

LENT 2018

PRAYER GUIDE



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How to Use this Prayer Calendar

This Lent we are meditating on God's all sufficient grace. Just as the wise men came from afar to give gifts as they worshipped the Christ child, when our partners reach out in love to their communities through ARDF grants, we believe the grace of God is made manifest. We encourage you to read about the current projects and use that to guide your daily prayers, filling your mite boxes or giving at ardf.org/donate as you feel led. You can learn about these projects at our website: <http://ardf.org/projects/>



PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14, 2018

CAMEROON



Can you imagine living where there are only two doctors for every 10,000 citizens? That is the reality for people living in Cameroon! The Diocese of Cameroon will build a Christian health clinic and will have the opportunity to share that God is the ultimate healer! If you drive near a doctor's office, hospital, or medical building on your way to church, will you pray for the church in Cameroon and their desire to offer physical and spiritual healing to their people? *Lord, we pray for the Christian health professionals who do the work You have given them to do in Your name. We praise You for the healings You will bring to the Cameroonians and those that will come to know You in the process.*

● HOW TO CONTRIBUTE BEYOND PRAYER? \$738 BUILDS ONE HALF OF THE CLINIC'S FOUNDATION.



PRAYER FOR THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 18, 2018

GHANA



Have you ever sat next to someone coughing and were worried that you might catch their sickness? In Ghana, an overcrowded girls hostel at St. John's Anglican School means that diseases spread quickly, posing a health risk for the entire school. The Diocese of Tamale, Ghana is building a new dormitory for girls which will both boost female enrollment by over 300% and keep health risks in check. The next time you are near someone who seems sick, will you pray for these female students in Ghana who desperately want to continue their education in a healthy and safe environment? *Lord, we praise You for the increasing availability of educational opportunities in Ghana. We pray for St. John's Anglican High School in Tamale, Ghana. We pray that those who will receive education as a result of this project will also receive You into their heart.*

● HOW TO CONTRIBUTE? \$304 COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR ONE GIRL.



PRAYER FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 25, 2018

PAKISTAN



Have you ever faced discrimination? Has someone looked down at you for any reason? Extreme Islamization in Pakistan has led to increased discrimination against Christians. Many children are orphaned when their parents are killed or are forced into Muslim marriages. Without access to education, these children will grow up with limited economic options. With ARDF funds, the newly constructed Christian Vocational Training Center will be able to house and feed 150 vulnerable children. *Lord, we ask You to bless the Christian children of Lahore, that they would feel Your comforting presence. We ask that the vocational trainings they attend at the Christian Vocational Training Center would create economic opportunities so that they can earn a living and live a respectable life when they grow up.*

● HOW TO CONTRIBUTE? \$250 GIVES ONE STUDENT A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.



PRAYER FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 4, 2018

MALAYSIA

Has your church ever adopted a refugee or a family in need? Three churches in Malaysia are doing just this. They are welcoming girls into their church communities and church school from a nomadic tribe in an area of the country with no educational opportunities.

Lord, we pray for the girls who will leave their families to come to the Rumah Shalom school. We ask that

You would create deep relationships between the girls and the church community members and that all of the students at the school would come into a deep relationship with You.

- PRAISE GOD, THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED ALREADY AND IS ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED.



PRAYER FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 11, 2018

GHANA

Have you ever struggled to find a job or a source of income? Youth in a slum outside of Accra, Ghana face difficult challenges including high unemployment. As outreach to this community, the Diocese of Accra is building a community center where youth will be able to receive job training, Bible-based mentoring, counseling, and leadership development.

Lord, we lift up the church in Accra. The challenges for the youth there are so great but You are greater. We ask for Your protection for these youth, that they would avoid the worldly temptations of the slums and would walk into a meaningful relationship with You.

- HOW TO CONTRIBUTE? \$1,000 PAYS FOR ONE-EIGHTH OF THE ANTICIPATED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION COSTS.



PRAYER FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 18, 2018

ZAMBIA

Who uses your school building after the kids leave for the day? Many schools host community groups and sports teams. In Zambia, a new ARDF project will expand a Teacher Training College and offer agricultural training to local farmers when the students are on holiday. This larger, flexible use facility will address two key needs of Zambians: teaching additional literacy teachers for rural schools and training farmers in modern agricultural techniques so that they may farm more productively.

Lord, we pray for the farmers in Zambia, that they would be receptive to new ideas that will increase the yields of their fields. We also pray for the literacy teachers who will be trained in the expanded facility. May they go forth to teach Zambians in Your name and to Your glory.

- HOW TO CONTRIBUTE? \$181 PAYS FOR ONE BEEHIVE FOR THE DEMONSTRATION FARM AS PART OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRAINING.



PRAYER FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

Can you remember a time when God provided for you in a time when you felt helpless? When natural disasters hit, the victims feel helpless. Many affected by the recent hurricanes lost everything and had nowhere to turn. When volunteers came to help from the local church, they did so in the name of Jesus, tangibly demonstrating the grace that God extends to each of us.

Lord, we ask You to bless the works of the many volunteers who have extended grace in Your name in the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. May those who received help also receive You into their hearts.

- HOW TO CONTRIBUTE? SHARE THE HEARTWARMING STORIES FROM VOLUNTEERS ON ARDF.ORG.

PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1, 2018

Lord, this day we celebrate Jesus's immeasurable grace towards us through His death on the cross. And we lift up our brothers and sisters who are working to overcome dire circumstances across the globe by extending grace in their own communities. We praise You for our Anglican family and all those whom are reached through Your local churches. Give us eyes and ears to know their stories. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. May God grant us all peace beyond our understanding in His everlasting love.

