

# Champions Pray

## Prayer Guide - November 2021



On Saturday, October 2, 77 PWS&D supporters geared up across Canada to participate in Ride for Refuge in support of PWS&D's food security programs. Like last year, due to COVID-19, teams participated virtually or in small groups.

Eleven teams cycled and walked to raise over \$32,000, making this year our most successful year ever! Whether you walked, biked, donated, or remembered this event in prayer, thank you for your participation.

### Opening Prayer

For your Word made known in the breaking of bread;  
For the companionship of the Stranger;  
For the One who meets us in the gap  
between an ending and a beginning,  
Opening the past to understanding and  
the future to new directions;  
We give thanks and pray: Come,  
Lord Jesus.

For your promise of restoration and  
healing, justice and peace,  
Challenging us to live boldly into question  
marks of our times;  
For the sharp spotlight your  
promised judgment  
Casts on the tangled issues of our day;  
For the light of your presence coming  
toward us in love,  
We give thanks and pray: Come,  
Lord Jesus.

*From "Your Kingdom Come" in Cathy C. Campbell's Stations of the Banquet.*

### Scripture Reading

Psalms 86:1-17

### Local Congregations

Pray for the minister, Champion and congregation at:

- Ghanaian Presbyterian Church, Montreal, QC
- Grace Presbyterian Church, St. John, NB
- Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, ON

### Lord, We Praise You...

Praise God for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Through this ecumenical partnership, PWS&D accesses food assistance funding through matching grants from the Canadian government and collaborations with other members of the Foodgrains Bank.

### Life-saving Treatment in Haiti

Haiti is experiencing a food shortage crisis. Economic collapses and the growing severity of droughts are driving a worsening food security landscape. As a result, many children, like Elisemene Joachim, suffer from malnutrition.

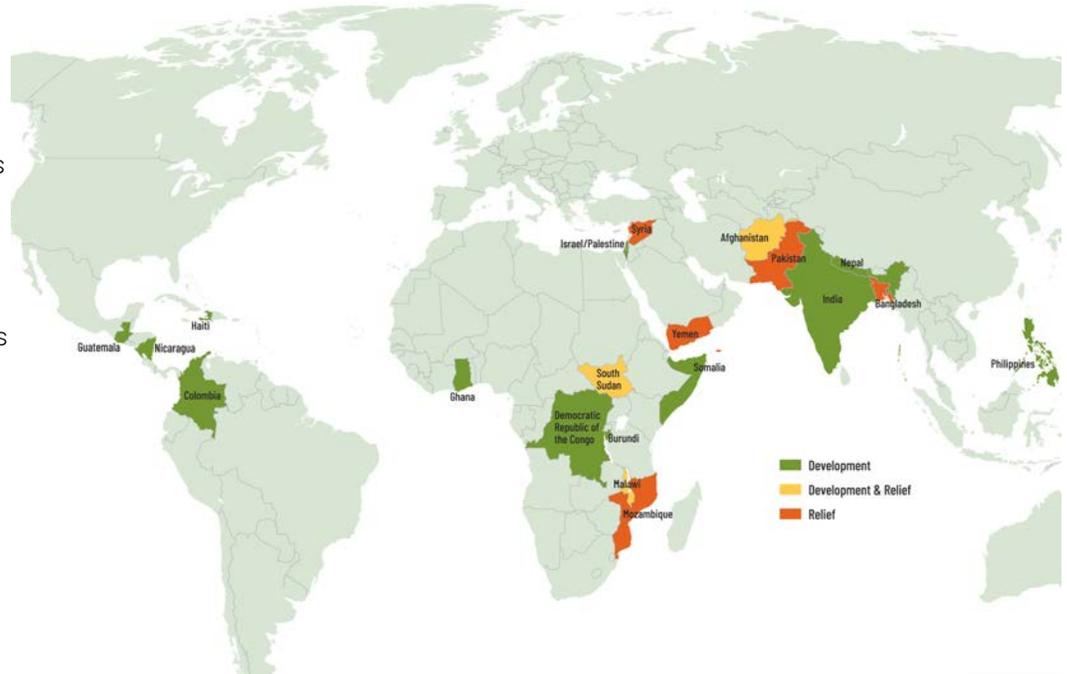
At four years old, Elisemene weighed a mere 8.5 kg (around 19 pounds) when she was diagnosed with acute malnutrition at a mobile clinic supported by PWS&D and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. She was immediately enrolled in a program where she received life-saving treatment and was regularly monitored for several months. After 10 months, Elisemene's health and nutrition status improved, and she was healthy enough to be discharged from the program. Today, Elisemene is thriving and enjoying a healthy childhood.

Read more and share Elisemene's story of hope with your congregation by downloading Mission Moments, available quarterly at <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/mission-moments/>.

## Lord, We Ask...

God of Strength, we pray for the staff at the Shining Hospital - a PWS&D-supported health facility in Nepal. Be with them as they treat severe illnesses like leprosy and tuberculosis, and bless their work to provide vocational training so that people living with these illnesses may have more abundant life. Amen.

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](mailto: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](http://WeRespond.ca/resources).