

The Strategic Prayer Initiative - **Pink Sheet EXPANDER - HUMANITARIAN RELIEF** – Summer 2021

For those of you who regularly feel the pain of other human beings who are starving, needing clean water, being subjected to human trafficking, civil wars, unsafe homes, facing natural disasters, needing a surgery etc., and wish you could do more for them, this Pink Sheet Expander has been created for you.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. - Isaiah 1:17

- ❑ **1. Health** - Pray for the recovery and provision for children with tuberculosis, like Novi in Indonesia. (Because Novi lacked a bed, she lacked the sleep needed for recovery.) Pray for the 2 billion people infected with TB and the 10 million becoming ill with active TB each year. Pray for new drugs (465,000 people acquired a drug-resistant strain). Ask God to provide the necessary treatment for the 1.4 million who didn't receive treatment because resources and personnel were redirected to the pandemic). (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org, www.compassion.com)
- ❑ **2. Wars** - Pray for Yonas, age 12, whose family fled to escape conflict in the war-torn Tigray region of Ethiopia. He is among 2.6 million people who need life-saving aid. More than 62,000 fled homes and livelihoods to seek shelter in Sudan. Yonas says, "I have been experiencing severe thirst. ... There is no water, no food." Ask God to intervene with the destruction of hospitals, clinics, buildings, and schools; extreme violence and abuse; looting, food shortages, and closure of banks which drive vulnerable families to flee Tigray. Pray for World Vision, Samaritan's Purse and other Christian relief agencies to have provisions and wisdom in assisting here. Pray for God's comfort, provision and peace in the region. (Source: www.worldvision.org and www.samaritanspurse.org)
- ❑ **3. Water** - Pray for children like Betty in Uganda to have safe drinking water. She and her mom used to have to make a daily 4-mile walk to fetch standing water shared with cows and pigs. This was better than their alternative of drinking from a flooded well with worms. Pray that Compassion International will be able to provide more communities with clean water like they did for Betty in Uganda. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- ❑ **4. Hunger** - Pray for the 34 million people in 20 countries that are on the brink of famine. Pray for the 155 thousand in Yemen and South Sudan who are already suffering famine. Ask God to provide food and comfort. (Source: www.wfp.org)
- ❑ **5. Trafficking** - Pray for children like Ebenezer, near Lake Volta in Ghana, where poverty and deception entice families to allow their children to be taken to be fishermen. Ebenezer became a slave on the lake when he was 6 years old. His grandmother was offered very little money to help educate her other children if she allowed Ebenezer to fish. She was deceived to believe that Ebenezer would be living in good conditions and would be educated. Pray that God would protect the vulnerable children of poverty from child labor and slavery. Ask God to give Christian agencies wisdom to help children escape from this slavery. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- ❑ **6. Covid Secondary Effects** - Pray for girls world-wide, like Bakita of South Sudan, whose impoverished parents forced her into a marriage with a 65-year-old man when schools closed due to COVID-19. Pray for the 10 million additional girls predicted to have child marriages due to closed schools, isolation from friends and support networks, and rising poverty caused by COVID-19. (Source: www.worldvision.org and www.unicef.org)
- ❑ **7. Orphans** - Pray for orphans like Marita and her baby brother, orphaned due to a car wreck in Kenya. The aunt who was supposed to care for them, made them live on the streets because they "may be cursed". Pray for orphanages like Geta Kinship Project who took them in. Ask God to give the staff love for the orphans and to use them to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the children. (Source: www.kinshipunited.org)
- ❑ **8. Refugees** - Pray for suffering children like the 8-year-old who points to a tree as his new home. He fled alone, separated from his family, due to fighting in northern Ethiopia. Pray for the hundreds of thousands who fled their homes and the children at risk for severe malnutrition. Besides armed conflict, the people here are enduring the COVID-19 pandemic and swarms of locusts that have devastated crops in the area. Pray for Samaritan's Purse and World Vision who are providing displaced families with food, emergency shelter, non-food items, access to clean water, and sanitation/ hygiene facilities. Pray for peace in this region. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org, www.worldvision.org, www.unhcr.org)
- ❑ **9. Health** - Praise God for healing an infant in Honduras of fever and diarrhea—one of the world's top 10 killer diseases, which kills well over 1 million people annually and over 1,300 young children daily and accounts for 8 percent of all deaths of children under 5 worldwide. Pray for prevention of diarrhea and that God would intervene to help suffering people especially in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa where most of the deaths occur. (Source: www.compassion.com, www.cdc.gov, www.news.un.org)
- ❑ **10. Wars** - Pray for Fadi who lost his father and his arm in an attack in Syria. The 11-year Syrian conflict killed nearly 585,000, caused 5.6 million to flee and 6.1 million to be displaced within Syria. Only 53% of hospitals are fully functional and 8 million lack access to safe water. Pray for agencies like World Vision to have the wisdom, personnel and provisions needed to help people in Syria. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ❑ **11. Water** - Praise God that 9-year-old Kantida in northern Thailand had improved health after getting a water filtration system. Kantida's family had health issues from the drinking water they collected in the same river they bathed and washed clothes in, until they had a water filtration system to protect from waterborne diseases. Pray for other communities to have water filtration systems. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- ❑ **12. Hunger** - Pray for the peaceful resolution of conflicts around the world—the single biggest driver of hunger today. (Source: www.wfp.org)
- ❑ **13. Trafficking** - Pray for girls like Alesah whose poverty enticed her to accept a plane ticket from a "friend" to Thailand to work at a grocery store. However, there was no grocery store and human traffickers forced her into prostitution to work off her debt, beating her nightly. Pray that God protects young girls in poverty from the lures of "friends" and that those who traffic will be prosecuted. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org)
- ❑ **14. Orphans** - Pray that Christians would consider adopting or being foster parents to an orphan and demonstrating God's love to the children. Pray for provisions and encouragement for potential adoptive/foster parent.
- ❑ **15. Refugees** - Pray for Katherine and millions like her who have fled Venezuela to find food and medical care for children. Pray that Venezuelans will receive food, medicine, and other necessities. Pray for families and communities that are broken because they have had to flee from hardship. Ask God to protect people who have fled their homes, especially children, the elderly, and the disabled, who are among the most vulnerable. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org, www.worldvision.org, www.unhcr.org)

- ❑ **16. Health** - Pray for the outbreaks of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in Guinea to be halted. Pray for wisdom of health workers and scientists as they work to care for the sick and stop the spread of the disease. (Source: cdc.gov)
- ❑ **17. Wars** - Pray for children like George in Uganda, who at age 8 was ripped from his family and forced to train as a soldier. Pray that, like George, child soldiers would be exposed to the trauma healing effects of God's word and His love and transformation. (Source: americanbible.org)
- ❑ **18. Water** - Pray for the people of Kakumira, Uganda where only 8% of the population has access to safe water. Pray that Lifewater would be able to overcome technical problems and resume drilling. Ask God to provide safe water here soon. (Source: Lifewater International)
- ❑ **19. Hunger** - Pray for children like Faumida in Sri Lanka, whose parents could not provide enough food since becoming unemployed due to COVID-19. Pray for provision for agencies like Compassion International to help families here and world-wide. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- ❑ **20. Trafficking** - Pray for women and girls like Gaby in the United States, who are wooed into forced prostitution. Although from a loving family, Gaby had interactions with johns even at her school and teachers were unaware. The average age of entry into forced prostitution is 13. Pray for ministries like Naomi's House that help women who suffer from commercial sexual exploitation. (Source: www.moodychurch.org/naomis-house)
- ❑ **21. Orphans** - Pray for the Cayacoa Project in the Dominican Republic as they provide orphan care, emergency feeding, pop-up clinics, evangelism/discipleship outreaches to the Puerto Plat Province. Pray that God provides wisdom, personelle and funds to continue to give aid to these people, many of whom are Haitian immigrants. (Source: www.kinshipunited.org)
- ❑ **22. Covid Secondary Effects** - Pray for the millions who are suffering the secondary effects of COVID-19. Pray for provision and shelter for those who have lost their source of income and those facing eviction with nowhere to go. Ask God to provide for and comfort those who endure food shortages and rising food prices and hunger. World Food Program projects the rise of global hunger and food insecurity will lead to devastating famine in developing countries. Ask God to provide for those who have reduced access to medical care. Pray for the additional 150 million children who will be pushed into extreme poverty by the end of 2021 due to the pandemic. (Source: www.compassion.com)
- ❑ **23. Refugees** - Pray for 11-year-old Baitullah in Bangladesh, where fire burned his refugee camp, Cox's Bazar, destroying 10,000 shelters, food distribution sites, and clean water and sanitation facilities. Over 700,000 Rohingya, displaced from Myanmar are living as refugees here and elsewhere. Pray for those affected by the deadly blaze that ripped through four of the 34 camps, displacing about 45,000 people. Pray for families of those who perished and for the 560 injured and over 400 missing. Pray for people struggling as refugees. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ❑ **24. Health** - Pray for children like Marita, who lost her best friend to Malaria in Mozambique. Pray that an effective vaccine can be found to protect nearly half of the world's population who are at risk for contracting malaria. Pray for the 200 million new cases. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ❑ **25. Wars** - Pray for peace for the nearly 2 billion people who live in in regions where there are conflicts, violence or fragil internal systems. Ask God to provide for those in conflict zone—areas with the greatest humanitarian needs, where children, families, and communities struggle to acquire the basic necessities of life. Ask God to provide sustenance for those who are hungry because food and supplies cannot enter a region due to violence. Pray for the people who become displaced or live as refugees as they flee violence (every 3 seconds someone flees their home to escape violent conflicts and those who flee typically live as refugees for 26 years). (Source: www.worldvision.org and www.worldrelief.org)
- ❑ **26. Water** - Pray for women like Dama of Kenya who traveled hours a day on foot to retrieve water for her family. Praise God that Dama has more time for growing food now that she no longer has to make the long walk for water and that her family no longer misses school due to waterborne illnesses. Because of the water project and home water filtration system brought to them by Samaritan's Purse, Dama and other women in her villiage were also exposed to the Jesus film and Dama who previously had no religion, has now given her life to Christ. Pray that more women like Dama would have access to safe water and the Living Water. (Source: www.samaritanspurse.org)
- ❑ **27. Hunger** - Pray for the 821 million whose food insecurity has been exacerbated by supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19 and increased consumer demand for food that has raised food prices across the globe. Ask God to provide for the more than 88 million people suffering from acute hunger due to conflict and instability. Pray for the people of Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen where the UN predicts famines in 2021, pushing an additional 130 million people to the brink of starvation. Pray for the 25 million in East Africa where the biggest locust invasion in 70 years is compounding the impact of COVID-19. (Source: www.usglc.org)
- ❑ **28. Trafficking** - Pray for solutions to extreme poverty that make people vulnerable to human trafficking around the world. Pray for justice for the perpetrators who lure the poor with the promise of well-paying jobs in other cities or countries. Ask God to help the impoverished become self-sufficient—a way to prevent trafficking. Pray that the eradication of slavery and sex trafficking would be a priority for world leaders. Pray that they would confront sexual trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation by dedicating their time and energy to the issue. Pray they would also commit their national resources toward ending trafficking. (Source: www.worldvision.org)
- ❑ **29. Orphans** - Pray for the Chian Mai Home in northwestern Thailand that borders Myanmar. Many of the children are Burmese Refugees who lost their parents while fleeing Burma. Pray that the staff to have wisdom and God's love as their minister here. (Source: www.kinshipunited.org)
- ❑ **30. Refugees** - Pray for children like 17-year old Ola whose family interuppted her evening of studying when she was 11 to abandoned their home and flee Syria on a difficult and dangerous journey. Pray for her and other children who live in cramped quarters in refugee camps and expeience stress and depression and have no where to go. Pray for children like her who live in fear of violence (physical, emotional, and verbal), to be able to regain a sense of peace and security. Pray for provisions and sustenance for the millions of Syrian refugees and education for refugee children. Pray for humanitarian agencies like World Vision and Samritan's Purse to have wisdom, provision, personelle and love as they continue to assist Syrian refugees. (Source: www.worldvision.org, www.samaritanspurse.org)