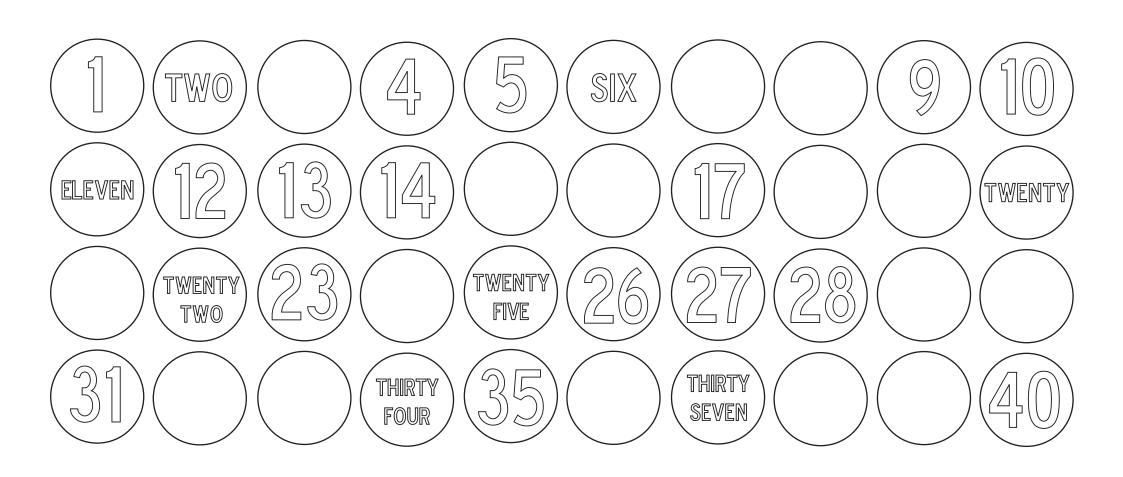
## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

### FOR AFRICA'S VULNERABLE CHILDREN + HANDS AT WORK

Daily Prayer Guide + Activity Book



# WEEK ONE

#### READ NONHLE'S STORY WITH YOUR FAMILY ONE NIGHT BEFORE DINNER THIS WEEK

Ask your mom or dad to visit our website and show you the video of Nonhle's story.

#### Wednesday, March 6th - Day 1

Father God, I thank you that you know me and love me and You also know and love children who live in Africa, like Nonchle. I ask you to be with me and help me to pray for these children for the next 40 days.

#### Thursday, March 7th - Day 2

Thank you, God, that I have many people who love me. I pray for the fathers of children in Africa to love and care for their families and to be good examples of how You, God, love us.

#### Friday, March 8th - Day 3

In some places in Africa, many children only have dirty water to drink. God, I pray that You would give them a way to get clean water.

#### Saturday, March 9th - Day 4

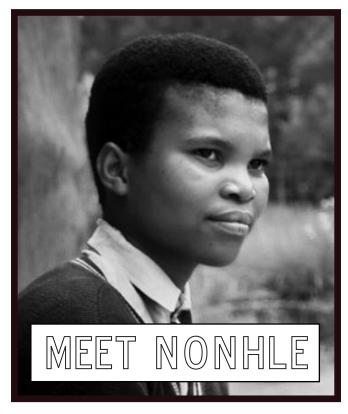
It is wrong for young girls to be married to older men. God, I pray that you would protect girls in places where this happens, and comfort them.

On Sundays we stop and remember Jesus, this is why we don't have a prayer point on Sundays.

#### Sanibonani and Hello!

My name is Nonhle. I am 14 years old. I live in the community of Sthobela, South Africa, with my younger brother and my grandmother.

Thank you for praying for me and other children living in Africa during 40 days of prayer.



#### Monday, March 11th - Day 5

Among the poorest people in Africa, some older children have to care for their siblings because they don't have parents. God, I pray that You would be a father to these children and they would know your love and hope.

#### Tuesday, March 12th - Day 6

I pray that people who are meant to be leaders in Africa would act fairly and compassionately to the people that they lead. May these leaders know and love You, God. May Your kingdom come.

#### Wednesday, March 13th - Day 7

Father, I pray for the poor people around the world that You know, but I have not met. I pray that you will give them hope and courage.

#### Thursday, March 14th - Day 8

I pray for Hands at Work. Help us to care for children in Africa who need food, shelter and to go to school.

#### Friday, March 15th - Day 9

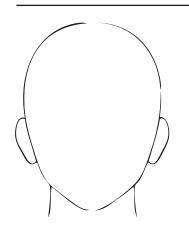
Thank you, God, for loving me. I pray for children in Africa, like Nonchle, to know that You love them.

#### Saturday, March 16th - Day 10

Many children are living with life-long illnesses. Father God, I pray that you would help and comfort all who suffer from disease.

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FRIEND

Write the name of a friend you know in Africa. Pray for them today, list below things they might need prayer for.



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# WEEK THREE

#### Monday, March 18th - Day 11

Father, I pray that more churches would do what you ask them to do, by caring for the poor.

#### Tuesday, March 19th - Day 12

God, I pray for the Care Workers, that you would encourage and give them strength as they help so many children and their families.

#### Wednesday, March 20th -Day 13

I pray for pastors in churches here and around Africa to love and to lead people to you.

#### Thursday, March 21st - Day 14

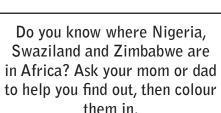
I pray for churches to care for people in their own communities who are poor. Please help the churches to also care for poor people in Africa.

#### Friday, March 22nd - Day 15

It is good that some volunteers have moved to Africa to serve the poor. Please give them peace and encouragement as they are away from their families.

#### Saturday, March 23rd - Day 16

God, thank you, for all the people around the world who join in the things that Hands at Work is doing in Africa. May the teams who visit Africa this year be an encouragement to all who they meet.



Colour in the other countries you know in a different colour.



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# WEEK FOUR

#### BE CREATIVE!

Create a picture for each prayer point this week.

#### Monday, March 25th - Day 17

I pray that the good news of Jesus will be shared across Africa and that people will love and serve You with all of their heart. May they also love and treat others with compassion.

#### Tuesday, March 26th - Day 18

Many poor children across Africa do not have enough food to be strong and healthy. God, I pray that you will provide food for them and comfort them when they are hungry.

#### Wednesday, March 27th -Day 19

In South Africa, many children are not allowed to attend school. God, I pray that you will make a way for these children to continue learning.

#### Thursday, March 28th - Day 20

Thank you, God that you love me and hear my prayers. Help me to continue praying for people in Africa and at home.

#### Friday, March 29th - Day 21

Today, Lord, I pray for the places where children come to eat and play. May they be places of safety, fun and love.

#### Saturday, March 30th - Day 22

Father God, please give strength and comfrot to the family members who are caring and providing for children.

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# WEEK FIVE

#### Monday, April 1st - Day 23

God, I pray that you would call more Africans to serve with Hands at Work who will care for the poor and lead others to do the same.

#### Tuesday, April 2nd - Day 24

I pray for Hands at Work African Leaders to grow in understanding Your love and desire for their lives.

#### Wednesday, April 3rd -Day 25

A Service Centre is a local Hands at Work team that supports many Care Workers in many communities. I pray for each person to remain united in sharing about Jesus and serving the poor.

#### Thursday, April 4th - Day 26

I pray for Hands at Work Regional Support Teams across Africa to have wisdom and unity as they serve the African local Hands at Work teams and the Care Workers.

#### Friday, April 5th - Day 27

God, I pray for older children in the communities to encourage and be an example to the younger children at the Care Point.

#### Saturday, April 6th - Day 28

In Zambia, youth camps are hosted at Kachele Village. I pray for each youth to know the love that you have for them.

Ask your mom or dad to visit our website to learn how to send this money to Hands at Work. www.handsatwork.org/give

## GIVING JAR

Ask your mom or dad for an empty jar and decorate it however you would like.

Over the next few months collect coins for the children in Africa or other people in need.

# WEEK SIX

#### Monday, April 8th - Day 29

God, I pray for people who I know, but they don't know you. I pray that they would come to know you and your amazing love for them.

#### Tuesday, April 9th - Day 30

The volunteers at Hands at Work are from many different countries and cultures. God, I pray for unity and love as they serve the most vulnerable together.

#### Wednesday, April 10th - Day 31

Today I pray for the Hands at Work offices around the world as they work, grow and support what is happening in Africa.

#### Thursday, April 11th - Day 32

Father God, I pray for people to feel safe as they share their stories together and as they love and support one another.

#### Friday, April 12th - Day 33

Father God, I pray that the people visiting the children in their homes will have courage to show them love and share about your love.

### Saturday, April 13th - Day 34 Jesus, I want to know you more.

## Act of Kindness Think of something kind you could do for someone else this week

someone else this week.

Finish the list of ideas below, draw a circle around the one you would like to do.

Do a chore for your brother or sister

Bake cookies for your neighbour

# WEEK SEWEN

COLOUR IN THE EASTER EGG USING THE COLOURS BELOW

### Holy Week

Monday, April 15th - Day 35

God, this week help me to understand your love for me which you showed by dying on the cross for my sins.

Tuesday, April 16th - Day 36

Father God, thank you that we are made in your image and that you love us.

Wednesday, April 17th - Day 37

God, help me to care for other people in the same way that you care for me and share the good news of your love.

Thursday, April 18th - Day 38 Lord Jesus, I pray that you will help me to obey you. Friday, April 19th - Day 39

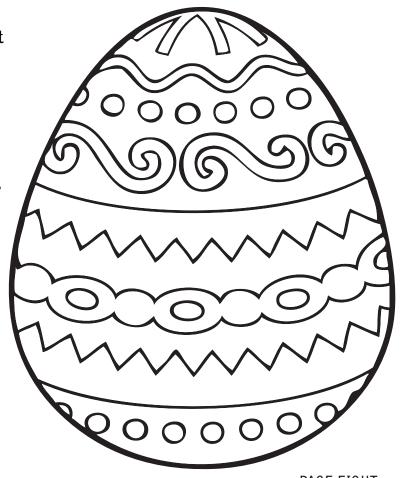
God, you died on the cross to save my sins. Please help me not to forget what you did for me on the cross.

## Sunday, April 21st - Day 40 EASTER SUNDAY

He is Risen! Lord Jesus, I'm so happy that you are alive again! Thank you for the promise that I can live with you forever.

The different colours represent:

YELLOW – God's perfect light RED – The love God has for us WHITE – God taking away our sins GREEN – A new life with Jesus PURPLE – He is the King



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