



PRAYER GUIDE

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome to the Summer 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.



JULY 2019

Week 1 – (Sunday 30 June – Saturday 6 July)

El Salvador is one of the most dangerous places to live, with high levels of gang violence and homicides. Please join us as we pray for the new projects that are running in particularly high-risk districts. The risk is great, but the need is even greater, so we give thanks for those who work in these districts, and we pray for the security and safety of the staff and of those attending the projects.

Week 2 – (Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 July)

We have great news about our Street to School work in Delhi, as our partners are currently working to enrol an extra 250 street and working children into school. This will bring the total number of children who have been supported in this way to 500. Please pray that the process of enrolment goes smoothly, as there are many requirements that must be fulfilled before the children can be admitted to school.

Week 3 – (Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 July)

Monday 15th July is World Youth Skills Day. Young people are much more likely to be unemployed than adults and, of those who are employed, many will be in low-paid unskilled jobs. Let's give thanks for our project in Kenya which is helping 15 young people to enrol on a vocational skills training course. Many of these have previously been involved with the police, so we pray that this training will encourage them to stay away from crime and build a better future for themselves.

Week 4 – (Sunday 21 – Saturday 27 July)

This week we want to share the exciting news of a new Street Outreach project in Guatemala City, which aims to enhance the support which is on offer to children and youth. Please pray for this project, which will offer support and recreational opportunities, with the aim of benefitting more than 500 young people.

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Week 1 – (Sunday 28 July – Saturday 3 August)

At this time of year there is generally a lot of heavy rain in Sierra Leone and Toybox's partner is working in communities close to the sea where heavy rainfall can result in flooding. Despite the risk to the communities the people stay there as they have no other options. Let's pray that the rainfall does not cause any severe flooding in these areas, as that could cause health risks to the children and prevent the schools from starting again in September.

Week 2 – (Sunday 4 – Saturday 10 August)

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)

We are excited to tell you about a new initiative by the Consortium for Street Children – the Legal Atlas for Street Children. This gives an overview of laws affecting street children across the world. What's really exciting is that street children will be able to access this atlas, thereby helping them to know what their rights really are! Join us as we give thanks for this initiative and pray that it will make a real difference to the lives of many children.

Week 3 – (Sunday 11 – Saturday 17 August)

Sunday 12th August is International Youth Day. We take this opportunity to give thanks for our new project in Delhi which provides a safe space for young people aged 12-16, who are connected to the street. We pray for this project as it looks to support 400 young people, enabling them to gain basic literary skills, as well as learning life skills through sports.

Week 4 – (Sunday 18 – Saturday 24 August)

We are pleased to report that, in Nepal, one of the local authorities has signed an agreement with our partner, promising to address issues relating to child labour and protection. This week, we pray that this venture may be successful in raising awareness of child labour, and in developing a joint action plan, as well as establishing an emergency child protection fund.

Week 5 – (Sunday 25 – Saturday 31 August)

This week we pray for our project in Kenya, which focuses on offering sustainable opportunities for vulnerable caregivers and street-connected children. Let's give thanks that another six Savings and Internal Lending Committees will be set up this year, allowing 90 more people to realise their dreams. These Committees help vulnerable young people and caregivers to save money as a group, and to start new business opportunities in a safe work environment.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

Week 1 – (Sunday 1 – Saturday 7 September)

Here in the UK, September is a time of new beginnings, as children and young people start the new school year. Please join us as we pray for children across the world, especially for those who are accessing education for the very first time. We pray that this may open up a world of opportunity for them as they discover the power of education.

Week 2 – (Sunday 8 – Saturday 14 September)

For nearly twenty years Nepal has celebrated 14th September as its National Child Rights Day. Let's give thanks that our project has the opportunity to participate, celebrating the day with children in the community. We pray that this will be a good opportunity to raise the profile of street-connected children.

Week 3 – (Sunday 15 – Saturday 21 September)

"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God." (Luke 12:6)

Join us as we give thanks for the ongoing Birth Registration work in Latin America. So many children are 'invisible', simply because they have not been registered. We pray that governments will come to realise that these children do exist and are important, and that they will join us in our quest to register as many children as possible.

Week 4 – (Sunday 22 – Saturday 28 September)

Life on the streets means street children often have to go to extreme lengths to raise the money they need to help them survive. Please pray for the children's safety in all they do, but also please consider helping them by taking part in our exciting new fundraising event this Christmas – Toybox's Advent Calendar. It's a great way to count down the days to Jesus' birth and support street children at the same time.

If you would like to get involved, please go to www.toybox.org.uk/adventcalendar to sign up or call us on 01908 360080.

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