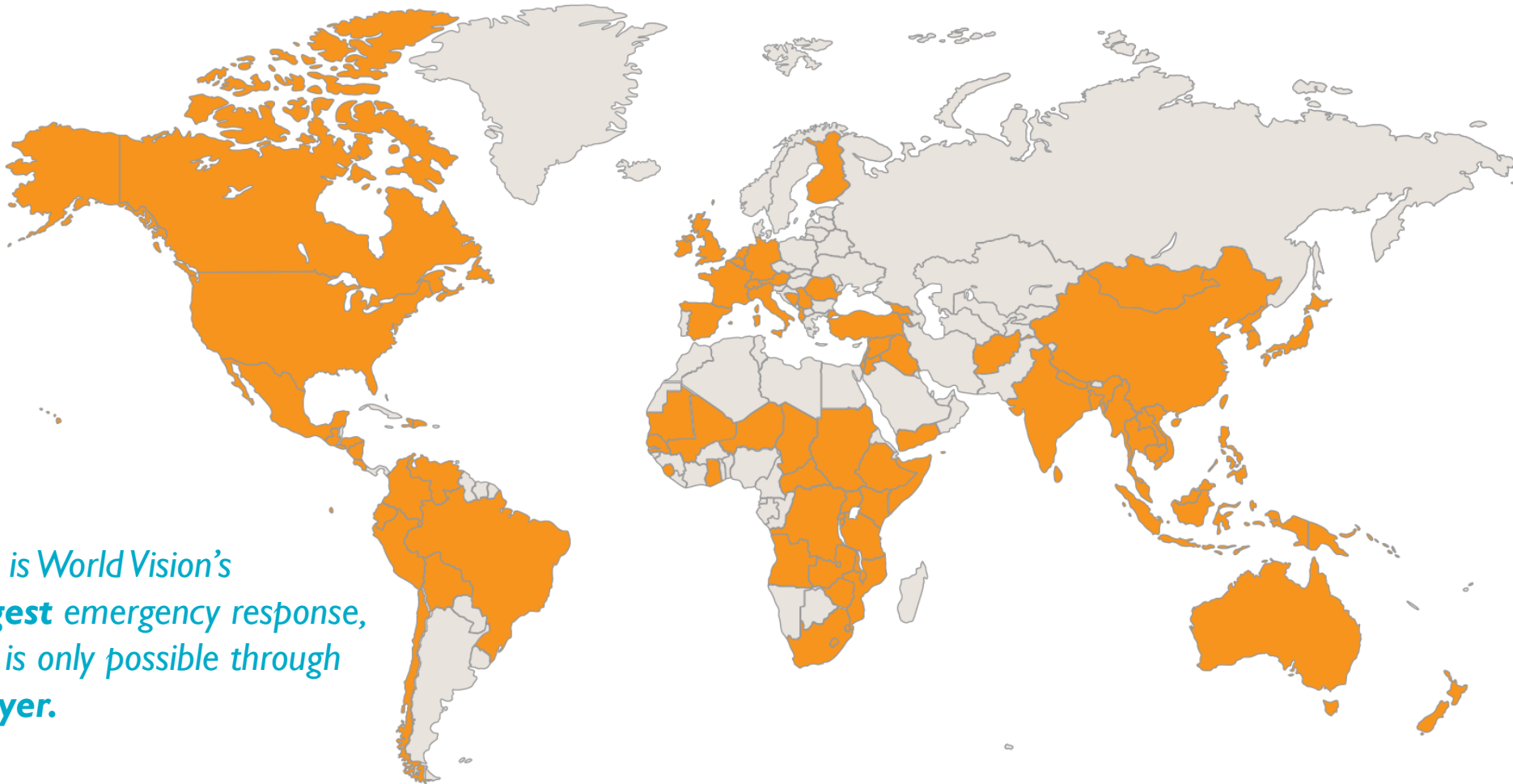
World Vision believes the Church is the greatest God-ordained force for holistic transformation. That is why we're joining major global church networks, organisations and denominations for a **Global Week of Prayer for COVID-19**.

Christians from around the world will come together in prayer for one week, focused on seeing an end to the pandemic. Put your faith into action this week by praying and taking on daily challenges to serve others. Invite your family, church or community to gather each day and go through this guide together.

Find more resources for your church and congregation at wvi.org/weekofprayer.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

Our response is focused on limiting the spread of COVID-19 and reducing its impact on vulnerable children and families. So far, we've supported nearly **60 million** people, half of whom are children, in **70 countries**.



*This is World Vision's **largest** emergency response, and is only possible through **prayer**.*



Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease



Strengthen
health systems
and workers



Support for
children impacted
by COVID-19 through
education, child
protection, food, and
livelihoods



Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



**DAY 1
MONDAY**

PRAYERS OF LAMENT

**‘The Lord has heard my cry
for mercy; the Lord accepts
my prayer.’**

PSALM 6:9 NIV



PRAYERS OF LAMENT

- Pray for God's comfort during a season of lament, as we grieve together for lives lost.
- Pray that God would bring peace into your own family, church and community after a year of unmet expectations and changed plans.
- Pray for families around the world to stay strong and connected, finding hope in God.
- Pray for the disease to stop spreading and for vulnerable communities around the world to be protected against COVID-19.

Additional Bible verses to explore: Psalm 13; Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 6

MONDAY'S CHALLENGE

Today, take the time to call a family member or friend who needs support during a season of grief.

2,460,792 people globally have died from COVID-19 (as of 22 February 2021). The poor are at greater risk of contracting and dying from COVID-19 due to crowded living conditions, jobs which make them more vulnerable to infection and poor access to healthcare.

Through the help of our supporters, World Vision has come alongside these communities as part of our largest emergency response supporting nearly **60 million people** in 70 countries.



DAY 2
TUESDAY

PRAYERS FOR HURTING & SUFFERING COMMUNITIES

‘Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.’

ROMANS 12:12-13 NIV



PRAY FOR HURTING & SUFFERING COMMUNITIES

- Pray for medical professionals, caregivers and researchers responsible for fighting the coronavirus.
- Praise God for health care workers who have given themselves in acts of solidarity, generosity and kindness for those who are most vulnerable, afflicted and in need.
- Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress, both in your own community and communities around the world.
- Pray for safety and protection over children, as 85 million more children are at risk of violence due to COVID-19.

*Additional Bible verses to explore: Genesis 1:1-3;
Psalm 33; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:27-30*

TUESDAY'S CHALLENGE

Around the world, World Vision is working directly with communities to keep children safe and advocating for policy changes. In response to COVID-19, we have supported **1,461,446 children** with child protection programming and achieved **281** global, regional and national policy changes.

Sign the global petition to call on governments and institutions to care for hurting and suffering communities.

Sign the petition at wvi.org/littakesaworld



**DAY 3
WEDNESDAY**

PRAYERS FOR LEADERS

**‘Let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-
failing stream!’**

AMOS 5:24 NIV



PRAY FOR LEADERS

- Pray for wisdom for decision makers and leaders around the world.
- Pray that churches, organisations and governments would protect, assist and advocate for vulnerable communities.
- Pray for church leaders as they play a more vital role than ever to keep children and communities informed, protected and provided for.
- Pray for those in positions of public trust, in your own community and around the world, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of all people.

*Additional Bible verses to explore: Luke 10:25-37;
Psalm 33; Luke 7:1-10*

WEDNESDAY'S CHALLENGE

Put your prayers into action by calling your spiritual hero or mentor today. Thank them for their work and ministry, especially amidst COVID-19.

Faith leaders are often the most trusted members of the community. World Vision has trained and equipped **128,669 faith leaders** to help their communities amidst COVID-19. Additionally, even more faith leaders are working with World Vision to combat the effects of the pandemic by helping to disseminate food packs, providing emotional and spiritual support for children and families and ensuring children remain safe in their communities.



**DAY 4
THURSDAY**

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

“Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

LUKE 17:19 NIV



PRAY FOR HEALING

- Pray for an outpouring of love, compassion and service as your community continues to respond to COVID-19.
- Pray for healing for the most vulnerable and equitable distribution of vaccines.
- Pray that schools worldwide can safely reopen, so students can continue to learn and have a safe place to be during the day.
- Pray for communities and children to experience the love of Christ through continued interventions and measures being put in place.

*Additional Bible verses to explore: Psalm 140:12;
Hebrews 10:24*

THURSDAY'S CHALLENGE

Watch Telmuuns' story! youtu.be/RI nN7UNWp6U

In Mongolia, seven-year-old Telmuuns talks about his experience during COVID-19 quarantine, doing school at home and the work his parents are doing to get an income. Watch the video and learn more about Telmuuns and his family.

Globally, World Vision is responding and adapting in sustainable ways to the ever-changing needs in these communities. With our variety of workshops and training sessions, we've helped give **145,818 households** the tools they need to live a better life.



**DAY 5
FRIDAY**

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

**‘Then you will call, and the Lord
will answer; you will cry for help,
and He will say: Here am I.’**

ISAIAH 58:9 NIV



PRAY FOR PROTECTION

- Pray for God's protection over your own families, church and community.
- Pray for safety as children go back to school and businesses begin to re-open.
- Pray for the prevention of child marriage and child labour around the world. Pray for safety and future freedom for children already forced into those heartbreaking situations.
- With over 209 million people being vaccinated (as of 01 March 2021), pray for an equitable distribution, especially in low income countries, so that people everywhere will be protected.

Additional Bible verses to explore: Deuteronomy 31:6; Matthew 18:10; Psalm 5:11

FRIDAY'S CHALLENGE



With your kids, gather paper and your favourite crayons to draw a picture!

Through child protection measures, education, food security and livelihoods, World Vision is working to support vulnerable children and keep them safe. In our Child-Friendly Spaces around the world, we encourage children to draw and create art as a way to process their events and understand their emotions.



DAY 6
SATURDAY

PRAYERS OF HOPE

‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.’

ROMANS 15:13 NIV



PRAYERS OF HOPE

- Pray that God, the source of hope, will fill us with joy, peace and hope because we trust Him.
- Pray for personal health, restoration and trust in God to equip us to minister and serve others.
- Pray that God would inspire and equip us to reach out and bring hope to others.
- Pray for all the churches, organisations and leaders who are working in partnership to provide healthcare, education and infrastructure that will enable and equip communities to recover from the effects of the pandemic and build a better future.

*Additional Bible verses to explore: Psalm 62: 5-6;
2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17*

SATURDAY'S CHALLENGE

Spread hope to others today. Deliver a meal to a neighbour who you've been meaning to reach out to. Consider including a card with words of encouragement.

A meal can go a long way. 20 countries are suffering from severe food emergencies, with more than 19 million people at risk of famine mostly in countries experiencing conflict (including Afghanistan, Yemen, Congo, Somalia and South Sudan). As part of our COVID-19 response, World Vision has reached **6,675,430 people** with food security assistance.

PRAY FOR WORLD VISION'S MINISTRY

We invite you to continue praying for World Vision's work, for those who are most vulnerable during the COVID-19 crisis, and for the children, families and communities that we serve.

PRAY FOR:

- **The full recovery for the thousands of people** around the world that are currently infected with COVID-19 and for comfort and peace for the many people who have already lost loved ones (Psalm 34:18, Isaiah 43:2).
- **Wisdom and discernment** for those working to distribute vaccines and for leaders entrusted with decision-making authority to be united (James 1:5).
- **The peace and love of Jesus Christ to cast out all fear** for World Vision leaders and staff during this time, especially those with current travel and response obligations in the field (1 John 4:18).
- **Our Global Health Emergency Response leaders and staff** as they focus on the development of clear interventions in countries in which we serve.



THANK YOU FOR
GATHERING TOGETHER
IN PRAYER.

***‘He says, “Be still, and know that I am
God; I will be exalted among the
nations, I will be exalted in the
earth.”’***

PSALM 46:10 NIV