

# Building the Kingdom

## Let's Build Together

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

## Prayer Points



### Hope of Easter

Give thanks that the Easter message of hope gives us confidence and courage for this suffering world. Pray that we live as Easter people; in the light of Jesus' resurrection, dedicated to fight for justice, to respond with compassion to all who suffer and to speak out for those who need a safe place to live.

As long-time Habitat supporter, former US President Jimmy Carter said - 'Our faith demands that we do whatever we can, wherever we are, for as long as we can with whatever we have to make a difference'.



### Hope in the darkness of war

Since the start of the conflict in Ukraine in February 2022, more than 13 million people have been forced to leave their homes behind. As the war in Ukraine enters its third year, Habitat remains committed to helping affected families secure durable solutions to their housing needs.

Pray for those who have been forced to flee the violence and those who are displaced in Ukraine itself. Pray for the Habitat staff in Ukraine and surrounding countries who are supporting refugees from Ukraine and the communities left behind.

Give thanks for additional funds from the Church of Ireland's 'Bishop's Appeal' which will support the delivery of further vital stoves for families in the Kharkiv region of Ukraine. Pray for those affected by war, famine and disaster around the world and for all those who reach out to help.



## Hope in our communities

Give thanks for the continued impact that Habitat ReStores have for the communities they serve and for the environment.

Pray for many customers who find hope through ReStore, where they are able to access low-cost materials to improve their homes. Give thanks for the volunteers who give over 3,500 hours every month to support our mission and build sustainable community. Give thanks that the Jobstart scheme has given 10 young people the opportunity to learn in ReStore and for accredited OCN training which has equipped more than 200 volunteers with skills, confidence and a certificate to help them find a job.

Give thanks for the individuals, companies and organisations who choose to donate; understanding that ReStore supports, connects and cares for local communities.



## Building Hope for 30 years

Give thanks for all the individuals, families and communities who have been impacted by Habitat Ireland's work over the last 30 years, locally and globally. Since 1993, our mission has called thousands of people in Ireland to action; breaking down barriers, challenging stereotypes; focused on building a better future for families at home and around the world.

In the last three decades our work has helped transform the lives of thousands of people, through our local programme, the growth of the ReStore network which has embedded Habitat's mission in local communities as well as our global reach; for partner programmes and disaster response.

The faithful, prayerful support of many individuals and churches stretches across the 30 years and is vital for the future. Please pray for the volunteers, staff and supporters who make Habitat's work possible in Ireland today, delivering real change for vulnerable people and communities at home and around the world.



## Hope for more

Give thanks that plans to open ReStore to Derry in 2024 are moving forward. Pray for new opportunities for partnership, enough volunteers, willing donors and wider community support to make it all work.

Pray that plans to scale ReStore to Dublin will find doors open; the right building and the right people to help.

Give thanks for long-term global partnerships praying especially for Bernadette and the team at Habitat Cambodia whose focus on equipping women as advocates for affordable housing and safer communities is delivering profound change.

Pray that more people across Ireland will commit to support Habitat Ireland's work; sustaining global partner programmes and enabling more families in some of the world's most vulnerable communities have access to safe and affordable shelter.

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