



World Vision



Pray to End Famine

Planning Guide

Thank you for joining the Global Day of Prayer to End Famine and making these prayers a part of your church's worship.

Last year, World Vision joined more than 120 faith-based organisations representing over 1 billion Christians worldwide, calling for a Global Day of Prayer to End Famine as millions were on the brink of famine.

The Global Day of Prayer to End Famine played a crucial role in raising awareness and inspiring action around the world. Through humanitarian efforts, we have seen enormous obstacles beaten for many people facing hunger. Unfortunately, in 2018, the risk of famine remains, and has even increased, having the potential to spread to many other areas.

More people face famine today than any other time in history.

Unfortunately this crisis isn't hitting the news the way it needs to, and the world isn't responding quickly enough. The Global Day of Prayer to End Famine is an opportunity for faith-based communities all over the world to bring to light the famine crisis and the impact it has on the most vulnerable children.

Currently Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria and Yemen are living on the brink of famine. 20 million people face the risk of catastrophic hunger as drought and armed conflict are making millions of our sisters and brothers homeless and vulnerable to violence and abuse.

In addition to the four countries at risk of famine, millions of people in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Ethiopia, Syria and Bangladesh have been forced from their homes by conflict, putting them at even greater risk of food insecurity and hunger.

Conflict and insecurity remains the key driver of hunger around the globe. All told, 74 million people are facing daily food-insecurity across 18 countries.

Now, more than ever, we must come together to stand in solidarity with those in dire need. May our millions of prayers join the millions of our sisters and brothers as they cry to the Lord to be delivered from their distress. Together we can light a way for sustained peace and abundance.

On the following page we have included tools to support your church's engagement with the Global Day of Prayer to End Famine as we pray and take action for the millions of children and families around the world who face hunger.

Ways in which you can effectively pray and respond to the hunger crises:

- Incorporate prayer into your church service
- Educate your congregation using video or prayer slides
- Invite your congregation to pray and respond through a personal and powerful call to action from the church leader
- After 21 May, continue to pray for the crisis in your church services and update your congregation on the crisis.

Resources available:

- Pastor's Talking Points and Prayer Points to help you lead your congregation and answer questions
- Videos to share the need, hope and how to live out Jesus' call in Matthew 25
- Prayer Points Presentation Slides to lift up specific prayer requests
- Bulletin Inserts to encourage your church members to continue praying
- Small Group Prayer Guide for small groups wanting to go deeper
- Social Media Kit to make this crisis more widely known through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Please also consider asking your members to make a donation.

World Vision is a global leader when it comes to relief situations like this. We are on the ground already, working to bring life-saving food, water, and health interventions to children and families in South Sudan, Somalia, Uganda, DRC, Syria and Bangladesh. Your gift will provide emergency food, clean water, access to life-saving medical care, and more to children and families fighting for their lives.

Your church can give a gift at bit.ly/donate2endfamine

In Matthew 25, Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."