

# Building the Kingdom

## Let's Build Together

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

## Prayer Points



### Serving in love

Thank God for opportunities to be the 'hands and feet' of God's love, and through Habitat to focus on the need for everyone, everywhere to have a safe place to call home. Ask God to bless volunteers of all ages and backgrounds from across Ireland as they prepare to travel this summer. Pray that they will travel in the spirit of solidarity and partnership, opening their hearts and minds to be transformed by the experience.

Pray that they will grow deeper in faith as they work beside our brothers and sisters in need. Pray that as walls go up on Habitat projects, invisible walls between people will come down, and relationships will form, to strengthen our shared humanity. Pray that volunteers will be inspired by their experience to become life-long advocates for the cause of safe shelter.



### Hope and help in the toughest times

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Malawi and India whose lives have been impacted by Cyclone Idai (Malawi) and Cyclone Fani (India). More than 700,000 people in Malawi and 1.1 million people in Odisha province, India; have been directly affected.

Thousands of houses and temporary structures have been destroyed, leaving many families with no place to go. Pray that God would bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods and homes. Give thanks for all those who reach out to help; often in the most challenging circumstances.

Pray especially for Habitat India and Habitat Malawi, and for individual staff who are on the ground distributing Humanitarian Aid and Emergency Shelter Kits, giving support to those in need and helping to rebuild for the longterm.



## Give thanks for partnerships

Thank God for partnerships with organisations including Stepping Stones, Action Mental Health, DePaul and the Probation Board which help us engage the vulnerable and marginalised in our community. Remember each one of the volunteers who have the opportunity to give and receive in Habitat ReStore.

Give thanks for partnerships with companies who donate materials to ReStore and for all the local community support. Pray especially that more local people will step forward to volunteer in ReStore Newry. Pray that the plan to open ReStore Newtownards will be a success, enabling local families to improve their homes at a price they can afford.



## Building the Kingdom

During this time of uncertainty in our community and in the world, pray that we would remember that we are called to unity. Pray that our leaders will have wisdom and courage. Pray that the needs of communities will be prioritised in all that they do, especially thinking of those who are most vulnerable.

Ask God to strengthen all those involved in helping to build His kingdom and extend His love and mercy to those most in need in our community and around the world. Give thanks that for 25 years Habitat's mission has called thousands of volunteers and supporters to reach out to serve others and pray as we work across Ireland that there will be a real sense of shared vision and mission.



## Schools and young people

Give thanks for the many schools who engage with Habitat's work; through the 'Our Waste, Our World' programme for primary schools and the 'Change Makers' programme for post-primary schools. Give thanks for the volunteers who faithfully help deliver both programmes and pray that more people would be inspired to give their time to help us extend across Ireland.

Pray that as young people think critically about social justice and building a sustainable future young people will understand that God intends every child to 'live life in all its fullness' and that they will become lifelong advocates for the needs of the poor.

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