



## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR AFRICA'S VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND HANDS AT WORK

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Thank you for praying with us. Please use this content to inform your prayers for the week. We appreciate that we are all busy, but it means so much that you would pause to bring these concerns to our Heavenly Father. There are a couple of questions at the end of each entry for you to engage your whole family.

### March 6 - 11

#### Day 11-12 of 40 - Audette

"Today's prayer request contains mentions of sex. It is an important problem to understand, but parents may want to listen first before sharing it with younger children." - Pinky

Hi everyone. So my name is Audrey or Audette. I serve here in Chimoio, Mozambique, and we are serving four centers in three different communities, which is in Macadeira, Chigodole, and Matsinho, and we are serving 516 children each day. *Macadeira is the most vulnerable community, so today, may you please help me to pray for Macadeira.*

*Pray that God will raise men and women who stand as good examples to our children in the community. One man marrying one wife and having a healthy family. Our children, most of them come from broken families, where each sibling has a different father, or each sibling has a different mother. This is not only affecting the lives of our children or the families in the community, but also even with the pastors around the community. Pastors are having three wives or they are marrying and re-marrying more than three times to three different people.*

Now, our children are practicing sex at very, very young ages. Among our Care Workers and even pastors, they have a very high level of HIV, which is now affecting the lives of our children, because our children are losing parents at a very young age, and they have no one else to look up to, to say, "If I grow up, I want to be like this". Everyone that they are looking at in their community, they are in these very unhealthy relationships, very unhealthy families. *So today, may you please pray that God will raise men and women who will be set as examples, that our children will look up to. And they can learn and understand what it means to be a healthy family. Thank you.*

- **Audette asked us to pray for children in a place in Mozambique called Macadeira. Many of these children have either lost their parents or don't know their parents. We want to pray for children who don't have anyone to look after them, that they would have people who would love and care for them, and treat them like their own children. Draw a picture of what it looks like to be looked after by someone. What might that include?**

### Day 13-14 of 40 - Nontobeko

Good day. My name is Nontobeko, working with Hands at Work and currently serving at Oshoek Service Centre. I would like you to pray with us as a community. So one of our prayers would be to pray for our Care Workers who serve in the different communities. *Pray that they would find it in their hearts to really get to understand the importance of making Christ the foundation of one's life.*

As Hands, our main goal is not just to serve the kids with food, but also to give them Christ or bring Christ into their lives. So, as Care Workers are the one who mostly spend most of their time with their kids at the Care Points each day, that they would be able to have time to spend with the kids, bringing God to them or bringing Christ to them, as we are wanting to raise mothers and fathers for tomorrow, who will know Christ and who will be serving Christ. With the Care Workers having got the right foundation, it would be of benefit for our kids, as they spend most of the time with them.

That they would know exactly that they serve one God, the God that we know, not to mix God with other beliefs. So, *another prayer would be for our local pastors, that God would continue to touch even more pastors, or that more pastors would be mobilised and get to understand the vision and be willing to partake in the serving as they're also part of this.* Thank you.

- **Who did you hear about Jesus from? What difference does Jesus make in your life? Pray that Jesus would make that difference in other people's lives.**

### Day 15-16 of 40 - Futhi

Good afternoon, family. I'm Futhi in Eswatini. Yeah, we have a prayer request. *You can pray for our youth.* This year it seems to be tough to our families. They cannot afford school fees for our children, especially for the high school. *We can pray that God would help us. We don't want to lose our children as they're not going to school.*

We know God. I can say he opens the gate for us, that we can bring them close to us. We can introduce Jesus to them, so that even if they won't finish the school, but they will have Jesus. We hope that can change their lives and we hope that can change the communities as well as the families. *You can pray for us that God will help us. We want to help them with some lessons and especially with these youth groups.*

Yeah. You can pray for us in Eswatini. We had it announced that in April - we don't have a date yet - but there will be a strike as in Eswatini we have these political issues. There will be a big strike that's gonna affect us for a week. Can you pray with us? We know that when there is strike people, they lose life, people are killed, and our children won't go to school. Many things will be affected and many people here in Eswatini will live in fear. Yeah, *you can pray for us that God will protect us and God will help our leaders in Eswatini to come up with a decision where there will be agreement so that we can have peace and stability in our country.* Thank you.

- **Do you like going to school? What things do you like about it? What would you like to do when you finish school? Some of our children in Eswatini would love to go to school but aren't able to because they don't have the correct documents. Pray that these children are able to go to school and complete their education. Pray that they can then find jobs to help support their families.**