

Building the Kingdom

Let's Build Together

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust him...” Romans 15:13a

Prayer Points



The God of Hope

In a world which is uncertain and divided, the need for safe homes has never been more urgent. Give thanks that Habitat's Christian ministry is radically inclusive, breaking down barriers as it builds walls and hope. Pray for all those who unite in mission to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Take time to reflect on the global Habitat prayer 'God teach us humility to that we may listen, confess and forgive, serve in relationship with the poor, persevere in our mission, unify as one body with many diverse parts and act with courage and boldness.'



Global Partnerships

Give thanks for the commitment to serve which drives partnerships between Habitat in Ireland and global Habitat programmes in Romania, India, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Zambia and Malawi. Remember Habitat staff in more than 70 countries around the world and the families and communities they serve.

Pray for the everyday work in Malawi; giving thanks that three new homes funded from Ireland, including one built in memory of former Board Chair Tom Kirk, will be completed on 22nd December. Thank God for the support from Ireland which enabled an immediate response for displaced families in Lebanon and long-term support for the community resiliency in Cambodia. Each global partnership has been built over many years and is driven by heart connections to support those who have least. 'Whatever you do for the least one of these my brothers and sisters you did for me'. Pray that God will bless and protect all those who serve others.



Christmas Appeal

God of peace, in a world where despair rages, where terrorism and war too often wreck lives you made us a promise. You are the God of Hope, Emmanuel God with us. Make us the answer to the prayers of vulnerable people in Ukraine enduring another year of war. The conflict has destroyed Ukraine's infrastructure, decimated businesses and levelled homes as families fled for their lives, taking little or nothing with them, desperate for stability, warmth, and a place to be safe.

Give thanks that small stoves, made in Kyiv, bring warmth, hope and a place to cook a bowl of soup when the power is out again. Light in the darkness of war.

'... Bring light to a dark and desperate world. Be the hero you are looking for. ... It begins with us.' LR Knost



Faithful Partners

Give thanks for the faithful partnerships with individuals, churches, schools, companies and organisations which enable the work in Ireland and around the world, through international partner programmes. Give thanks for the partnership with Girls Brigade, now in the third and final year, which is raising awareness and funds to support the mission. Give thanks for long-term ReStore partnerships with SONAS bathrooms and other companies, which provide high quality donations helping many people improve the place they call home at low cost. Give thanks for the partnerships with Lisburn Castlereagh City Council, Mid & East Antrim Borough Council and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council which underpin the success of ReStore's Christmas Toy Stores and pray for the homes and the children who will benefit from the pre-loved toys which have been donated.



Stepping out in faith

Give thanks for the vision and the prayerful support which saw Habitat Ireland launch the first ReStore in Europe in December 2012 with a clear goal to serve more local people. Give thanks for all the ways which ReStore delivers on Habitat's mission and pray that as the organisation launches ReStore Lisnagelvin in 2025 that God will open doors; prompting staff who will lead the store, as well as many volunteers and donors from across the community to support. Give thanks that a new partnership with Rethink Ireland, will see 3 ReStores launched in Ireland in the next 3 years. Give thanks that ReStore is a place where barriers are broken down, a place where everyone has something to give and something to gain. Pray especially for the new Community Connections Global Citizenship Education programme; supported by Irish Aid, which helps unpack ReStore's role in delivering the Sustainable Development goals and how staff and volunteers can act together for change.

Donate to Habitat's Christmas appeal to support families displaced by war in Ukraine: habitatireland.org/donate/christmas

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