

JOIN US

in 40 Days of Prayer for Africa's Vulnerable Children & Hands at Work

*Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.
Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to
you I pray. –Psalm 5:1-2 (NRSV)*

WEEK 1

February 10th – February 14th

THE MOST VULNERABLE

Thank you for joining the Hands at Work family around the world in prayer for 40 days on behalf of the most vulnerable children in Africa and our work to support them. As the body of Christ, we commit to coming together to intercede and bring hope to the hopeless.

Wednesday February 10 – Day 1

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. – Hebrews 4:16

Hands at Work's vision is to see the local church in Africa effectively caring for the most vulnerable people and communities, unified in this mission with the church outside of Africa. Read Tanisha's story and recognise how Care Workers from the local church in Apatuku Community, Nigeria are caring for her. Ask God to transform more children like Tanisha, as well as draw you closer to Him as you intercede at His throne of grace for Hands at Work and Africa's most vulnerable.

Thursday February 11 – Day 2

Train a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. – Proverbs 22:6

In South Africa, many young boys lack older male role models, as fathers have abandoned their families. Pray Care Workers will come around boys who have no Godly example to follow. Pray for male Youth Leaders, who have to stand up against negative peer pressure

in order to be a Godly example in their own community. Pray God will equip each Youth Leader with what they need to be role models to younger boys.

Friday February 12 – Day 3

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it, but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

– 1 Corinthians 13:3 (NLT)

Vulnerability is seen in Africa and around the world in the sick, orphaned, widowed and dying. From the very young to the very old, people are living in fear, without safety or access to medical care. With their lives constantly in peril, pray the church will lead the way and become an example of love and care for these who are so close to God's heart. Pray the church will not be a voice of judgement, but an example of love to all who live in distress. .

Saturday February 13 – Day 4

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. – Isaiah 43:2

Lack of access to basic healthcare results in higher rates of mortality for mothers in impoverished communities across Africa. Adding to this trauma, the distraught father may abandon his children who then must look to their grandparents and relatives to take them in. Pray for children who have lost their parents, that Care Workers may reach out and offer them love and support.

Sunday February 14 – First Sunday

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.
– Matthew 16:21 (NIV)



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WEEK 2

February 15th - February 21st

THE CRISIS: POOREST OF THE POOR

Hands at Work is committed to working in the poorest, most dysfunctional communities in the countries we serve. From HIV/AIDS to violent unrest, the most vulnerable people are surrounded by afflictions that are difficult to comprehend.

Monday February 15 – Day 5

In whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. – Ephesians 2:21-22

Pray for our Care Workers like Annie in the community of Toyota in the Democratic Republic of Congo and across Africa who face their own unique challenges and brokenness. Pray for Care Workers to be united so they can provide the love of Christ to each child they visit, and fill them with the hope given by the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday February 16 – Day 6

The sick man answered [Jesus], ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me’ – John 5:7 (NRSV)

The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to end lives, and leave children orphaned. Pray for advances in healthcare and wisdom among all organisations and institutions striving to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Ask God to guide Hands at Work as we respond to the crisis of orphaned children who have lost one or both of their parents. Like the sick man, the most vulnerable people who are infected are often denied access to treatment – ask God to breakthrough and make a way for them to be healed.

Wednesday February 17 – Day 7

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? – Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Many governments and systems within the poorest communities are corrupt and dysfunctional, creating a wider gap between justice, and resulting in injustice and oppression for those in need. As the Lord loves justice, ask Him to break down the corruption within countries in Africa, and also around the

world. Pray for God-fearing individuals in each community who are helping to expose abuse and corruption; ask God to protect them all from harm and persecution.

Thursday February 18 – Day 8

For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help. – Psalm 22:24 (NLT)

Girls, especially, are at risk in Swaziland where they are given up for marriage as early as age 12. This reality is not only due to cultural practices but occurs when families are desperate for income and can give their daughters away for money. Hands at Work is currently focused on expanding work throughout Swaziland in communities like Bhandeni – ask God to reveal those with servant hearts from the local church to care for the vulnerable in their community.

Friday February 19 – Day 9

‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster; to give you a future and a hope.’ – Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

Pray for children like Tanisha and those you know by name across Africa. Pray for Care Workers to not only provide a nutritious meal, basic healthcare, and access to education, but to give each child a sense of belonging, love, and hope for their future. Pray for unified relationships between children, Primary Caregivers, and their Care Workers, as we dream of seeing the most vulnerable children grow up to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy.

Saturday February 20 – Day 10

The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. – Psalm 37:40

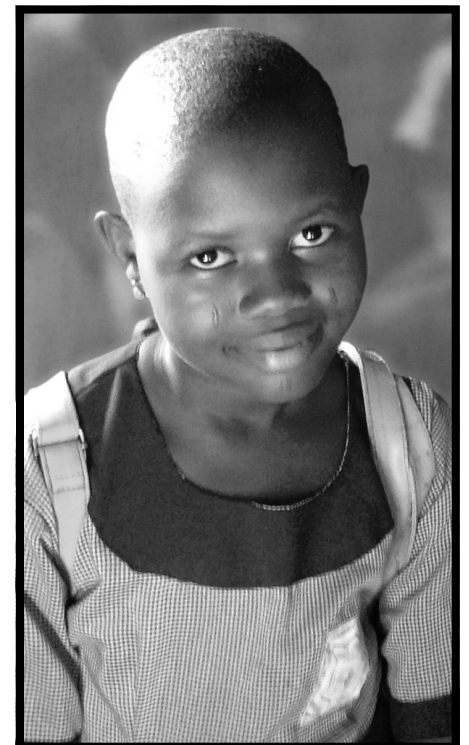
Pray for the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable around the world. Pray for children in countries caught up in

violence and war such as Sudan, Central African Republic and Syria. Pray for those facing persecution and death at the hands of evil, and for girls who cannot escape the sex trade in many countries. Challenge yourself now to join Jesus as He sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes on their behalf.

Sunday February 21 – Second Sunday

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus heard [Lazarus was sick], He said, “The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory... I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?” – John 11:4, 25-26 (NIV)



WEEK 3

February 22nd - 28th

THE LOCAL RESPONSE: THE CHURCH

Hands at Work envisions the local church in Africa effectively caring for the most vulnerable. This week, we pray for the local church to answer God's call to respond to the cry of the poor.

Monday February 22 – Day 11

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' – Isaiah 52:7

Lift up dedicated Care Workers from the local church across Africa, like Mama Taiwo in Nigeria. Thank God for each one of them and pray He will continue to lead them in bringing healing to our children. Pray for more Care Workers to come alongside and be the picture of beautiful feet in their communities.

Tuesday February 23 – Day 12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. – Ecclesiastes 4:9

Pray for the church across Africa to be mobilized into action. Recently, in Zimbabwe, several pastors and their wives visited the homes of some of the most vulnerable children in Honde Valley and surrounding communities. Their hearts broke for the children they met, and it compelled them to do something to help. Pray for the local church in Africa to stand up for the most vulnerable. Pray for more stories like this – for pastors and their wives to following their calling to care together as a team.

Wednesday February 24 – Day 13

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. – Galatians 6:9

Pray for our Regional Support Teams as they go out to support the work happening in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Local African leaders together with international volunteers serve on these teams, mobilising the local church in each country for the growth and development of care for the most vulnerable places and people. Pray for wisdom and

guidance for them as they go out to support our Care Workers: local women and men from churches who have given their lives to voluntarily care for the most vulnerable children in Africa.

Thursday February 25 – Day 14

She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. – Proverbs 31:20

Hands at Work envisions the local church in Africa effectively caring for the most vulnerable. Pray for Hands at Work to connect with both churches in the poor communities where we work and churches in larger, more affluent areas in Africa who believe in our vision. Pray for opportunities to meet with pastors and other church leaders to build relationships, and for more Christians and churches in Africa to rise up to the call to care for the most vulnerable.

Friday February 26 – Day 15

I have a special concern for you church leaders. I know what it's like to be a leader, in on Christ's sufferings as well as the coming glory. Here's my concern: that you care for God's flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way. – 1 Peter 5:2-3 (MSG)

Hands at Work is dependent upon God to send local African leaders to lead the way in caring for the most vulnerable children. Pray for the church in Matsinho and Macadiera Communities in Mozambique; for growth and development amongst leaders – men and women with servant hearts who desire to sacrificially serve the most vulnerable.

Saturday February 27 – Day 16

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the

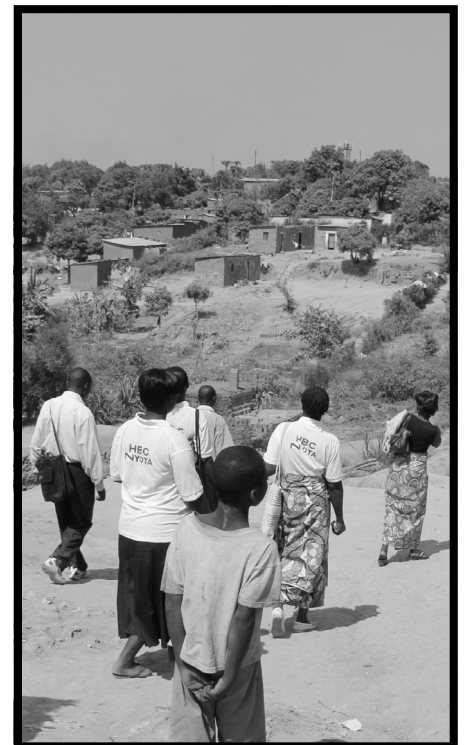
world. – James 1:27 (NIV)

As so many of Africa's most vulnerable children are out of our reach, ask God to place the desire in the hearts of the churches across all of Africa to take ownership of their communities and recognize their calling from James 1:27 – 'to visit orphans and widows in their affliction.' Pray for the churches' active involvement in the lives of the most vulnerable.

Sunday February 28 – Third Sunday

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"We are going up to Jerusalem," [Jesus] said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles, who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. Three days later He will rise." – Mark 10:33-34 (NIV)



WEEK 4

February 29th- March 6th

THE LOCAL RESPONSE: COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

A core value of Hands at Work is being committed to local community ownership. Transformation in the communities we serve is dependent upon God revealing local people who are willing to serve their community through sacrificial giving and compassionate relationships..

Monday February 29 – Day 17

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. – John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Amidst many challenges, Hands at Work has found hope in caring for the most vulnerable through the local churches of Malawi. Our vision for the local church to care for those in need is especially strong in Malawi where local volunteers are giving of themselves to care for their communities. Hands at Work supports the many men and women who have stepped up in the poorest communities to sacrificially care for the orphaned and vulnerable. Pray for more men and women to take ownership of their community as Hands at Work seeks to expand in 2016.

Tuesday March 1 – Day 18

...that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. – 2 Timothy 3:17 (ESV)

In Zambia, great hope is being brought by men who have been called by God to care as friends, father figures, and older brothers of orphaned and vulnerable children. Pray for these men to continue to have courage as they work against the cultural norms in Zambia. Ask God to provide for their families as they serve others. Pray their example will be a part of the transformation in their communities that will bring more servants from the local churches to give of themselves in caring for one another.

Wednesday March 2 – Day 19

Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost. – Proverbs 22:6 (MSG)

Children having access to education is part of the Hands at Work vision to provide holistic care. We dream of seeing the most vulnerable children

grow up to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy adults, and education is an essential part of their growth. Across Africa, Care Workers ensure children have uniforms, are able to pay school fees, and can access local community or government schools. Pray for Care Workers as they assess each child's individual need. Pray for the teachers who invest many hours of time into our children; ask God to guide them in pointing each child in the right direction.

Thursday March 3 – Day 20

And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him. – 1 John 5:14-15

Pray in re-commitment to the second half of 40 Days of Prayer. Be encouraged that God hears your prayers and does not require perfect words; rather a willing heart. Pray for the outcome of this season of prayer to be a deeper understanding of God's will and a closer relationship with Him as you commit speaking with Him daily. Believe the words of 1 John 5:14-15 and let them sink deep in your heart.

Friday March 4 – Day 21

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these. – Mark 12:30-31

Today, pray for understanding and unity among the various Christian denominations and churches across Africa. Pray as they join together to serve the poor and find beauty in their diversity, that their differences will become insignificant.

Saturday March 5 – Day 22

Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.’ – Matthew 10:31

In the most vulnerable communities, food security remains a serious issue. In Mozambique, many people face starvation between November and February of each harvest season when their food supply runs out. In other countries, lack of employment, limited supply, and neglect also contribute to shortages for those in need. This year Malawi is facing a hunger season after serious floods last year. Ask God to provide this most basic essential for His people. Thank Him for the Care Workers who daily cook a hot, nutritious meal for the children they care for. Consider those people in your own country who also struggle with food security, and ask God to pour out grace on them, too.

Sunday March 6 – Fourth Sunday

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered them, “The hour has now come for the Son of Man to receive great glory. I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. Those who love their own life will lose it; those who hate their own life in this world will keep it for life eternal. Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honour anyone who serves me. “Now my heart is troubled – and what shall I say? Shall I say, “Father, do not let this hour come upon me”? But that is why I came – so that I might go through this hour of suffering. Father, bring glory to your name!” – John 12:23-28 (NIV)

WEEK 5

March 17th - March 13th

THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE: THE CHURCH

As Hands at Work stirs up and mobilises the local church to care for the most vulnerable, we envision the church outside Africa unified in this same mission. Together we are the body of Christ, and the International Church is also called to care for those in need.

Monday March 7 – Day 23

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Hands at Work has offices and partners in Australia, Canada, South Africa, UK, and in Europe. We desire to see transformation in lives of those who serve outside of Africa as well as within. Many volunteers in these offices have given up paid work time to serve with Hands at Work. Pray for strength and provision for these volunteers who are committed to serving the most vulnerable children in Africa from afar, and their own local communities.

Tuesday March 8 – Day 24

Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. – Galatians 2:10

Lift up other Church ministries and Non-Government Organisations who are also committed to working among the poor in Africa and other places throughout the world. Ask God to bless their work, making it fruitful and life-giving, and that the most vulnerable would be reached by them. Pray God would provide the necessary resources, people, and ideas for them to carry out His perfect purpose for the most vulnerable.

Wednesday March 9 – Day 25

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. – Isaiah 58:10

Pray for the international church to understand the severity of global injustice. Ask God to call forth more people within the International Church to give, pray, volunteer and advocate for justice both internationally and in Africa.

Thursday March 10 – Day 26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. – 1 Corinthians 12:12

Thank God for international churches, partners, and willing people who have committed to support communities across Africa. Groups have come together in communities and congregations to pray, raise support, to send teams, and to build relationships between themselves and the communities they are supporting in Africa. Pray for these partnerships to continue and for new partnerships to develop.

Friday March 11 – Day 27

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2

Pray for the many teams and individuals who will be coming to Africa this year. Pray each person will come with a willing spirit to learn, encourage and serve. Pray teams and individuals will desire to be imitators of Christ while in Africa, and back in their own communities at home.

Saturday March 12 – Day 28

‘Truly I tell you,’ Jesus replied, ‘no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.’ – Mark 10:29-30 (NIV)

Pray for international volunteers, those who serve with Hands at Work in Africa. Pray for those you may know by name, for each one to trust in these words of Jesus, knowing that their choice to make sacrifices in order to serve others will bring challenges, but will also bring eternal life. Ask God



to place people in their lives who will encourage them daily. Pray for more international volunteers to join the Hands communities in Africa as we serve the most vulnerable.

Sunday March 13 – Fifth Sunday

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “The time has come for me, the Son of Man, to enter into my glory, and God will receive glory because of all that happens to me. And God will bring me into my glory very soon. Dear children, how brief are these moments before I must go away and leave you! Then, though you search for me, you cannot come to me – just as I told the Jewish leaders. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” – John 13:31-35 (NIV)

WEEK 6

March 14th- March 20th

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS: RELATIONSHIPS

Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood - John 1:14 (MSG)

God chose to appear in human form through His Son Jesus, to have a relationship with each of us. As He wanted to know us, so we are called to know others.

Monday March 14 – Day 29

For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. – Philemon 7

Care Workers in Honde Valley Community and the Hands at Work local office in Zimbabwe meet each week to pray, worship, share one another's burdens and encourage each other. Pray for more relationships like these in our communities across Africa, as we seek to model the relationship He desires us to have with Him and those around us.

Tuesday March 15 – Day 30

O Lord, all my longing is known to you; my sighing is not hidden from you. – Psalm 38:9 (NRSV)

In many families, orphaned children are being cared for by grandparents, older relatives, eldest siblings, aunts or uncles who have faced trauma as serious as what the children they care for have faced. Hands at Work is reaching out to these caregivers, letting them know that their own restoration is just as vital as the restoration in the lives of the children they care for. We know that wounded people wound others, and if these caregivers do not receive healing, they will struggle to care for others. Pray for the Support Groups Hands at Work will start with caregivers this year. Pray for each caregiver to find comfort in knowing that God knows what they need and He hears their sighs.

Wednesday March 16 – Day 31

Dear brothers and sisters... Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace – 2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)

At Hands at Work, our local and international volunteers live together in a cross-cultural Christian community. We believe in working and living together as a family. Pray for our communities to be united through

relationship building, healing, and discipleship. Pray for our community life to be honest and vulnerable, seeking to serve with accountability, sacrifice and love.

Thursday March 17 – Day 32

Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them. You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so mere people can no longer terrify them. – Psalm 10:17-18 (NLT)

In each community where we work, Hands at Work dreams of providing safe places where children and caregivers come together daily with Care Workers. Pray these places will be centres of life where joy is experienced and restoration takes place. Many of our Care Workers and caregivers are wounded themselves. Pray for God's transformational mercy and love to heal their inner wounds through spending more time together and sharing their challenges. Pray they will in turn pour out mercy and love to the children they care for, and in doing so bring transformation and healing of the children's own wounds.

Friday March 18 – Day 33

He heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds. – Psalm 147:3 (NLT)

Ask God to bring this verse to life among the broken people you know by name. You, your family members, a Care Worker, Tanisha – anyone who you know needs the healing love of God that only Christ can bring into their lives. The most broken people can sometimes be the most difficult people to pray for. Do not forget those who you may feel have wronged you, or who you know have brought pain and abuse to others.

Saturday March 19 – Day 34

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Our culture influences how we think and behave from an early age, and there are many good things to be found in each of our cultures but many things in our culture go against living a life dedicated to God. As Jesus called Peter out of the boat and onto the water, so He calls us out of the security of our own culture and to a life of following Him. Pray for God to reveal the areas of your own life and culture that are barriers to surrendering to Christ.

Sunday March 20 – Palm Sunday

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A huge crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet Him. They shouted, "Praise God! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: "Don't be afraid, people of Israel. Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." ... Then the Pharisees said to each other, "We've lost. Look, the whole world has gone after him!" – Luke 19:12- 15, 19 (CEV)

WEEK 7

March 21st- March 27th

THE CALL OF GOD: CHRIST AS OUR FOUNDATION

As we approach Easter, we pray for Christ to remain firmly the foundation of Hands at Work. We pray for Him to be at the centre of each life serving and being impacted by our vision.

Monday March 21 – Day 35

But let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. – 1 Peter 3:4

Hands at Work's Core Values help to guide us and to examine whether what we do is an honest reflection of who we are. Our Core Values are: loving God and our neighbour, reaching the poorest of the poor, living servanthood, supporting local community ownership, valuing relationships, prioritising God, family, ministry, being accountable, and giving freely. Pray that all of Hands at Work would live out these values in every area of their lives.

Tuesday March 22 – Day 36

'We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.' – 1 Thessalonians 1:2

We are all made in the image of Christ. Pray that you would have eyes to see and ears to hear what God is doing through others around you.

Wednesday March 23 – Day 37

'I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.' – Psalm 104:33

When Mary anointed Jesus' feet, Mary honoured Jesus by giving the object which was likely the most valuable thing she would ever have. Those who watched could not believe what they were seeing. This perfume of great value, a year's wages, being poured out onto Jesus' feet! When we visit others, let us give our whole selves in the way that Jesus did for us. Pray for one another as you visit people.

Thursday March 24 – Day 38

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may

live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. – Isaiah 55:1+3

"Not my will, but Yours, be done." Jesus prayed these words in agony to his Father, knowing these words of obedience would mean sacrificing His own life on the cross not long after. Reflect on the depth of these words Jesus spoke. Though nothing can compare with the sacrifice He made for each of us on the cross, pray these words over your own life, and pray you will be obedient to do what He calls you to.

Friday March 25 – Day 39 GOOD FRIDAY

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. – Galatians 2:20

The Crucifixion is the most scandalous event in history. This is how the world meant to put a stop to Jesus and all that he was about. He came to proclaim good news to the poor, set the captives free, to bring sight to the blind, give liberty to the oppressed. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and for showing us an excellent way. Pray that Tanisha in Apatuku and other vulnerable children, Care Workers, Primary Caregivers across Africa, churches and Hands at Work Volunteers across Africa and the world would feel the weight of what it means for Jesus to die for us. Pray that we would lay our own lives down as living sacrifices. Let us begin our prayer with two minutes of silence.

Saturday March 26 HOLY SATURDAY

Today, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for

righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed – 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

Sunday March 27 – Day 40 EASTER SUNDAY

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, remember His words:

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

– Revelation 22:20

Arising from the dead, Jesus has shown us there is no wound too deep, no scar too unbearable that He cannot heal. As we await His return, challenge yourself to give your heart fully to God. Ask Him to show you how you can act in faith on behalf of those who are broken. Pray that these past 40 days have brought a renewed sense of God's Kingdom to all of us who have prayed together.