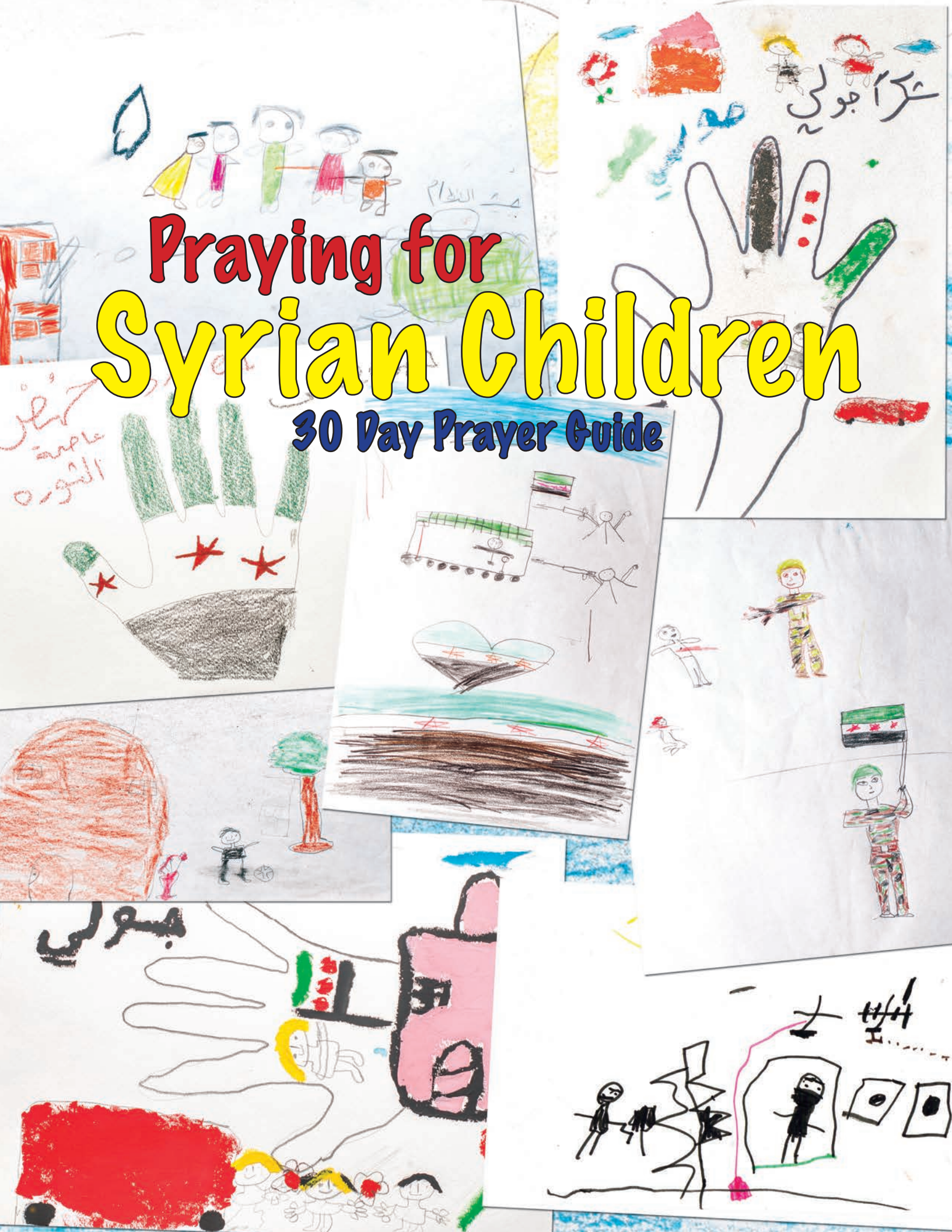


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Praying for Syrian Children

30 Day Prayer Guide



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Recently it was stated on international news that the Syrian crisis is one in which there is a lost generation of Syrian children. When I heard that, something inside of me rose up and I said to myself, "This will be the generation that is found by Jesus!" From that desire has come this 30 day prayer guide for Syrian children. My desire is to see all ages pray for them but primarily children. God sees the faith of children when they pray, and often it is very powerful! May we join with them and agree that, "They will have a future and a hope when they seek the Lord with all their hearts." Our God is a God of hope and His desire is that out of the turmoil and chaos of the Syrian crisis, He will have a people that belong to Him and I believe many of them will be children. The stories in this prayer guide are all true but the names have been changed. Thank you for taking time each day to pray for the children of Syria.

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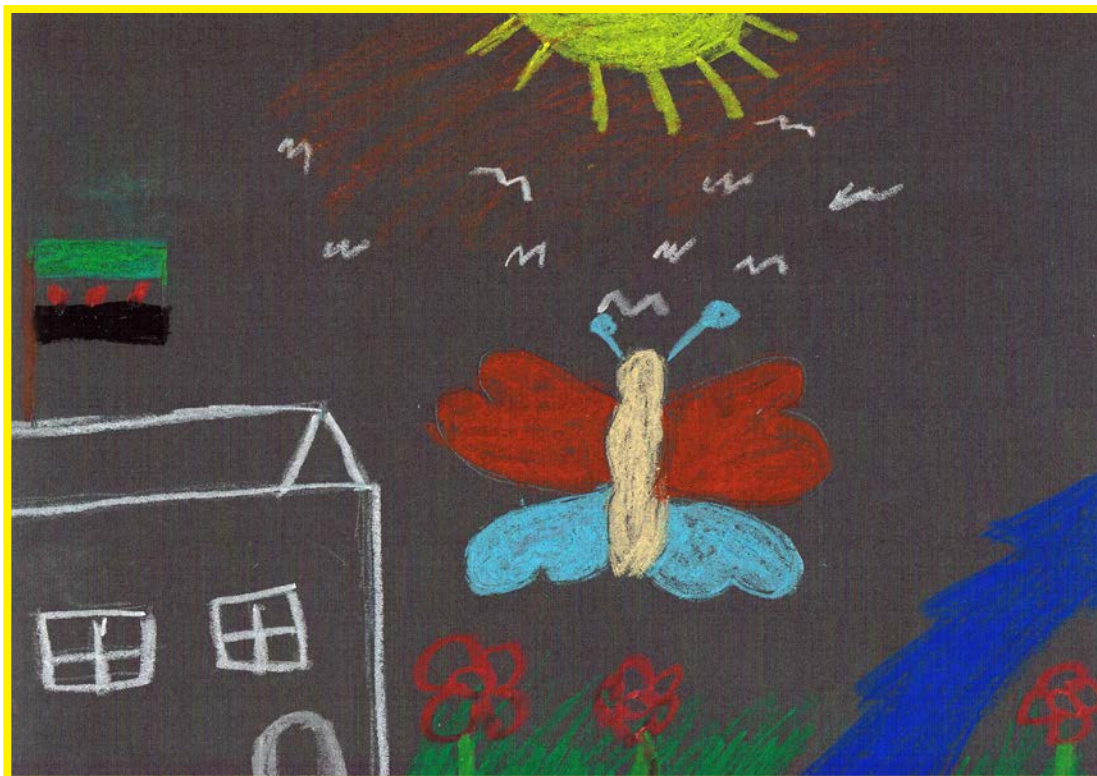
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DAY 1 Their Hope

“Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.”

HOSEA 2:14-15



The word “Achor” means trouble. God redeems situations, bringing precious hope in the place of present trouble. The Syrian children have had much trouble as many have had to leave their country and also have lost parents or loved ones. God is showing His mercy by allowing some of these children to go to preschools

that are caring for the needs of children by giving them a chance to learn and receive healthy ways to work through trauma and grief. One child named Sarah had lost a father in the war and felt afraid and withdrawn. She had nightmares and wasn't sleeping well. Since coming to one of the preschools, she is beginning to talk again and play with the other children. She is learning to read and write as well as adjust to a new country where she now lives.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your comfort and love for the Syrian children who are confused, afraid, and uncertain of their futures. Thank You that You are the Door of Hope which they can go through to know a true future and a hope. Bless Sarah as she goes to a preschool now in a neighboring country, that she will be encouraged to learn and have a way to process her grief and pain. May many Syrian children have the opportunity to learn and know the healing touch of God.

DAY 2 **Their Deliverer**

“For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.”

Psalms 72:12-14

What is it like to be needy? Weak? What do you do when you leave a country and have nothing with you but your clothes you are wearing? Salima's family had to flee their city when increased violence starting threatening their lives. They had to walk through the desert and ended up staying in a small canyon for protection one evening. During the night, a large downpour of water flooded the canyon, taking their few possessions as well as her baby sister. When they found her, she was floating on the water and was alive! They recount the kindness of God and how He was near to them that particular day. He has helped them to have a place to live now and some food to eat. Salima praises God who was merciful and compassionate to she and her family.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, Thank You for being a God who delivers and saves those in need. We worship You because You save from death. We pray to an end to the oppression and violence in Syria. You help the afflicted and You are near to those who are suffering. Thank You for Salima as she recalls how You saved them and gave them the chance to be together as a family. You are good and we know that all You do is eventually turned to good.

DAY 3 Their Example



Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’”

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:30-37

12 year old Ahmed had only been out of Syria for 4 months when he had the chance to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan. He was greatly touched as he began to think about this parable and how a stranger reached out to his enemy. How could this happen? How could someone care about a person they had never known? His greatest desire was to understand this kind of love and to read about the life of Issa, the One he heard gave this kind of love.

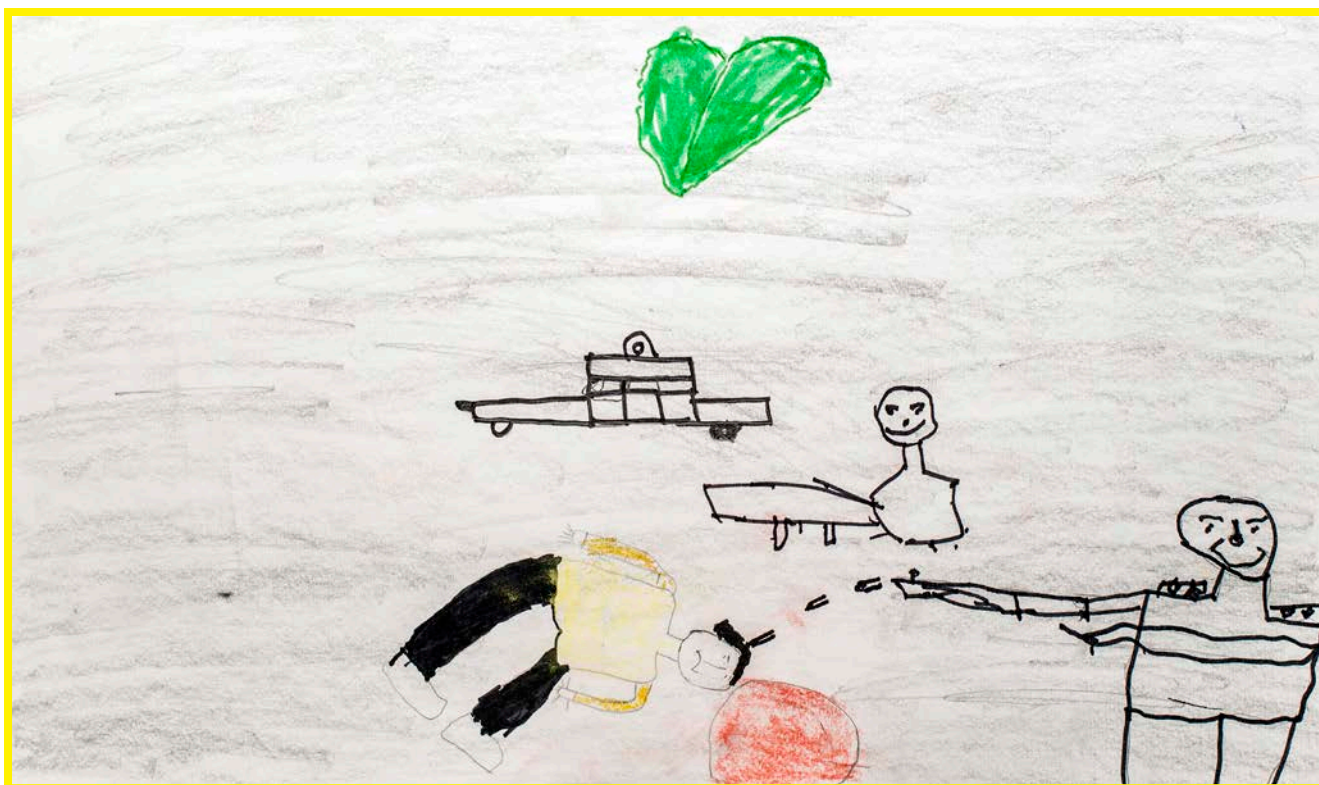
**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your love that passes all boundaries and barriers. You can give the capacity to love people that are our enemies. You can fill us with love to reach out and bless others. We ask that Ahmed would be an example to others as he desires to know this love that You only can give. May many Syrian children know Your deep love for them today.

DAY 4 Their Helper

“Hasten O God to save me O Lord, come quickly to help me. May those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion: may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. May those who say to me “Aha, Aha! Turn back because of their shame, But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, may those who love your salvation always say, “Let God be exalted !” Yet I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.”

Psalm 70:1-5



5 year old Abed was outside of his house in Homs when bombs fell and he was hit with shrapnel in his stomach. Amazingly, he lived and has the scars to prove it! His family acknowledges that God was with him in a special way that day and that he is a miracle testifying of the grace of God! He has a smile and is glad that God rescued him from death. Today, he runs around with other boys his age and is always willing to share about what happened to him. His parents are quick to say, “Thank You” to God and to others who have helped them.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Thank You Lord for Your miracles amongst Syrian children today. Thank You for quickly coming and helping them and their enemies turning away in disgrace because of Your great power to save! Thank You for Abed who is a testimony of Your goodness and power. Reveal more of Your mighty power amongst the children today for Your glory.

DAY 5 **Their Peace**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14:27

Aiysha had 4 brothers and sisters. Their father had been killed in the war but they had escaped over the border from Syria after walking for many days in the desert. Now they were placed into a large refuge camp uncertain of their futures. Life in the camp was cold and crowded. Aiysha was afraid not knowing what was going to happen to her and her family. One night she had a dream that a man in white came to her and said, “Do not fear for I am with you and I will help you.” Immediately, she had peace and a sense that God would take care of her. Several months later, her family was able to leave the camp and move into an area where other refugees were living. There they were able to receive food and provisions for families without fathers.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Thank You Jesus for appearing to children in dreams and visions revealing Your peace and love to them. Thank You that Aiysha had an experience of Your touch in her life. We praise You for helping her family and bringing the help that they need at this time. Continue to multiply for every need they have, food, water, clothing, and especially Your peace in the midst of an uncertain future. We pray for other children to receive Your provision and help when all has been lost.

DAY 6 Their Provider

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

John 6:8-11



Samera had lived in a neighboring country of Syria for only 5 months when her mother sent her to school. She was excited to go to 5th grade and continue learning again after missing the first half year of 5th grade in Syria. After one week in school, her teacher approached her with a bag of potatoes and told her she needed to sell the potatoes in order for her to remain in school. She told her parents and they removed her from the school. Samera is still hoping she can go to school again and continue learning. She has 5 brothers and sisters and they all are afraid to go to the schools so they mainly stay at home and watch television. Her brother who is 12 years old must work for \$1.50 for 12 hours work a day in order for the family to have enough bread to eat.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, You see the great need for Syrian children to go to school and receive an education. Help Samera and other boys and girls to have good teachers and that they will feel accepted by the other boys and girls even though they are different. We thank You that You see each person and their needs and You love to bless the children! You multiplied the bread and fish for thousands because You had compassion on the crowds when they were hungry. Have compassion on those children who are needing daily bread and multiply Your mercy upon them as they are unsure of their futures.

DAY 7 Giver of Life

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10b

4 year old Abraham was born with a heart malfunction and if he didn't have surgery in his early years, he had a small chance of living. Through a connection with a group of people who provide heart surgeries for children, he was able to travel to a neighboring country and receive the heart surgery needed. The last time Abraham was seen, he was jumping and running around like a normal, active child. God has blessed this child with the capacity to experience life to it's fullest.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, we pray for Abraham to know the One who came to give him life abundantly. Pray for his family as they have experienced much mercy and grace from others to believe in the Messiah who heals the body and soul. Come Lord Jesus and touch this family with the fullness of Your love and eternal purpose in You.

DAY 8 A Friend who sticks closer than a brother



“There is a friend who sticks
closer than a brother.”

Proverbs 18:24b

Reema, 4 years old, and her brother Mohommad, three years of age, lost their father in Syria before they and the rest of their family fled to a neighboring country. They have been struggling with the reality of not having their father with them in a new place where they have come. Living in a different community now they have been able to connect with other Syrian families, some who also have lost fathers and brothers in the war. At school, Reema and Mohommad always hold hands and never leave each others sight. They feel afraid that they may lose each other and be alone.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Lord Jesus, You are a brother to those who need protection and care. Thank You for being close to Reema and Mohommad and drawing them close to Your side. May they know Your security in world that is foreign and future that is uncertain. We pray for other boys and girls who have lost a family member or relative and ask You would be a friend who sticks closer than a brother to them this day.

DAY 9 The Healer

“He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions.”

Psalm 107:20



Fatimah and her 5 brothers and sisters sat listening to the story of the Messiah who healed a man that had been brought to him by his friends and had lowered him down through a hole in the roof of a house. They sat with their parents in a circle on the floor and started talking amongst each other about how this man became well when he had been shown mercy from the Messiah. This was a great thing to them, especially to a young girl who had been listening to everyone and thought, “I want to be healed too!” Yasmeen, 10 years old, has a blood disease and every month had to go to the hospital for blood transfusions. “Could my life ever be better,?” she asked herself. After the story she invited the people who had read the story to come to her home and pray for her to be healed in the name of Issa the Messiah.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Lord Jesus, thank You that You are the Master Physician who healed people when You were on the earth and still heal people today. We pray for Yasmeen to know Your healing power and be able to live a full life that You have for her. We also pray for other boys and girls who have come from Syria who need Your healing touch and a miracle for restored health in their bodies and minds.

DAY 10 The Giver of Joy

“I will turn their mourning to joy and will comfort them,
and make them rejoice rather than sorrow.”

Jeremiah 31:13



14 year old Abdullah was playing soccer on the street with his friends in Homs 6 months ago, when a bomb fell and damaged his leg. He has to walk with crutches and is in the process of getting an artificial leg. The one that was given to him doesn't fit so he is waiting for a new one. He wants to be like other boys his age who can walk, run, and go to school. He also wants to forget about that day and believe that his country will have peace in the future.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your care and love for Abdullah. We ask that he would get the right artificial leg and that he can live a normal life, doing things that other boys his age can do. Even in the midst of tragedy, You can turn things for good and bring joy to the heart of Syrian children who have suffered. May many of them be able to laugh and enjoy the blessings You give.

DAY 11 The One who welcomes children

“But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

So many children in this neighborhood! Seven families who had known each other in Syria had all recently been released from one of the large refugee camps and had moved into the same neighborhood together. Each family had 5 to 6 children mostly under 10 years of age and were living with out much of anything. Since so many of them are living in just a room or two, children often spread sickness and are unable to get the proper food for good health. Often the water they drink isn't clean and also is hard to get at times.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, You love children and You always welcomed them to be with You when You lived on the earth. May children know that You love them and that they are important to You. We pray for children who don't have enough to eat today or clean water to drink or have access to these things. We pray that these children will be protected from things that are harmful and grow up to know that God is love.

DAY 12 The One who sees

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost.”

Luke 19:10



Ibtisam and her family left Homs, Syria, escaping through water passages in order not to be seen. As they came closer to the border, she became separated from her mother and baby brother who were running from harm. Unable to find her mother and brother, her father took her across the border where they waited to see if the mother would come. After several days, they had to move on to the nearby refugee camp. Amongst thousands of people, it was not a strong possibility that Ibtisam would see her mother and brother again. One day while walking inside the camp, she heard a cry calling out her name. She turned and there was her mother running towards her. How wonderful they had found each other and now were reunited.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Thank You Jesus for the miracle of Ibtisam being found by her mother! You are the God who sees. Your watchful eye is upon those who are lost and need to be found. May children who have lost parents, siblings, or relatives during escape from Syria, be able to locate one another. We ask that today children would know You are like a shepherd looking for lost sheep that are precious to You.

DAY 13 The One who is Able

“The helpless entrusts himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.”

Psalm 103:4

This is a story about Mariam, a 5 year old girl who used to live in Syria.

“My father loved us so much. He had bought a beautiful game, and he promised to give it to me once I had learned how to count to ten and to recite the first ten letters of the alphabet. When we fled Syria, though, we forgot to bring the game with us. My mother told me that my father was martyred defending our country and that he went to heaven. When we fled, we had to walk really far through the night, and there were big trees. I was really scared. We went to the refugee camp, and then we came to the village. Our new neighbors here are very kind. I wish my father would come home one day and take us to our house in Syria. Then he would buy me a beautiful game, since I now know my letters and how to count.”



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear God, You are Father to the fatherless and the one who cares for the orphan. We pray for Mariam and other children who have lost fathers in the war. We ask that You would help them through the pain of losing a father and the fear of what they have experienced. Thank You that You love each child and desire that each one would know and experience Your love.

DAY 14 The One who prepares a place

“In My Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

John 14:2

This is a story about Abdu Rahman, a 7 year old boy from Syria.

“I used to live in Syria in a nice big house with my mom, dad, sister, and two brothers. My dad sold pastries. Then the fighting started. One day, while I was on the balcony, the house next door was bombed. After that, my dad decided to send us away while he stayed to fight and defend our country. I’ll never forget the day we said goodbye to each other. We were all sad and crying. I was especially sad because my dad was crying too. As we fled Syria, our car came under fire, but thank God, we arrived safely at the border. From the border a bus took us to the refugee camp. We didn’t have any money though and we left the camp. Now my big brother is working as a carpenter and we are living in a small house near the cemetery. The house owner is a very kind old Jordanian woman. She is letting us stay there for free. At first, we would talk very often on the phone with my dad. But then one day we lost touch with him. We haven’t been able to contact him every since. We don’t know where he is or if he is still alive.”



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear God, thank You that You have many rooms in Your eternal home. We pray for Abdu Rahman that he and his family would know You are with them and that You see and know all things. Please help Abdu Rahman and other children that have uncertainty about what has happened or will happen in the future, that You have prepared a place for them, an eternal home that will never fade away. May they trust You as a God who will never leave or forsake them.

DAY 15 The Wonderful One

“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!”

Psalms 107:21



Yazen was 9 years old when he left Syria. After moving to a neighboring country, he started having problems with his lungs. Some people that had visited his family started praying for Yazen to be healed in the name of Issa the Messiah. Soon after that, his lungs didn't have any difficulty breathing or need any medication. Yazen knows that people were praying for him. Now, he and his brothers and parents gather and pray together in the name of Issa the Messiah.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, You are the one who reaches out and does wonderful things! Thank You for healing Yazen so that he is able to breath normally and be free from sickness. We pray for other children to day who are suffering in their bodies from infection or disease since leaving Syria. May Your great power touch them today so they can be restored to full health and strength.

DAY 16 Their Defender

“Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy.
Deliver the poor and needy, free them from the hand of the wicked.”

Psalm 82:34

Little Eman is a beautiful 1 ½ year old baby girl who was born in Syria. During the current war in her country she was exposed to poisonous gas which has caused one of her feet to become deformed. She is unable to walk and is in the process of waiting for help from the UN where she will hopefully have surgery so she can begin to walk. There is no guarantee how things will turn out, but her mother is praying for God’s will to be done in this situation.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear God, You are the God of Justice. We ask for Your justice to be displayed amongst the smallest to the oldest child today in Syria where many are under oppression from those who desire to do evil. We ask You to free them from threatening situations that would harm them in any way. Free them from those who are not of You and bring them to safety and protection. Thank You for Your mighty hand intervening into the lives of those in danger today.

DAY 17 The One who knows me

“O Lord, You have searched me and know me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought from afar.”

Psalms 139:1,2

At a small elementary school for Syrian children, the teachers write the names of the students and put them on paper in front of them. The children are so touched that the teachers would want to know their names and show each one how valuable they are to You and to them. The children feel safe and special at this school as teachers continue to show Your love to each of them. They hope that many more children can come to school and find acceptance as well as be able to learn.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, thank You for this small school reaching out to Syrian children. We ask Your blessing on each child and teacher as they continue to learn more about how You personally care for them and know them each by name! May those who visit the school sense Your love and also have a desire to learn.

DAY 18 The One who is near

“Though I walk through the shadow of
the valley of death, I shall not fear for
You are with me.”

Psalm 23:4



Many children have had experiences of escaping from death. Resha recounts the story of what happened to them. “We are just getting to the border and it is night. We are scared. The police have shot at us. My brother was shot in the head and was really scared. On the other side I have drawn when the Free Syrian army came and helped us. Then we weren’t scared any more.” She hopes someday her country will be free from violence and then children can go back to their homes and schools.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, thank You for saving Resha’s brother from death. Thank You for healing him from the trauma he has experienced and also for touching his head with Your healing power. May he and others that have gone through great fear of death, know that You are with them wherever they go. May Your presence be real to these children today and may they know that Your perfect love casts out fear.

DAY 19 Their Comforter

“And look! The tears of the oppressed, but they have no comforter...”

Ecclesiastes 4:1

“...the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble”

2 Corinthians 1:4

Young Mahmoud was with his family when they were faced with great fear and uncertainty. “We were in Syria and the soldiers came with tanks. They shot at us and I was scared. We were together in the house. Many things in my city were destroyed. My mother was with us and gave us courage. We walked to the border in the night and there were many dogs barking.” Today, Mahmoud is remembering his home in Syria and misses it very much. He dreams of a safe place where the sun is shining and he can build his own home someday.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear God, thank You that You are a God of comfort. We pray specifically for Mahmoud and his family today and for many others who need Your touch of comfort. We ask Your comfort would be made known to them in real ways in the midst of what they are currently going through. Thank You that You will help those who have known Your comfort to reach out to others in trouble with Your comfort.

DAY 20 An Ever Present Help time of need

“...I delivered the poor who cried out, the fatherless and the one who had no helper.”

Job 29:12

10 year old Fatimah and her mother are waiting to leave Syria. As of now, they are still inside the country and have very little to eat and drink. She can not go outside because it is too dangerous to leave their home because of fighting around them. Her brother and father have gone ahead of them but now they are waiting and uncertain if they can leave. Everyday, she hopes that God will not forget them.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear God, there are still many children who are in Syria and have not been able to leave. We pray that You would be the One who helps children and their families as they cry out to You for food, water, and protection. Draw them close to You and bring Your help and peace. Bring many children to safety in other lands today.

DAY 21 The One who is Kind

“For His merciful kindness is great toward us...”

Psalm 117:2a

Hussam recalls the day when his family received a surprise! It had been 3 months since he and his family had left their home in Syria. Every day they had been asking God to help them adjust to a new place and help them pay their rent. Close to the time when their rent was due, a strange man came knocking at their door and without saying anything gave them an envelope. Inside was the exact amount of money they needed for their rent! After that, they never saw that man again. Hussam and his family believe it was an angel!



LET'S PRAY:

Dear Jesus, thank You that You provide for people in many special ways. You know the number of stars in the sky and You call them each out by name. You care for each child and their family living in uncertainty about how they will live in a new country day to day. Thank You for showing Your amazing love to all people. We pray that many Syrian children would experience Your kindness and mercy through angels and other miraculous ways.

DAY 22 Their Teacher

“Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.”

Psalm 27:1

Omar is about 11 years old. He risked his life just to go out on the streets of his city in Syria. He lives in a near by country now and is able to walk on the streets without harm. “I walked to a small shop to buy something. My family sent me. I walked very close to the wall. I couldn’t walk in the middle of the street. I walked close to the wall because I was scared that they would shoot me.” Omar now is growing up in another country with neighbors from his country. Most of the children play soccer on the street and some go to school. He wasn’t able to attend school for a year while in Syria but now goes to school and is continuing to learn.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping Omar from injury and harm while living in Syria. We pray for him and other children who desire to go back to school but have not had the opportunity to do so. May their circumstances not dictate whether they can go to school or not but make a way for each one to attend a local school and continue their education.

DAY 23 The One who Saves



“But He saves the needy from the sword, from the mouth of the mighty, and from their hand. So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts her mouth.”

Job 51:16

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Fidel and Amer are only 8 and 9 but they have experienced situations that have been fearful. “The tanks shot at us and I was afraid. We were all in the house, my mother and my siblings. We were close to each other and then it felt better. And aeroplanes, they are flying and shooting. I am scared and run into a park and hide. Then I feel better.” In addition to traumatic situations that they have experienced many children have lost their homes and belongings and along with them a sense of security. Fidel and Amer both live in a new country and are working with others who are helping them deal with their fears and pain through art therapy.

Dear God, You can turn situations around that have been fearful and traumatic. Thank You for using art therapy to help boys and girls with their pain and to work through difficult issues that are hard to express. We pray that many would find the help that they need to process their pain and also become healthy from their past. Thank You for those working with them in art therapy. Bless their work and may many more be encouraged through them.

DAY 24 The Lifter of their heads

“He raises the poor out of the dust and lifts the needy out of the ash heap...”

Psalm 113:7

Nour is only 8, but she knows the pain of leaving her country and coming to a new place that is unfamiliar and different. “We came to a new country. I was scared that the Syrian army would attack us. I said to my family I’m scared.” My father said to me “Don’t be scared, its safe here.” When he held me tight I was not so scared. I felt safer. In spite of all Nour has gone through, she still has a desire to help her own people. “I would like to be a doctor because I would like to help the people in Syria. In Syria lots of doctors have been put in prison.”



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, we thank You for bringing Nour and her family safely to a new place. Thank You that in the midst of the problems and fears, You are lifting people up and out of danger. We ask that children in need of being held close in Your loving arms today, would receive that in a special way wherever they may be. We pray You would give more Syrian children a vision of how they can lift others up and help them in the future.

DAY 25 Their Light in the Darkness

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?”

Psalm 27A

Jamel is only 4 years old. His family walked in the dark through the desert to cross the neighboring border in order to escape bombing. Now he struggles with being in the dark. “He is scared of the dark because when we were in Syria we often had only two hours of electricity. At night when it was dark he heard the noises of war and was scared.” Often now when there are loud sounds or fireworks going off, Jamel is afraid of what might happen.



LET'S PRAY:

Dear Jesus, You know what Jamel has experienced and what he is going through now. We pray for him and other children who are afraid of the dark or loud sounds which reminds them of things they have experienced in Syria or while traveling to nearby countries for safety. We ask today that You would be their light in the darkness of what they are going through and their strength for each day. May they bring their fears to You and find rest for their souls.

DAY 26 The One who Arises

“For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,” says the Lord; “I will set him in the safety for which he yearns.”

Psalm 12:5

Fowad was 12 when they left their home in Syria. ‘We are on the way from Homs. I am sitting on the bus and am scared of the Syrian police. When I saw my grandmother on the other side of the border, I wasn’t scared any more.’ Life is unsettled and uncertain day to day. “We came from Syria, from Homs. From there we went past Dara to the border. The Jordanian army helped us and we were very lucky. Then we came in the camp. We had no water and no good food and nothing to wash our clothes with. We left the camp, my uncle took us out and we were a bit happy again. I would like to go back to the camp and open a shop, there is nothing good there.” Inside the camp, life can be rough and even dangerous. There are some organizations that are trying to teach children inside the camp but it is difficult and conditions are crowded.



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, You are the one who gives safety for children inside the large refugee camps. We pray for Fowad and other young girls that You would arise on their behalf and cover them with Your protection. Thank You for coming to them in their individual situations and aiding them in time of need. You are near to those who are weary and longing for safety. Continue to strengthen those who teach children inside the camp.

DAY 27 Their Security



“And you would be secure, because there is hope.”

Job 1:18

For 7 year old Hamoudi and his family, this last year has been one of great transition. “In Homs we were very happy; here this is not the case. The whole area in Homs was nicer and we went to the park and saw animals there. We left Homs in Syria. From there we went to Hala, Hama, and Damascus. Then we went on to the border. Now we live in a city that is different from Homs.” Many children like Hamoudi have a desire to go back to their country but there is nothing there now. They dream of a new Syria and a place where they can live again. “I would like to go back to Syria and play there.”

LET'S PRAY:

Dear Jesus, we know that You had to move from place to place when You lived on the earth. You understand what it is like to move around and how confusing that can feel. Thank You that You give a sense of security to those like Hamoudi who need hope in much transition.

DAY 28 Their Strong Shelter

“...You are my strong shelter.”

Psalm 71:7b



For many Syrian children, they are in need of a place of refuge or shelter as they flee from their country. They need a place of hope and trust in their suffering. Rania sat cradling her lone teddy bear, quietly swaying back and forth in the corner of her family's simple home. Teary-eyed, her mother could not contain the story of their suffering in the old city of Homs and their miraculous escape. Rania, her mother, her grandmother, and her baby sister had escaped by hiding in the empty water tanks perched on the roofs of apartment buildings, slowly moving further across the neighborhood until they could make a midnight escape, first by foot, and then by car. Rania's grandmother smiled a shaky smile and said, "She will be okay, she is strong. I know because she still smiles."

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, You are the strong Shelter for children in time of need. Thank You for Rania and her family that were able to receive Your help in fleeing from their city in Syria. We ask that You would be their strong place of refuge that they can run to and be safe. We pray Rania and other children who have experienced great suffering, would know in a deep way that they can trust You always wherever they may be.

DAY 29 Their Joy

“Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed! Let the poor and needy praise Your name.”

Psalm 74:21



Often the things that Syrian children have seen and witnessed, have greatly effected their emotions and ability to express themselves. According to his proud mother and father, Zain had been a bright and active boy in Syria when the war broke out. After witnessing bomb after bomb fall from the sky, Zain's zest for life began to fade. By the time they reached the neighboring country he had basically stopped talking and playing with his little sisters. After almost 6 months out of Syria he is beginning to re-emerge through the help of the people from the local church. What a joy to see him begin to draw and play again. Many other children like Zain are needing to reconnect with their childhood and find true joy.

**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, Your desire is that the children of Syria would have life and life that is full! We thank You that Zain is beginning to play and draw again after what he has experienced. We pray for other children who are unable to express what they have been through or who are unable to relate to other children. We ask You would touch them today and give them Your eternal joy of being the children You created them to be.

DAY 30 Their Righteous Judge

“Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”

Proverbs 31:9

Who will be a voice for the children of Syria? God is their Righteous Judge and the One who stands on their behalf. He has asked us to pray and speak on behalf of the poor and needy. There are those that are working amongst the Syrian children in various countries where they have fled. God is raising up people to love and reach out to the children of Syria. “During the weekly activities at the women and children’s center, Laliah’s favorite activities is drawing. During the first weeks and months after their arrival from Syria every one of her pictures included scenes of death and destruction. When asked to draw themselves the small scribbled faces were ones full of tears and fear. Now we rejoice to see them begin to draw flowers, sunshine, and themselves with little smiles on their faces. May the Lord bring healing to their broken hearts and childhoods.”



**LET'S
PRAY:**

Dear Jesus, thank You that Syrian children are beginning to draw flowers, sunshine, and pictures of themselves with smiles. Thank You that You give these children hope and renewed desire to believe they are children of God. We ask for Laliah and other children like her to receive love and care from those who are working amongst them. May more people who love You, stand and speak on behalf of the poor and needy at this time.