

World Vision

Pray to End Famine

Small Group Resource

This resource was built to help your group pray for an end to famine, better understand the hunger crisis and reflect on what Scripture tells.

Understanding the Hunger Crisis

More people face famine today than any time in modern history. Across Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen, 20 million people are living on the brink of famine due to drought and conflict. An estimated 1.4 million children are already at death's door, struggling to survive from severe malnutrition.

All told, 74 million people from 18 conflict-ridden countries are suffering from food shortages. Refugees and displaced persons in Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Syria and Bangladesh face food insecurity daily. Children are those most affected by the global hunger crisis.

Now more than ever, the Church needs to come together to pray and respond to those in need. The world is not responding quickly enough, and the window to save lives is closing. The hunger crisis is not hitting the news the way that it should—and yet millions are already at risk of dying.

Scripture

Read Ephesians 1:18-23, Matthew 18:19-20, & Matthew 25:31-46

Discuss

- What is prayer & why is it important?
- In considering the hunger crisis in East Africa, what promise does God make when two or more gather in His name for prayer?
- What are some ways that you can respond to Jesus's call in Matthew 25:31-46, to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, invite the stranger into your home, give clothing to the naked, and visit those in prison, locally and globally?

Pray

- Pray for the 20 million most vulnerable children, women and men who are facing famine.
- Pray for children suffering from hunger.
- Pray for an end to violence.
- Pray for humanitarians and communities on the frontlines.
- Pray for the world to take action.

Respond

Stay informed. Follow the latest hunger-related developments in East Africa.

Continue to pray for children and families affected by famine and hunger crises.

Help support life-saving aid. World Vision is a global leader when it comes to emergency relief situations like this. We are on the ground, already working to bring life-saving food, water and health interventions to children, families and communities in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Syria and Bangladesh.

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