

One Voice in Prayer

Your weekly prayer resource

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In his hands

'For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.' (Psalm 95:3–4)

Where do we go when the earth, quite literally, shakes?

As we consider the overwhelming scale of destruction in Venezuela after the two earthquakes last week, along with all the other crises at the moment – disease, conflict, climate fears – we can only admit that we are out of our depth.

We do not have the answers. We cannot be the solution. Not on our own, not in our own strength.

But we know the one who is more than enough, and he invites us to call on him.

When we pray, it is not because God does not see or know. Before a word is even on our lips or in our thoughts, he knows it (Psalm 139). He is not unaware of what is going on in the world. We pray because we come to him in acknowledgement that we cannot without him. We pray because we come to him choosing to give him jurisdiction over the things we hold. And as we pray we remind ourselves that he is where we place our trust. He is where we have hope. He is the author and finisher of our faith.

Without him, we are lost.

But, the Lord is the great God.

Take courage as you join us in prayer again this week.

Earthquakes and Ebola response

We've created a prayer guide that you can find in tearfund.org/stories. You can use it to help you pray for those affected by the earthquakes.

We're also asking you to pray again about the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Got to tearfund.org/stories to read more about what the situation looks like and what Tearfund is doing to help.

Thank you for praying with us again. Your prayers make a difference.

Pray with us

Psalms 95:6–7 goes on to exhort us: ‘Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.’ We are God’s responsibility to look after! As we approach our prayers, let’s take a moment to firmly place ourselves back under his care. As we kneel in worship to him, whether physically or metaphorically, we put him back on the throne of our hearts and minds. We give him back his rightful power position in our lives and in our prayers. He is the King.

Pray for the world



Flooding in Cote d’Ivoire and Abidjan

On Monday, exceptionally heavy rainfall occurred, resulting in numerous individuals becoming stranded on roadways and within vehicles during their commute to work. To date, 59 people are confirmed to have died as a result of the flooding, which primarily impacts individuals residing in vulnerable sectors of Abidjan, specifically informal settlements and unregulated areas. Please pray for the families who are grieving the loss of loved ones, and pray for the safety of communities located in high-risk zones. Please also pray for our local Tearfund staff who have been advised to exercise utmost caution and to restrict travel strictly to essential and urgent matters. Pray for the continued safety and protection of our teams, their families, and the wider communities in Cote d’Ivoire and Abidjan.



Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Prayer requests from our staff in the country:

Pray for the communities affected by the Ebola outbreak in the DRC. Pray that people will understand that the disease is real and that together we must fight against it. Please also pray for all those implementing response activities, including Tearfund’s teams – that they may have the capacity to support communities towards positive behaviour change. Pray for the needs of affected communities – they are immense and communities require urgent support.



Earthquakes in Venezuela

Pray for each person who endured the earthquakes and experienced or witnessed the devastation of buildings collapsing. Ask God to give them divine courage and peace, in spite of the circumstances. Pray for courage, resources and hope for local churches as they respond in practical ways to show Jesus’ love through support for their communities, even as they themselves are living through this trauma. Pray for enough shelter, food, water and other essential supplies, such as blankets and cooking utensils, for those who have lost everything.

Prayer Diary: praying for change across West Africa

From political unrest to climate impact, countries across West Africa face extreme conditions every day. This week, lift up this region, home to nearly 500 million people, in prayer.

Sunday 5 July

Sierra Leone has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world. As recently as 2024, for every 1,000 live births, just over 68 babies didn't survive to their fifth birthday. Families across Sierra Leone endure this heartbreaking reality. Father God, we pray that you will improve child healthcare in the country. Amen.

Monday 6 July

Pastor John lost two young children. 'There wasn't a single latrine in the whole community,' he says. 'We realised that the lack of these toilets creates a lot of problems for the lives of our people, causing so many deaths.' Pray that knowledge, funds and access to safe and hygienic ways to dispose of human waste will spread across Sierra Leone.

Tuesday 7 July

Pastor John took part in Tearfund's Transforming Communities training. Praise God that the church and community are working together to bring about incredible change. 'Now, after the training, 90 per cent of our households have a latrine. We constructed a road network to access the main motorway. People were surprised that we managed it because it had seemed like such a hard thing.'

Wednesday 8 July

Pray for peace in Mali. Ariel Diallo, Tearfund's Programme Support Manager, says, 'Since 2012, the country has faced extremist attacks across most regions. This has hindered humanitarian efforts. Pray that the current authorities govern wisely and with consideration for all citizens, particularly people in danger of attack, as the nation navigates a period of transition and considerable political tension.'

Thursday 9 July

Imagine trying to provide three meals a day for 11 wider family members when you barely have enough for your children. That was the daily reality for Edith in Côte d'Ivoire before Tearfund helped her. 'I felt a deep duty to care for each of them,' Edith says. 'I worried every day.' Father God, we pray for the 3 million people still facing hunger across Côte d'Ivoire. Amen.

Friday 10 July

Praise God that help came from a Tearfund Transforming Communities savings and loans group. 'We focus on helping each other and ourselves grow,' explains Edith. 'Every member puts in 11,000 CFA francs [£14.50] each month.' The savings enabled Edith to buy 500 plates and 500 glasses, which she hires out for parties and events.

Saturday 11 July

'Transforming Communities has taught us to think about the natural resources and purposes God has given us,' says Edith. 'This is a message I now want to share with all women.' Pray that Edith's journey inspires many others to realise their God-given potential, embrace self-reliance and take charge of their own lives.

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