

Champions Pray

Prayer Guide - June 2021



Prayer is a powerful way to help people around the world who experience poverty and persecution. The first Wednesday of each month, join with other Champions in Champions Pray: an intentional time of bringing the work of PWS&D and the people benefitting from the projects we support to God in prayer.

Are the young people in your congregation fundraising for PWS&D during Vacation Bible Camp? There are many resources for engaging children and youth at [WeRespond.ca/category/youth](https://www.werespond.ca/category/youth), or by contacting schunoo@presbyterian.ca.

Opening Prayer

Lord, you have opened your door to us,
who are strangers.
You have welcomed us as friend.
As we meet the stranger today,
May we serve you as we welcome these, our kin.

Lord, you have fed yourself to us.
You have shared your table with us.
As we meet the hungry today,
May we serve you as we care for these, our kin.

Lord, you have seen us naked in body and in spirit.
You have cleansed and clothed, warmed and comforted us.
As we meet the naked today,
**May we serve you as we cleanse and clothe,
warm and comfort you in these, our kin.**

Lord, you have found us in darkness.
You have not hidden yourself,
but have recognized and freed us.
As we meet those hidden in darkness today,
**May we find you as we love these, our kin.
Christ be our light.
Christ be our love.
Amen.**

From "Seeds of the Kingdom."

Pray for PWS&D's Relief Work

Pray for safety for those living in situations of conflict around the world.

Pray about any other recent crises of which you have become aware, and for a world in which these do not occur.

Pray for Refugees

Pray for PWS&D's refugee sponsorship staff as they guide sponsors through the application process—providing information and support, as well as referrals to training and locally available resources.

Local Prayers

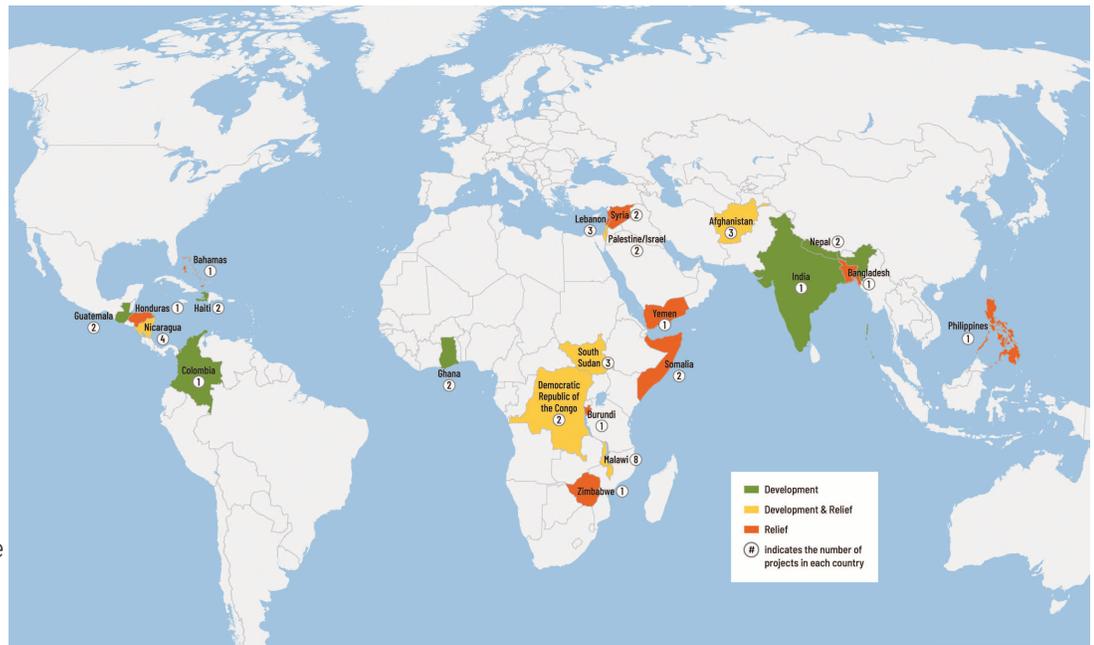
Pray for your local congregation/community to be excited and get involved in bringing about God's promise of abundant life for all.

Pray that the Lord would renew the strength of any ministers or lay leaders who are feeling fatigued, more than one year into the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray for PWS&D's Development Work

Pray for PWS&D's human rights work through the [KAIROS Women of Courage project](#) in Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Israel/Palestine and South Sudan. This project works to end gender-based violence and increase the participation of women in peacebuilding processes.

Choose a country from the map where PWS&D engages in development work and offer up the following prayer for the people there.



We pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected in _____, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given.

We pray for the farmers with limited or marginal land in _____, for those who lack access to water and other resources, and for the light of research and support services to shine in the lives of all God's people.

We pray for an end to pandemic disease in _____, particularly those exacerbated by lack of nutritious food and outright hunger; that plagues of death may no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world.

We pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation, for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people, and for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

We pray for all nations and people who already enjoy the abundance of creation and the blessings of prosperity, that their hearts may be lifted up to the needs of the poor and afflicted, and partnerships between rich and poor for the reconciliation of the world may flourish and grow. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Adapted from Canadian Foodgrains Bank (foodgrainsbank.ca/resources).

Meditation

Spend some time in silence, contemplating anything God might want to communicate to you.

Closing Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be your name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory
Forever and ever, Amen.

Thank you for participating in Champions Pray. Your efforts are helping to bring about a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

Please contact eclarke@presbyterian.ca if you have any questions or would like a request included on next month's prayer list. For more worship resources, visit WeRespond.ca/resources.