

Champions Pray

Prayer Guide - December 2021



PWS&D is accepting funds in response to the crisis in British Columbia, where historic rainfall has caused devastating flooding, displacing thousands and disrupting transportation routes.

You can learn more and make a donation to support those affected by this disaster at <https://WeRespond.ca/bc-floods>.

Opening Prayer

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,

And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;

By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

Written by Samuel F. Pugh (1850-1922). From Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Scripture Reading

Micah 4:1-4

Local Congregations

Pray for the minister, Champion and congregation at:

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Campbell River, BC
Wychwood-Davenport Presbyterian Church, Toronto, ON
Wood Islands Presbyterian Church, Belle River, PEI

Lord, We Praise You...

Praise God for PWS&D-supported health programs that are supporting people's physical and mental well-being, and helping families around the world meet their needs.

Health Programs Share Hope

In India, Bhachini Devi is a business owner. Spending her days in her small shop, she takes pride in selling items in her community in order to support family.

Sadly, four years ago Bhachini lost her husband to tuberculosis. Not three years later, her oldest son also succumbed to the deadly disease. Grieving—and on unstable financial ground after paying for treatment for her son—Bhachini did not know what to do.

Project staff from Duncan Hospital, a centre which provides mental health support to young women and adolescents, reached out to Bhachini. They listened to her story and gave Bhachini the support she needed as she grieved. They also provided Bhachini with funds to restock her shelves, enabling her to reopen her store.

Learn about more ways PWS&D-supported global health programs are helping improve people's quality of life at WeRespond.ca/global-health-programs-share-hope/.

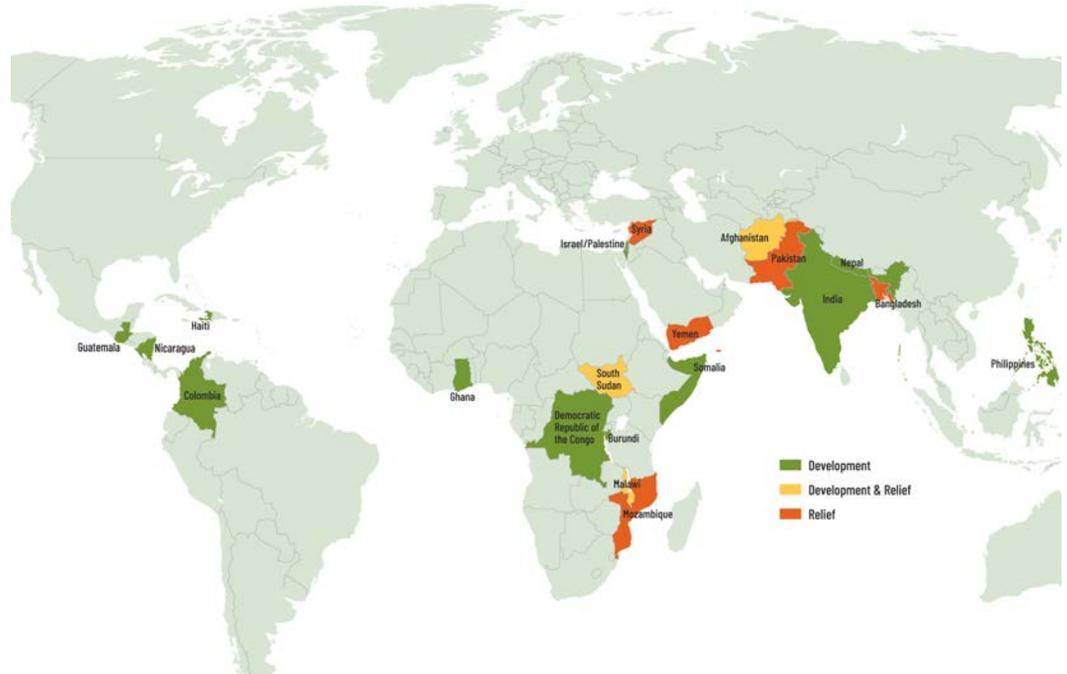
Lord, We Ask...

God, we pray for equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines in countries around the world. Amen.

The World Council of Churches has gathered prayers about the COVID-19 pandemic, available [here](#).

Global Partners

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.