



# PRAYER GUIDE

APRIL-JUNE 2025

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Toybox Prayer Guide. Thank you so much for all your prayers for our work with street children.

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## APRIL

### Week 1 – (Sunday 30 March – Saturday 5 April)

As we start this new Prayer Guide, we remember the many children on the streets whose family units have broken down due to death, violence or distance. We give thanks that recently in Ethiopia two young people have successfully been reunited with their families, after counselling and family mediation facilitated by CHADET, our local partner. We pray that these family bonds may strengthen.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 6 – Saturday 12 April)

Saturday 12th April is Children's Day in Bolivia, and so we wanted to tell you about a play – *“El Brillo de las estrellas” (The Shining of the Stars)* – performed by children and young people at an event where they delivered a proposal to the Ombudsman for Children for their region. This play highlighted the need for effective policies in education, health, food and protection from violence, underlining problems such as lack of resources, rising prices and pollution. Please pray that these initiatives will help to improve children's quality of life.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 13 – Saturday 19 April)

We give thanks for the continued work of Viva in El Salvador to promote inclusion of children with disabilities. A well-known disability rights activist was contracted to train the staff and a local school on inclusive practices. In the central market, children celebrated International Day for Persons with Disabilities by hosting stalls which contained different informative games and activities. We give thanks for all the children, parents and caregivers who participated.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 20 – Saturday 26 April)

This week, as we celebrate Easter Day, please join with us in giving thanks for the children whose lives have been turned around and who can now celebrate a new beginning. We continue to pray for the children whose lives remain in darkness and sadness, who cannot see a bright way forward. Please also pray for our partners who stand alongside these children, offering them emergency care to help bring light and hope to their lives.

### Week 5 – (Sunday 27 April – Saturday 3 May)

The streets are a dangerous place to live, and many street children have been victims of some kind of aggression. This week we pray that the training held by CONACMI, our partner in Guatemala, aimed at establishing agreements with local leaders for the protection of children and young people, will have a positive effect on the way these children are perceived and subsequently treated by those around them.

APRIL



## MAY

### Week 1 – (Sunday 4 – Saturday 10 May)

This week we give thanks for the success of our partner CHETNA's campaign in India, addressing period poverty. For many, this was the first time they had spoken openly about menstruation, marking a significant milestone in breaking the culture of silence surrounding the topic. Zohra, 15, shared: ***"This campaign has taught me to see menstruation not as a burden but as a symbol of my strength. I now feel confident talking about it with my family and friends."*** Kaira, 17, remarked: ***"I learned so much about hygiene and care. For the first time, I don't feel ashamed of something that is such a natural part of my life."***

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### Week 2 – (Sunday 11 – Saturday 17 May)

Thursday 15th May is International Day of Families and so we want to share with you the workshops being held by Alalay, our partner in Bolivia, to help parents to develop positive parenting skills. By inviting them to share their memories and the emotions attached, the session highlighted the fact that appropriate management of emotions is an important factor in promoting positive, protective and respectful parenting with their children. We pray that the families will benefit from these lessons, and that children may feel more protected.

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### Week 3 – (Sunday 18 – Saturday 24 May)

This week we want to share with you about the work being done by Pendekezo Letu, our partner in Kenya. 17 young people have been enrolled for short vocational skills training courses and also underwent a trade selection workshop to enable them to make informed choices on the different trades available. We pray that this will enable these young people to find jobs or start their own business, and we give thanks for the ongoing support they will be offered.

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### Week 4 – (Sunday 25 – Saturday 31 May)

This week we are excited to share with you an innovative idea from Viva. A radio birth registration campaign was carried out in October, with short information spots airing on five radio stations. As a result, 27 new cases were identified, and so we hold the families in our prayers as Viva supports them to work through the registration process.

MAY

## JUNE

### Week 1 – (Sunday 1 – Saturday 7 June)

After heavy rain in Nepal last year, severe flooding caused significant damage and disruption to the lives of street children, washing away essential school supplies, and leaving many unable to attend classes due to a lack of uniform or stationery. We give thanks that our partner SathSath was able to help children return to their studies, by providing essential materials, thus maintaining educational continuity. Children responded positively to the programme, expressing relief and renewed motivation to resume their classes.

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### Week 2 – (Sunday 8 – Saturday 14 June)

Thursday 12th June is World Day against Child Labour, and we give thanks for the Child Leadership Workshop held by CHETNA. This workshop was a transformative experience that nurtured leadership, strengthened advocacy skills, and prepared children to stand up for their rights. Rukwanti, 13, said: ***"I now know my rights and how to help others."*** Deepak, 15, added: ***"We must ensure every child gets a chance to be a child, not a worker."***

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### Week 3 – (Sunday 15 – Saturday 21 June)

This week we give thanks for the way CONACMI has been able to work with the Ministry of Health in Guatemala on an 'Early Life Alert System' in which midwives can use an app to register the children at whose births they are present. Please pray that the necessary agreements will be reached so that this can be implemented as it will simplify the birth registration process, thus reducing the risk of children not receiving their birth certificate.

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### Week 4 – (Sunday 22 – Saturday 28 June)

Good news travels fast! We give thanks that over a three-month period, SathSath successfully facilitated 28 birth registrations, as well as conducting sessions raising children's awareness about the importance of birth registration. After obtaining birth registration and citizenship certificates, the participants recognized the significance of these documents and began referring their friends to SathSath for help.

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