

# Prayer Points

April 2021

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression;  
bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”

Isaiah 1:17

**Canadian Foodgrains Bank** – Praise God for our 32-year partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)!

In 2015, Tearfund Canada partnered with CFGB in Tanzania and Ethiopia to help implement the Scaling Up Conservation Agriculture (SUCA) program. This program was designed to help 18,000 family households find sustainable ways to grow their own food and to prevent hunger. At the end of the program in 2020, 54,000 households were successfully practicing Conservation Agriculture and lifting themselves out of poverty! Praise God for the thousands of people who are no longer going hungry and who now have new hopes for the future.

As we celebrate the success of the SUCA program, please keep praying for countries that are facing food crises. In particular, pray for South Sudan, Yemen and Syria who are all seeing hunger levels increase due to political instability and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please pray for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank as it plans the next phase of the project and applies for funding from the Canadian Government. This funding would greatly increase our ability to train many more farmers who are still trapped in poverty.

**DR Congo** – Pray for the city of Butembo as they experience a resurgence of the deadly Ebola virus. We ask for God’s mercy but also decisive action from local health officials who are dealing with the outbreak. Two and a half years ago, the Ebola virus ravaged the eastern regions of the DRC, killing over 2,200 people.

Please pray that the virus is brought under control and that people would follow health guidelines.

**Ethiopia** – Pray for peace in the northern regions of Ethiopia, particularly in the province of Tigray where there is political unrest between the government and local militia. The country is experiencing high rates of inflation as the unrest and COVID-19 pandemic continues, with some food prices doubling in cost. Pray for stability in the country and for the violence to cease.

**India** – Pray for our partner EFICOR as they continue to work in local communities teaching new Conservation Agriculture farming methods. Pray for safety as their staff visit different community projects throughout the summer season, especially with such high levels of COVID-19 cases in the country. Please pray that vaccines could be distributed throughout the country to help lower the COVID-19 case count.

This past month EFICOR’s executive director, Ramesh, lost his father. Please pray for the family as they mourn and make funeral arrangements. Pray for Ramesh as he balances the loss of his father with the work of EFICOR during the pandemic.

**Lebanon** – Pray for the people of Lebanon as they are still dealing with the aftermath of the August 4th explosion in Beirut. The explosion killed 210 people, injured 7500, left 300,000 people homeless and created approximately \$15 billion (USD) in property damage. Pray for our partner Medair, as they continue to meet the immediate needs of Lebanese people who were impacted by the explosion. Pray for the Medair team as

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they navigate COVID-19 restrictions in the country and for the health and safety of families who are still living without a roof over their heads

**Liberia** – Please be praying for our partner, the Association of Evangelical Church in Liberia (AEL), as they organize a country-wide meeting of churches in May 2021. Pray for the logistics of the meeting and for safety as people navigate the pandemic restrictions. Pray that the meetings would be fruitful and that pastors would be encouraged in their mission to be salt and light in their communities.

**United States of America** – Our hearts break with the news of two mass shootings in the United States. We pray for the ten victims in Colorado and the eight victims in Georgia. We pray for comfort for their families, that they would know God is close to them in their grieving. Please pray for justice to prevail and that the men who committed these crimes would be held accountable.

**Tearfund Canada** – From all of us at Tearfund Canada, we want to wish you a happy Easter! We are praying for you and for your churches as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We’re also praying for you as we all continue to face the challenges of living through the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada. We ask that you lift up our team in prayer as we continue our work throughout the world despite the great challenges we’re facing. May God bless you this Easter season as we rejoice in the risen Christ!

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