# MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS COUNT

## Pray with us



Athok and her family were forced to flee their home in Sudan

## Praying for Athok and our global neighbours

> ‘Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.’
>
> Jeremiah 29:12

**One of the ways we can show Jesus’ love to our global neighbours is by lifting our voices together in prayer. And as we do, we can be confident that our heavenly Father hears each one of them.**

As you reflect on Athok’s story this Christmas, we’d love you to join us in praying for her and her family, but also the wider church and communities who are facing conflict, hunger and extreme poverty every day.

Feel free to adapt these prayers to suit your church’s needs and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your time together with God.

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# A prayer for Athok and her family



Athok and her newborn twins

Heavenly Father,

At Christmas, we remember that Jesus was born to show your love to a hurting world. We lift up Athok and her family to you. We praise you that, through Tearfund's support, they can now eat three meals a day.

Thank you, Lord, that Athok's twins were born safely, and that she has temporary shelter. Thank you that she was able to connect with you through her local church, and find strength and hope.

We ask you to answer Athok's prayers – to be safely reunited with her husband, and for her children to grow up happy. In your abundant love, we ask that you provide for all the family's needs so they can recover and rebuild their lives.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



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Pastor William at his church in the settlement camp

# A prayer for local churches

Heavenly Father,

We praise you for Pastor William and his church, who are bringing peace and healing to their community, even in the midst of so much suffering. Thank you that many people like Athok are finding strength as they pray together and read your word.

We pray for churches around the world – whether they meet in refugee camps, under a tree, or in a building – who are showing your love through action in their communities. We ask you to strengthen them with your unending love so they can continue bringing hope to people facing conflict, hunger, and extreme poverty.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



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# A prayer for Tearfund's work



Athok receiving food assistance from Tearfund

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for Tearfund's life-saving assistance work and their staff around the world who are providing urgent food, clean water, medicine and shelter to families like Athok's.

Thank you for this demonstration of love in action. We praise you that, through this work, mothers can feed their babies. Children are going to school. People are moving beyond day-to-day survival and are building the future they want for themselves and their families.

We lift to you the millions of people who are forced from their homes each year due to conflict, violence and disaster. We pray that Tearfund's work will reach many more communities like Athok's – to meet their urgent needs and walk alongside them so they can move out of poverty, for good.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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