



# PRAYER GUIDE

## OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2018

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

*Please feel free to share this guide with your church and friends.*



## OCTOBER 2018

### Week 1 – (Sunday 30 September – Saturday 6 October)

This week we pray for Toybox's partner in Kenya, PKL, which is undertaking an evaluation of its work with street-connected children and their parents in the communities where they work. Pray that this will be a time to celebrate the positive impacts and an opportunity for PKL and Toybox to think about improvements going forward so that we can have an even greater impact on street children in Kenya and around the world.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 October)

Join us in giving thanks this week for all the wonderful people and groups who support Toybox's work through donations and grants. We also pray for Toybox as we look to secure future funding for our projects – from individuals, churches, trusts and foundations – so that we can continue to make a difference to the lives of street children around the world. Toybox's work would be impossible without this support and we often give thanks for all of our supporters who are changing the world for street children in so many ways.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 October)

This week our Christmas Appeal is dropping through supporters' letterboxes, with a focus on our birth registration work in Latin America. This year, the Appeal focuses on how their fingertip is all a child needs to get registered so, while this is something they only need to do once, the impact will be lifelong. After they are registered, children will be able to access school, healthcare, support services and social protection which will hopefully enable them to have a bright future. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and especially for the children whose lives will be turned around by this simple piece of paper.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 21 – Saturday 27 October)

Give thanks for the great work that has been happening in Guatemala and El Salvador with the outreach projects. Everything we do – from rehabilitating children, improving access to basic education and providing immediate care – is only possible thanks to our partners and their essential frontline services. Please join us to pray for wisdom for the teams as they listen to the children and communities and make decisions about what their focus should be for the next three years.

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## NOVEMBER 2018

### Week 1 – (Sunday 28 October – Saturday 3 November)

At the end of August, there was an earthquake in Peru, on the border with Brazil and Bolivia. At 7.1 magnitude, it is similar to the one that affected Guatemala earlier this year. Thankfully, there have been no reports of damage, but it is worrying, nonetheless, for those who live in the area. Pray for peace for these people as they wonder what might happen next time, as earthquakes occur quite frequently in this region, and that local and national leaders may take action to diminish any future impact.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 4 – Saturday 10 November)

Give thanks that Toybox has been able to continue its work in India and to expand its work in the region to Nepal. Please pray for Toybox's International team as they look to develop new projects in Nepal and India with our partners so that they will really be reaching the most vulnerable children and having long-term impact on lives and communities.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 11 – Saturday 17 November)

November is National Caregivers Month. This week we pray for those who have become the main caregiver through no choice of their own. Pray for children who have to look after younger siblings and for families in El Salvador where women are given the children of gang members to look after, without being given the chance to say no.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 18 – Saturday 24 November)

This week we give thanks for our Birth Registration work in Bolivia, Guatemala and El Salvador. Our partner in Bolivia is running a project called "I Also Count", which seeks to help children and young people who are either already on, or at high risk of going onto, the streets, to get their identity documents. Pray that this project may have a lasting impact on the children and families who are helped.

### Week 5 – (Sunday 25 November – Saturday 1 December)

This week we give thanks for our work in Nepal. Lots of children are showing interest in joining the non-formal education sessions that our partner is running which is very exciting. We hope that children who have not been able to access school before, either because they are involved in child labour or because they have been living on the streets, will be able to start their education and will enjoy learning lots of new things.

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### Week 1 – (Sunday 2 – Saturday 8 December)

Toybox believes that local organisations are best placed to find the most appropriate solutions to remove and prevent children from becoming street-connected. Pray for us as we support our partners, not only with the projects they run but also in their plans to strengthen as organisations. Please pray for wisdom as we work with each partner to outline organisational development plans that will be effective.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 9 – Saturday 15 December)

Monday 10th December is International Human Rights Day. Street children are often denied the most basic rights and most do not have the skills or the influence to address these issues. We give thanks for the work of the Child Ambassador programme, which includes training sessions on Child Rights. Pray for the Ambassadors as they go back to their communities, that they may have the courage to put into practice what they have learned.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 December)

Give thanks for the work that has been happening in India. As a result of Toybox's project in West Delhi, 511 children have been helped to enrol in school. This is a real achievement as education is the single most effective way of breaking the cycle of poverty that street and working children in India can experience. Enrolling a child into school is a vital step in keeping them off the streets and integrating them into society.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 23 – Saturday 29 December)

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, when there was no place for Jesus to be born, let us remember those who will have no roof over their heads, particularly the children who Toybox supports. May we be ready to share what we have with those who have little or nothing. Wishing you a very blessed Christmas.

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