



PRAYER GUIDE

APRIL-JUNE 2020

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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Week 1 – (Sunday 29 March – Saturday 4 April)

This week we remember our partners in San Salvador, praying for the health and safety of the team as they go about their work, supporting children and young people living on the streets in one of the most dangerous cities in the world. We pray also for the children and their families, giving thanks for those who have obtained their birth certificates, allowing them to take their place in society with all the benefits this offers.

Week 2 – (Sunday 5 – Saturday 11 April)

6th April is the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, and we would like to share with you information about a new project with street-connected children in Delhi. The first step of the project is to build trust with the children and young people, and then to help them to develop life skills through sports and games. Please pray that as the children develop these skills, such as decision-making and team building, they may also grow in confidence, well-being and happiness.

Week 3 – (Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 April)

Easter is a time of resurrection, where despair turns to hope and darkness to light. This Easter, join us in giving thanks for the children whose lives have been turned around and who can now celebrate a new life. 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 outreach teams who stand alongside these children, offering them emergency care to help bring light and hope to their lives.

Week 4 – (Sunday 19 – Saturday 25 April)

We're pleased to tell you that our project in Nepal, helping street-connected children to access education, is going well. A recent evaluation shows that children are thriving in the Learning Centres, and that many are being linked to formal education. As a new group of children starts school in April, please give thanks for this great opportunity and pray that the children settle in well, building good relationships with their friends and teachers.

Week 5 – (Sunday 26 April – Saturday 2 May)

Join us as we give thanks that the main political tensions and protests in Bolivia have subsided and that all the children in our projects are safe and unharmed by this unrest. Both projects were able to keep going during the tensions, and although some of the activities were postponed, they are now all back on track and moving ahead well.

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Week 1 – (Sunday 3 – Saturday 9 May)

Please pray for our partner in Kenya who is running guidance and counselling sessions with 127 vulnerable children. The aim is to encourage these children to bond with their peers, improve their academic performance, and give them the knowledge and skills that will help and encourage them to speak out and report to the relevant authorities if they are being abused.

Week 2 – (Sunday 10 – Saturday 16 May)

We give thanks that our project in Nepal, addressing the issue of child labour, is going well. The project is working with employers within the transport and construction industry to bring about change in the way they employ children. The project is also working with the local government to develop a new Children's policy, with the intention of making it illegal for employers to make children work for long hours. This policy is being discussed at the moment, so please pray that it is approved and implemented.

Week 3 – (Sunday 17 – Saturday 23 May)

It is always a cause for celebration when a child gets their birth certificate, and it is wonderful to be able to tell you that over a period of three months 128 street children in Bolivia received their birth certificates or ID documents. There are currently a further 60 applications for registration in the process; please pray that these are approved by the authorities so that the children can enjoy the benefits of being recognised and protected as official citizens. Please also pray for the project as it raises awareness of how important it is for the children to keep these documents safe.

Week 4 – (Sunday 24 – Saturday 30 May)

We are constantly in contact with our partners, helping them to develop their skills and knowledge through capacity building. One recent focus has been looking at how they monitor the impact of their projects on the lives of street-connected children. We pray that as we support each of our partners in this way, they may continue to change the lives of each and every child in the most impactful way possible.

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Week 1 – (Sunday 31 May – Saturday 6 June)

This week we pray for the ongoing situation of migrant families from Central America trying to reach the United States and the harsh treatment they receive at the border. Please pray especially for children separated from their families and caregivers, and for the governments of Central America, that they may support those who are desperate to find a safe place for themselves and their families.

Week 2 – (Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 June)

Poverty and inequality often force children to work in the worst situations – exploitative labour, commercial sex work, working for gangs – and many are excluded from education as a result of their need to earn an income. 12th June is the World Day Against Child Labour, so please join us as we pray for these children, that they may have a childhood free from violence, exploitation and abuse.

Week 3 – (Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 June)

We are now in the second year of our project in Sierra Leone, and this year we are focusing on some of the most vulnerable children living and working on the streets in the centre of Freetown. Please pray that we may reach the children most in need, offering them support and care so that they can enrol into school and get an education which brings with it the chance of a brighter and much more hopeful future.

Week 4 – (Sunday 21 – Saturday 27 June)

For this week, our partners in Guatemala have sent us this prayer:

“Dear God, allow us to be your instrument to provide support, love and understanding to all children, girls, teenagers and young people who are living on the street, or at risk of being so. May we have the patience, strength and conviction to convince those who should protect them to do so.”

May we all make this our prayer.

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