## **Prayer Points**

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"

Psalm 31:24

**COVID-19** – Please continue to pray for everyone affected by COVID-19 and associated lockdowns both here in Canada and in places we work abroad. Pray especially for Josephine, the Executive director of Fadhili - our partner in Kenya. She is recovering from the virus after 19 days on oxygen. Please pray for her ongoing recovery and her team.

Please also pray for India and Colombia, two countries that are particularly affected by the disease. Pray for all the Venezuelan refugees, where cases and deaths related to COVID-19 are 3x higher than in Canada. Pray also for the Syrian refugees in Lebanon, where COVID-19 has spread like wildfire in the camps.

We thank God for you and the many generous people who have contributed to our COVID-19 relief efforts for the poor. God has acted in powerful ways and we are very thankful for the ability to respond and help in the countries we work in.

**Ethiopia** – Continue to pray for peace in Ethiopia's northern province of Tigray. Pray that peace would grow and for stability in other areas of the country that continue to experience unrest, especially near the Sudanese border.

**East Africa** – Please pray for steady rainfall in eastern Africa. Without the rain, tens of millions of people could lose their crops and go hungry. Pray for farmers who have been planting their crops in the especially dry areas of Tanzania. Pray that the rainfall will also shift north to Kenya and Ethiopia. Last year desert locusts ravaged many crops in the region. Please pray that they will not return this year. **South Sudan** – We ask that you lift our partner, the Centre for Emergency and Development Support (CEDS), up in prayer. Pray that peace will continue to prevail in South Sudan. Pray for God's protection on those who are providing a humanitarian response in the country. We thank God for all the great work they have been able to do with local churches regarding Sexual Violence counselling and rehabilitation. Continue to pray for the many victims of abuse that we would be able to reach them and that God would heal their hidden scars.

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Liberia – Praise God that our local partner, the Association of Evangelicals of Liberia (AEL), has moved into a new office space in a local Baptist seminary. Pray for provision and finances as they continue their work in partnership with Tearfund Canada.

**Thanksgiving –** We praise God for all of our churchbased partners around the world that are engaging their churches in sharing the Gospel holistically; caring for the mind, body and soul of those in their communities. We also thank God for you and your support - your donations and prayers. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of support in 2020 as we look forward to and trust God in 2021.

**Lent** – Are you thinking of participating in Lent this year? Download our new Lent Devotional! An electronic version can be found at www.tearfund.ca/lent2021

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