



World Vision



# Pray to End Famine

Talking Points

## **More people face famine today than any time in modern history.**

Our world is experiencing a hunger crisis so severe that in 2017, the United Nations is called it “the largest humanitarian crisis since 1945.” Areas of Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen are on the brink of famine due to drought and conflict. More than 20 million people risk starvation and an estimated 1.4 million children are severely malnourished.

Conflict and violence are the key driver for hunger and food insecurity around the world. Across 18 countries, conflict has left 74 million people face high levels of food insecurity. War and conflict also cause millions of people to flee becoming displaced in their own country or refugees in a neighbouring country. These displaced communities in Uganda, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria and Bangladesh often require food assistance to survive. This is a global crisis.

## **The world is not responding quickly enough and the window of time to save lives is closing.**

The famine and hunger crisis are not hitting the news the way that it should. With all the other issues affecting our world today, one could understand how the looming famines and surrounding hunger crisis isn't getting the media coverage it deserves—and yet millions are already at risk of dying.

## **Now more than ever, the Church needs to come together to pray and respond to those in need.**

Churches have a prophetic role in calling its members, wider society and governments to make a difference during this unprecedented period of suffering. In 2017, World Vision joined a broad coalition of more than 120 faith-based organisations, representing more than 1 billion Christians worldwide, because we recognised the urgent need to make the famine and hunger crisis more widely known through our prayers and actions.

The Global Day of Prayer to End Famine in May 2017 was effective in raising awareness and encouraging action to be taken. Positive steps forward were made, but hunger remains and lives are still on the line.

On 10 June 2018, World Vision is again joining the coalition in a Global Day of Prayer to End Famine.

## World Vision is a global leader when it comes to emergency situations.

World Vision has decades of experience working in emergency and disaster relief. World Vision is on the ground, already working to bring life-saving food, water and health interventions to children and families in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, 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.

*Refer to the FAQ for more background on the crisis.*

### 5 Specific Prayer Points:

- *Pray for the 20 million vulnerable children, women, and men facing famine.*

Pray for an end to this crisis, that famines are averted, and the necessary assistance is delivered to those in need.

- *Pray for children suffering from hunger.*

Pray for children that are currently at risk of suffering that they are protected and receive the nutritional support they need to survive and thrive.

- *Pray for an end to violence and conflict.*

Pray for peace and durable solutions that will end conflict and violence.

- *Pray for humanitarian workers and communities on the frontlines.*

Pray for humanitarian workers and communities on the frontlines that their lives are protected and access to humanitarian assistance is secured.

- *Pray for the world to take action.*

Pray for the world to take action, that the Church can be a light in the darkness and a voice in the silence.