



PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY-MARCH 2025

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

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JANUARY

Week 1 – (Sunday 29 December – Saturday 4 January)

As we start this new Prayer Guide, we look back over the past year with gratitude for all that we have been able to achieve thanks to the hard work of our local partners and the kindness of our supporters. We give a particular prayer of thanks for our birth registration work where, over the last year, 4,627 children and young people have been supported to obtain their birth certificates – opening doors to education, healthcare and opportunity.

Week 2 – (Sunday 5 – Saturday 11 January)

This week, please join us in praying for solutions to the challenges faced by our partner SathSath in Nepal as the results of climate change continue to impact their work with street children. Recent floods and landslides have made children living in riverside slum areas incredibly difficult to reach and families have also been unable to travel to their home villages, a vital part of the birth registration process. Please join us in praying for resilience and support for these vulnerable children and the dedicated team serving them.

Week 3 – (Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 January)

This week we give thanks for a three-month campaign by CHETNA, our partner in India, to address period poverty. From January to March, the team are delivering a programme with street children and families living across ten slum communities in Delhi. Activities include rallies, marches and street theatre performances to raise awareness about the importance of menstrual hygiene and to help break the taboos that exist around the subject of periods.

Week 4 – (Sunday 19 – Saturday 25 January)

Friday 24th January is International Day for Education, so this week we give thanks for a new pilot project in Ethiopia where our partner, CHADET, are supporting street children – many of whom have never been to school before - to access education. An important component of this project is offering night school for those children who work during the day so cannot attend regular daytime classes. You can find out more about this new project in the January issue of Street Life, our supporter magazine.

Week 5 – (Sunday 26 January – Saturday 1 February)

This week, we are pleased to share an update about an inspiring inclusion project with our partner Viva, El Salvador, where children and young people are learning Salvadoran Sign Language. One participant, 9-year-old Sofia, shared the clear impact it has made on her, *“I want to be a teacher of art, physical education and sign language so that if one day a student who is deaf comes to me, I can understand.”*

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FEBRUARY

Week 1 – (Sunday 2 – Saturday 8 February)

Following on from news we shared with you last year about the devastating flooding in Nairobi, Kenya, we are pleased to share a positive update from our projects there. Please join us as we give thanks for the continued recovery efforts by our partner, Pendekezo Letu, which have recently seen 11 children who were displaced by the floods re-enrolled into school and provided with new uniforms, bags, books and stationery. Ten caregivers have also received microgrants to restart their small businesses.

Week 2 – (Sunday 9 – Saturday 15 February)

This week, please join us in praying for street children in Bolivia who have been in conflict with the law. Many young people on the streets who have a police record face significant barriers to employment, as formal jobs often require a clean record. Lack of employment hinders their ability to reintegrate into society and negatively impacts their self-esteem and sense of purpose. Please join us in praying for support and access to alternative job opportunities for these vulnerable young people so that they can rebuild their lives, away from the streets.

Week 3 – (Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 February)

“So the poor have hope and injustice shuts its mouth.”

Job 5:16

Thursday 20th February is World Day of Social Justice and we mark this day by celebrating the tireless efforts of our local partners in standing alongside street children every day. From providing access to education to advocating for children's rights and offering opportunities for brighter futures, our partners bring hope to some of the most vulnerable. Please join us in giving thanks and praying for their continued strength as they work to create lasting change for street children around the world.

Week 4 – (Sunday 23 February – Saturday 1 March)

This week, please join us in praying for the vital work of our partner in Guatemala, Puerta de Esperanza, as they support a vulnerable family of eight siblings who recently lost their mother. These children attend a project at La Terminal market five days a week where they receive education support, hot meals, and care while their father works. We give thanks for the dedication of the team who also accompany two of the siblings on their walk to school each day to ensure they arrive safely.

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Week 1 – (Sunday 2 – Saturday 8 March)

Saturday 8th March is International Women's Day, so we take this opportunity to highlight the important work SathSath is doing in Nepal to raise awareness of the harmful practice of child marriage. We give thanks that 25 street children were able to attend a recent workshop where they learnt about how child marriage violates their rights to education, health and opportunity. 13-year-old Anita shared, **“One of our friends had done child marriage and she quit her study. I now understand why it's important to stay in school and not get married early. I want to help my friends understand this too.”**

Week 2 – (Sunday 9 – Saturday 15 March)

This week, we celebrate the transformative work of our partner Alalay, in Bolivia, where an innovative mobile tent initiative is offering early childhood workshops for children aged up to five who are at high social risk. We give thanks for the mothers who joined these sessions, which provided sensory and motor stimulation and promoted healthy eating for proper development. These workshops are part of a protective upbringing model, equipping caregivers with tools to nurture their children.

Week 3 – (Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 March)

Thursday 20th March is International Day of Happiness, so this week we celebrate and give thanks for what young people in a Toybox-supported project in Guatemala have recently shared with our partner CONACMI about what makes them happy. 16-year-old Manual shared, **“Receiving love from my parents makes me happy.”** When asked what makes her happy, 19-year-old Thani answered, **“Being useful to others.”** For 22-year-old Neemias, **“Seeing that I now have a family I can share with makes me happy.”**

Week 4 – (Sunday 23 – Saturday 29 March)

To conclude this Winter Issue of our Prayer Guide, we are delighted to share encouraging news from Kenya, where a mobile identity card registration clinic in Dandora has supported 44 young people in obtaining vital legal documents. Local chiefs and civil registration officers guided young people and caregivers through the process, vetting and processing their information. These 44 young people now hold waiting slips, with their official identity cards expected soon. Please join us in giving thanks for this valuable work.

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