

# Building the Kingdom

## Let's Build Together

“...they will call him Immanuel which means “God with us”.”

Matthew 1:23

## Prayer Points



### God With Us

Give thanks for the promise of a faithful God never to leave us or forsake us. In our world which is so uncertain and divided; give thanks that Habitat's Christian ministry remains radically inclusive, breaking down barriers as it builds walls. Give thanks for all those who unite in mission to build a world where everyone has a decent place to live, because safe homes save lives. Pray 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 support from Ireland and the heart connections which drive partnerships between Habitat in Ireland and global Habitat programmes in Romania, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Zambia and Malawi. Remember Habitat staff in more than 60 countries around the world and the families and communities they serve. Pray for the everyday work in Malawi; remember especially 508,000 people displaced when Cyclone Freddy devastated homes and communities in 2023. Pray for families who still wait in tents, in refugee camps with little privacy or comfort and who hope for safe, disaster resilient homes. Floods, storms and droughts have uprooted more than 250 million people across the globe in the last 10 years (UN report) as rising temperatures intensify conflict and hunger. Pray for those most affected by climate emergencies, pray that governments, companies and each of us will recognise our opportunity for change.



## Speaking out for Change

Give thanks that the Home Equals campaign has delivered real impact in changing policies which keep people locked in poverty. Remember especially families living in the Marka camp in Jordan, home to 68,000 refugees where Habitat has been able to upgrade facilities which improved the lives of 13,000 people. Pray that God will continue to use Habitat to put the need for decent shelter on people's hearts and minds so that poverty housing becomes unacceptable in our community and our world. Pray for the Community Connections project which engaged ReStore staff, volunteers and customers in understanding how Habitat helps deliver the Sustainable Development Goals and encouraged them to work for a fairer, sustainable world.



## Disaster Response

May God draw near and comfort those who have been affected by conflict and disaster, especially thinking of those who have lost loved ones, lost their homes, lost their livelihoods and are afraid for their future. Remember the people of Ukraine enduring another winter of war and give thanks that funds from Ireland are being used to supply stoves and firewood; light in the darkness. Pray for Habitat programmes in the Middle East who continue to support refugees in Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon. Pray that governments around the world would make wise decisions and work for peace. Give thanks that Habitat teams around the world respond to help keep families and communities safe. 'Whatever you do for the least of these my brothers and sisters you did for me'. Pray that God will bless and protect all those who serve others.



## Faithful Partners

Give thanks for the faithful partnerships with individuals, churches, schools, companies and organisations which enable the work in Ireland, and outreach to the world, through international partner programmes. In challenging times give thanks for the encouragement of new partnerships including with the Diocese of Meath & Kildare who have committed to support the work in Malawi over the next couple of years. Give thanks for companies who understand that donating product to ReStore helps meet sustainability targets and ensures that thousands of local families have a low cost opportunity to improve their homes at low cost. Give thanks for new partnerships with Dougies Goodies and Pilgrim which are providing pathways to employment for local people.

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