



# PRAYER GUIDE

## JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022

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 2022

### Week 1 – (Sunday 3 – Saturday 9 July)

Over the last few months, you may have seen news reports about the increasing levels of violence in Guatemala and El Salvador and, sadly, these situations are not showing any signs of improvement. This week, we are reaching out to supporters with an emergency appeal to help raise vital funds to enable our partners to continue to support street children caught up in this devastating violence. Please join us as we pray for a compassionate response to this appeal and for protection over those who are at-risk.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 10 – Saturday 16 July)

Access to the Covid vaccine remains an issue for many vulnerable people around the world. For those who do not have their legal identity documents, it is especially difficult to obtain the vaccine. Not being vaccinated has impacts beyond personal and community health; for example, in Nepal it is necessary to show a vaccine card in order to travel on public transport. Please pray for our partner who is working alongside local governments in Nepal to support young people on the streets to receive the vaccine – keeping them healthy, safe and not excluded from services and society.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 17 – Saturday 23 July)

This week we pray concerning the impact of a ban on the scrap metal business in Kenya. Many street children were dependent on the selling of scrap metal for their livelihoods and this ban has increased their vulnerability as some are forced to turn to more dangerous, and sometimes criminal, activities in order to survive. Please pray for our partner as they offer training that will allow these young people to learn new skills in order to find safe alternative employment, and legal support to those who may come in conflict with the law as a result of these policy changes.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 24 – Saturday 30 July)

Please join us as we give thanks for the recent activities that have been organised by our partner in India. These activities, which included arts and crafts, sports, and entertainment sessions, have helped children to build friendships and learn important life skills. The children taking part were particularly enthusiastic to take part in outdoor activities, which have also helped them to develop positive attitudes towards the environment.

# JULY



## AUGUST 2022

### Week 1 – (Sunday 31 July – Saturday 6 August)

Concerns about the cost of living is nothing new to the families with whom we work and this has got worse in recent months due to inflation. In Bolivia, families who sell goods such as sweets on the streets find it almost impossible to predict how much they will earn each day. Please pray for those that have to make difficult decisions as they struggle to make enough to live on and join us as we pray that our new project, focused on improving livelihoods and stable employment opportunities, will help families to grow their income and offer them some security for their futures.

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

As Kenya prepares for general elections on Tuesday 9th August, please join us in praying for widespread peace and for a free and fair election process. In recent years, time periods surrounding elections have seen devastating outbreaks of violence between supporters of rival parties, and street children and young people living in slums are particularly vulnerable to being caught up in this. Please also pray with us for protection for partner staff and the children they work alongside.

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

This week we give thanks for a community event organised by our partner in Sierra Leone, which worked to raise awareness of the issues affecting women. One session was about breaking the barriers that prevent women from taking a full place in society, and how gender equality can be achieved. We pray that this important work will have a positive impact, both on those who attended, and those whom they go on to influence in their communities.

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

**“We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”** *Romans 5: 3-4*

This week we pray for a young man, Eduardo, who is being supported by our partner in Guatemala. Due to family problems, Eduardo is currently living on the streets, however he would one day like to return home. During conversations with the team, Eduardo has shared that he is keen to move forward and fight for his goals, and that despite all the bad things he has experienced, he still does not want to give up.

# AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER 2022

### Week 1 – (Sunday 28 August – Saturday 3 September)

Please pray for a new project which our partner in India has started for street children in Jaipur. This is being carried out through outreach, home visits and interaction with children and communities. We pray that our partner and the communities may establish a bond and come together to work for education for all children, particularly those who are vulnerable and on the streets.

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

Thursday 8th September is International Literacy Day, yet so many children across the world struggle to access education because of poverty. 16-year-old Sani lives in Nepal where, despite being a bright and enthusiastic student, she was unable to continue her schooling due to her family's economic situation. Fortunately, thanks to our partner, Sani received support that has enabled her to enrol back into school where she can work towards her dream of becoming a nurse. She shares, ***“I am very happy I can attend my class physically and study together again with my friends.”***

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

This week we give thanks that over a period of three months, six street children in Sierra Leone have been reunited with their families. These children had indicated to our partner that they wanted to be reunited and through tracing family members, careful assessment of individual situations and mediation with parents and caregivers, the children were safely returned home. We pray for these families as they rebuild their relationships.

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

This week we give thanks for our partner in Guatemala who works to prevent young people from relying on the streets for a way of life by providing them with skills training and support to find employment. Alfredo, a young man who got a proper job as a result of the training he received, writes ***“It is the first step to a total change in my life and that of my parents; I will work hard to be able to repay the effort [my parents] made with me.”***

### Week 5 – (Sunday 25 September – Saturday 1 October)

In many countries the role of the woman is still primarily seen as that of a mother and wife. Join us as we give thanks for a recent session held by our partner in El Salvador where children, especially girls, were taught about gender equality and that they do not need to conform to society's expectations. Our partner was excited to see small changes in the girls' perceptions and dreams about what might be possible for them. We pray that these dreams may be fulfilled in the future.

# SEPTEMBER