



PRAYER GUIDE

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024

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.



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JULY

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

As we start this new Prayer Guide, we give thanks for the workshops held by Viva, our partner in El Salvador. Focused on learning about the protection rights of children and adolescents, these workshops were held for primary caregivers and adult leaders. One participant commented, “I attended the workshops because I want to learn how to be a grandmother and an aunt at the same time, because I want the best for my granddaughter and my nephew, and in the future, I see them as people who respect themselves and others and are successful in their working lives.”

Week 2 – (Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 July)

Last month, we shared with you some news about a heatwave in India, where millions were affected by the record-breaking temperatures. As the hot weather looks set to continue, we ask you to pray for the children and families living and working on the streets of Delhi and Jaipur who are at risk of heat-related illnesses. Please pray that there will be a fair distribution of vital resources, especially water. Please also pray that our partner, CHETNA, may know strength and protection during this challenging time.

Week 3 – (Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 July)

Monday 15th July is World Youth Skills Day and so we ask you to join us in celebrating the ten young people who were supported by our partner Alalay, in Bolivia, to access technical training courses in the first quarter of this year. From hairdressing and beauty to gastronomy and customer service, the courses will enable these young people to learn skills that will help them to find employment and support themselves and their families financially.

Week 4 – (Sunday 21 – Saturday 27 July)

In the first three months of this year, 445 children were supported to receive their birth certificates through six registration days held in different towns and villages by CONACMI, one of our partners in Guatemala. During the preparation for registration, the team identify ‘complex cases’ which require more information or legal action to resolve. Some of these can take weeks or months to resolve, and there are currently 35 such cases in process. Please pray for those involved and pray that the processes for resolving these cases will be streamlined in future.

JULY



AUGUST

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

Following on from news we shared with you back in April about the flooding in Kenya and the catastrophic effects it had on communities, our upcoming appeal will share with you the latest news about the situation there and updates from our partner, Pendekezo Letu (PKL). Please continue to pray for the people and families affected and pray that our partners may receive the resources they require to help rebuild these communities and lives.

Week 2 – (Sunday 4 – Saturday 10 August)

This week we want to share with you the way in which the children who attend the projects led by SathSath, our partner in Nepal, have taken the initiative and conducted a waste management programme. Reflecting their commitment to environmental responsibility, this programme follows the 3R principles of reuse, recycle and reduce. We give thanks for their concern for the environment, as well as the fact that these activities increased their self-esteem, care, and sense of belonging.

Week 3 – (Sunday 11 – Saturday 17 August)

Please join us as we give thanks for the work of CHETNA as they support children in their education. We give thanks especially that out of the 519 street children who sat their exams in government schools, more than half of the children obtained a Grade C or above. We pray for all the children who have been supported in this way, that they may be encouraged to continue learning.

Week 4 – (Sunday 18 – Saturday 24 August)

This week we want to share with you about the monthly care sessions for children suffering from malnutrition. These sessions are carried out by CONACMI, in collaboration with another local organisation. Over a period of three months, 35 children and their mothers were provided with professional support and nutritional supplements. Please pray that these children may continue to have access to the nourishment they need.

Week 5 – (Sunday 25 – Saturday 31 August)

This week we want to share with you about the hygiene classes that have been held by Alalay for the children and young people with whom they have recently made contact. These introduce the idea that diseases can be prevented by adopting hygienic habits, particularly highlighting the high prevalence of dental diseases that can be prevented with proper dental hygiene, as well as stomach and eye infections that can also be prevented with proper hand washing. Please pray that the young people follow the advice given.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Week 1 – (Sunday 1 – Saturday 7 September)

This week we give thanks for the life skills sessions that were run by PKL during the first three months of 2024. These sessions reached 215 young people, using role play to strengthen skills such as co-existing, handling conflict and making informed decisions. Give thanks that the young people reported back that they were more self-aware and had more capacity to handle challenges.

Week 2 – (Sunday 8 – Saturday 14 September)

Sunday 8th September is International Literacy Day, and so we give thanks for an exciting new venture by Viva, which has led to the creation of a library in the market where the project works. This library has more than 100 books, including stories, science books and plays. The rooms are also used for Sunday school classes at the weekend, and the local leaders have borrowed various materials and games from our partner to help with these.

Week 3 – (Sunday 15 – Saturday 21 September)

World Gratitude Day takes place on Saturday 21st September and so we want to share the feedback we have received from the parents of children who have been helped by our partner in Nepal. “With the help of SathSath, our children have discovered a road full of opportunities. We dream with hopeful hearts that their path would be devoid of the difficulties we had. SathSath has been a genuine bright spot in our children’s lives.”

Week 4 – (Sunday 22 – Saturday 28 September)

“See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.”

Isaiah 49 v16

We conclude this Prayer Guide by giving thanks for all the children who now officially exist because they have received their birth certificates or identity documents. Thanks to the hard work of our local partners, and to the kindness and compassion of our supporters, they can hope for a better future, where they are able to achieve their dreams.

In the words of Rosario, a mother in Guatemala:

“Now we have our documents, I feel very happy... Thank you for all the help you have given us. It is rare to receive nowadays!”

SEPTEMBER