

Building the Kingdom

Let's Build Together

“So be strong and courageous. all you who
put your hope in the Lord.” Psalm 31:24

Prayer Points



Breaking down barriers

Give thanks for the work and witness of Koinonia Farm in Americus, Georgia which birthed Habitat for Humanity. Praise God for the vision, deep faith and commitment of Clarence and Florence Jordan and Martin and Mabel England who lived their faith in radical Christian community - an inclusivity that continues to underpin Habitat's mission today.

Pray that in a world torn apart by injustice, conflict and poverty, love continues to break down barriers and heal division.



Raising up community leaders

Give thanks that leaders like Lutana, who leads an indigenous community in Manaus, Brazil faithfully represent their community and advocate for better living standards such as access to water and sanitation. Through the Home Equals campaign, Lutana is working alongside Habitat to make sure people have the legal right to live on the land their house is on – protecting them from eviction. Pray that the Home Equals campaign will provide new opportunities for those living in informal settlements to have equitable access to adequate housing.



Hope for those displaced

From the safety and comfort of this small place it's hard to take in that 110 million people in our world have been displaced by war, violence and persecution. Make us people of prayer and action to respond in our broken world, give us the grace to see the human beings made in your image remembering your call to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Conflict in the Middle East has spread to Southern Lebanon, causing a severe humanitarian crisis. Thousands of families have fled their homes in search of safety. Pray especially for the Habitat team in Lebanon as they respond with practical help; in collective shelters and individual homes. Pray that people in Ireland would respond to our summer appeal enabling this work.



Ensuring a fairer, healthier world for future generations

Pray that Habitat's mission continues to inspire people of all ages to action to end poverty housing, thinking especially of the importance of engaging young people as advocates for a fairer world.

Give thanks for the opportunity to mark World DIY Day and World Earth Day in ReStores alongside local schools in Ballymena and Newtownards. Pray that the enthusiasm of the pupils will create active support for sustainability and justice.

Give thanks for the 'Youth for Housing delegates' at the recent Europe Housing Forum in Warsaw. Young people from Ireland and Romania had the opportunity to engage in the forum and learn more about housing challenges and solutions in Europe and around the world.

Pray that solutions to the complex housing challenges faced in communities locally and globally until everyone everywhere has a safe place to live.



Opportunities for all

Give thanks for the opportunity to provide OCN-accredited training for local people through ReStores; praying especially for volunteer co-ordinators Matt in Ballymena and Clare in Lisburn. Give thanks for the commitment of The Gallaher Trust which enabled the development of the 'Foundations at ReStore' training and pray for all those who have taken part; building skills, confidence and for many a pathway to employment which can be life changing.

Give thanks that the programme has been shortlisted in four categories at Open College Network Northern Ireland's 2024 Learning Endeavour Awards. Habitat's goal as an OCN centre is to provide individuals, often those who are vulnerable, with accredited training and tailored support to enable them to achieve their potential. Pray for opportunities to secure other support to enable OCN training to extend to other ReStores across the network.

Donate to Habitat's summer appeal to support those displaced in Lebanon: habitatireland.org/lebanon

Sign up for regular prayer points: habitatireland.org/pray

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