



# PRAYER GUIDE

## JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021

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

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## JULY 2021

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

As we start this new edition, we ask for your prayers for the continuing crisis in India and Nepal, with the constant rise in cases of coronavirus. Join us as we give thanks that the generosity of our supporters has enabled us to respond to the crisis quickly. Please pray for our partners who are delivering emergency support to children and young people most in need. This emergency support, which includes food packs, hygiene kits, educational materials and counselling, is reaching over 4,000 families.

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

This week, our Street Life supporter magazine will be landing on doormats across the country (and beyond!) Inside this issue, you can find out more about our family reintegration work in Bolivia, where last year we were able to reintegrate 74 children at home with their families. You can also hear from Carlos and his family, who share their story of being reunited and their experiences of life on and off the streets.

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

Please join us as we pray for a successful start to our new project in Nairobi, Kenya, which began earlier this month. Focused on improving the lives of street children by supporting the capacity of Child Protection officers and giving children a platform to speak about Child Rights, this vital work is more important than ever, as scoping for the project activities uncovered that the number of children on the streets in Nairobi appears to have increased during the pandemic.

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

Friday 30th July is International Friendship Day. We give thanks for all the children who are part of our Child Ambassador programme, especially for those who are graduating this year, and those who will be taking on this role. We pray for them as they have the opportunity to learn new skills and share them with their peers, helping them as they build their relationships and learn to protect themselves and each other.

# JULY



## AUGUST 2021

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

This week we ask you to pray for the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Central America. Back in April, the number of people trying to cross the US / Mexico border was at a 20-year high, as families and unaccompanied children tried to flee violence and poverty in their home countries. Please pray for their protection and that authorities and governments can deal with this with both wisdom and compassion.

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

This International Youth Day (Thursday 12th August) we give thanks for the youth mentorship programmes that have been run in Kenya. As well as supporting the wellbeing of the young people taking part and teaching them to be role models, the sessions also improved their self-esteem, self-worth and ability to make informed decisions, together with their inter-personal relationships with family members, the community and law enforcement agencies.

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

On Thursday 19th August we celebrate World Humanitarian Day, where we commemorate those humanitarian workers who have suffered loss during the course of their work. Please join us as we pray for our partners who, despite all that they have been faced with over the last 18 months, continue to work tirelessly to protect and support children and young people most in need. We pray especially for those who have lost colleagues and loved ones, yet remain steadfast in their commitment to the work to which they are called.

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

This week we give thanks for the work of our partner in El Salvador which has carried out health campaigns in several communities. These campaigns, which were supported by local health units, provided general consultations, vaccinations for children and dental check-ups. In addition, the community groups involved were given packs containing face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer for use in activities with children and families.

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# AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### Week 1 – (Sunday 29 August – Saturday 4 September)

Please pray for our partners in Nepal as they advocate for the rights of street connected young people to receive a Covid vaccine to protect them from the virus. Young people who are not registered cannot currently receive a vaccine, which exposes those who are already vulnerable to additional risks. Vaccine rates are currently very low in Nepal so please pray that access is expedited to help control the spread of infection.

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### Week 2 – (Sunday 5 – Saturday 11 September)

This International Literacy Day (Wednesday 8th September) please join us in giving thanks for the work of the Street to School project in India where, over the last three years, over 500 children have been supported to enrol into school, many for the very first time! Despite the incredibly difficult circumstances over the last 18 months, with the majority of learning being moved online, we are delighted to share that twelve children in the project recently achieved top positions in their classes. What a testament to their hard work!

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### Week 3 – (Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 September)

This week we wanted to share with you about some great child-led initiatives facilitated by our Sierra Leone partner. The child rights ambassadors decided on topics to discuss and held three radio discussion programs, about punctuality at school, and having good manners and hygiene practices. These radio shows were held on one of the widest coverage radio stations in Sierra Leone, and we pray that these may have far reaching effects as these children seek to help others like themselves.

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### Week 4 – (Sunday 19 – Saturday 25 September)

Tuesday 21st September is the International Day of Peace, and we give thanks for the efforts of our partner in Guatemala, as they seek to reduce violence against girls and women. Their work has included a special 'Day of non-violence', containing elements such as an informative-reflective activity against violence and a workshop on edible handicrafts. We continue to pray for all the caregivers, children and young people who took part.

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### Week 5 – (Sunday 26 September – Saturday 2 October)

This week we give thanks that our birth registration projects have continued to progress well this year, despite delays during the pandemic. Across our projects and in a three-month period, we are delighted that over 350 children and young people were able to receive their official identity documents. Armed with this life-changing piece of paper, we pray that these children and young people can now look forward to a future full of opportunities and hope.

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# SEPTEMBER