

PRAY

Give thanks that water filters, standpipes, latrines and basic hygiene education are all building blocks for transformation. Pray for all Tearfund partners and aid workers involved in this life-saving work, and thank God for allowing us to partner with him to change the world.

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Pray that thousands of churches around the world would raise their voice to lobby governments to ensure that 'justice rolls on like a river.' (Amos 5:24)

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Give thanks that the provision of clean water and basic sanitation can transform communities – increasing school attendance, reclaiming the hours spent collecting water, reducing the burden on health clinics; and it demonstrates that people have a loving God who cares for them.

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Pray that governments across the world make a more determined effort to meet the targets they have set, so millions of people get clean water and a basic toilet by 2015.

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Pray in faith for material, spiritual and social transformation to take place as a result of Tearfund's campaign: that God's kingdom will come, on earth as in heaven, to *make life flow*.

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People in the village of Sefiberet, Ethiopia, used to travel for more than six hours to collect dirty water from a river. Thanks to funding from Tearfund, the Ethiopian Full Gospel Believers Church has built an 83,000-litre reservoir to supply water to the village. Thank God for the expertise and commitment of the local churches we work with.

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Pray for Tearfund's aim that, by 2015, through local church programmes, 6 million people will receive hygiene education and 3 million people will have improved access to a toilet and safe water – making a significant and lasting difference to their health and well-being.

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Give thanks for Tearfund's work, over many years – with and through local churches and aid workers – to improve water and sanitation among the poorest people in the world.

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In September 2008, world leaders met to confirm their ongoing commitment to the Millennium Development Goals. Give thanks that the UK and Dutch governments committed to a worldwide plan to accelerate action on water and sanitation.

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More than half of all people in the world now live in cities, and it's a huge problem to supply them all with clean water and adequate sanitation. Pray that local authorities will consider the needs of poor people and put fresh water and good toilets at the top of their agenda.

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Children in households with no toilet are twice as likely to get diarrhoea as those with one. Some 1.5 million children die each year as a result of diarrhoeal diseases – making this the second biggest killer of children worldwide. Pray that governments across the world would put more effort into providing sanitation and hygiene education.

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Some 5,000 children die each day from illnesses related to unclean water and poor sanitation. Most are preventable. Pray for governments to take action to end this scandal.

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Pray that MP Mike Foster will be effective in his role as minister responsible for water and sanitation in the Department for International Development. Please ask that he will be a hero for people around the world who don't have access to clean water or basic sanitation.

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Girls often drop out of school because they are needed to collect water or because schools don't have safe, private toilets. Pray that schools will get enough funding – from governments and local authorities – for good, reliable toilets.

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Teenage girls in Kigazi village, Uganda, say the worst thing about village life is that the 'water is so far away.' A survey among teenagers in your community would reveal a very different answer. Pray for people in poor communities, who face difficult situations that are almost beyond our comprehension.

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In many communities, women and girls who don't have a toilet are often only able to defecate late at night, at the edge of their villages – where they desperately fear for their personal safety. Pray that God will keep them safe from snakes, other predators, and people who would assault them.

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The World Health Organisation estimates that more than 433 million school days are lost each year because of water-borne diseases. Pray that everyone would have access to clean water and a basic toilet.

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Pastor Jackson knows the difference clean water can make. Since his village church in Uganda mobilised the community to build rainwater collection tanks, church attendance has almost doubled – with people coming to give thanks. Pray for this remarkable man, who faithfully serves his community, and for his wife and six daughters.

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Stidia, 13, used to undertake a two-mile trek for water, twice a day. Now that Tearfund partner the Diocese of Kigezi has helped to construct a large rainwater collection tank at home, Stidia has time to realise her potential. Pray that Stidia will enjoy all that God intends for her.

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Supported by Tearfund's partner, a 200-strong primary school teaches children, reading, writing and arithmetic, and about drinking only boiled water and washing their uniforms regularly – life-saving skills. Pray for wisdom, compassion and perseverance for teachers across the developing world.