

Join us
and pray
for the local
church



In our society today, we are often inundated with overwhelming news about global poverty. It can sometimes be hard to know where to start with our prayers. Or even to imagine whether our prayers will make a difference. But that is why Philippians 4:6-7 can be a good place to start. It's a wonderful reminder that we do not need to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, God is able to hear our prayers.

‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.’

Philippians 4:6-7

Below you'll find a selection of prayers to help your congregation pray for local churches in some of the poorest communities in the world.

Feel free to adapt these to the needs of your church and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your time together with God.



A prayer for the sick and the hungry

Lord God, we pray for mothers and fathers who are unable to afford to feed their children today. And for people who are going without, so that what little they have can be given to the ones most in need.

Lord, we commit those who are suffering into your hands and ask that you will heal the sick and in pain. Lord, make a way for sickness to dissipate.

Lord, we pray for the miraculous. We pray for churches around the world to reach out to those in their communities who need it most. We ask that through your intervention, families living in the poorest communities in the world will find themselves facing abundance rather than scarcity.

Amen



A prayer for church leaders

Lord God, we thank you for the pastors who have been envisioned through Tearfund's Bible-based training and have taken it back to their churches.

We give thanks for Pastor Amani from Ivory Coast and so many others who have embraced Church and Community Transformation training and, in doing so, have equipped their congregation and wider community to realise and unlock their God-given potential.

We pray that Tearfund's partners will be able to reach many more churches and communities with this life-changing training.

Amen



A prayer for new beginnings

Father God, we praise you for the transformation that is taking place in communities around the world, thanks to the unleashing of the power of the local church.

We praise you that families like Rene and Odile's can proudly support their children and the wider community through the running of their successful pineapple business.

We praise you that churches around the world that have taken part in Tearfund's training are now seeing opportunities to raise funds from within the church to support the most vulnerable in their communities.

We thank you Lord for new beginnings and stories of hope that are rising up from across the globe.

In Jesus' name, Amen

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