



“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:26-27



This is the second part of a guide to help you pray during November in the run up to World Aids Day on 1 December 2011

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY... PRAY HIV

17th November

SNAPSHOT

In 2009 AIDS there were an estimated 16.6 million AIDS orphans.

VERSE

‘Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.’ James 1:27

PRAYERS

God our Father
You ask us to look after orphans
To care for widows in distress
You ask for righteousness
Have mercy Lord.
Christ have mercy.
Amen

18th November

SNAPSHOT

International trade rules and the burden of debt still have a massive impact on developing countries and HIV simply adds to economic problems. In developing countries the working population between 15 and 49 is that most affected by HIV. As working people fall ill the impact on the economy and resulting pressures increase poverty and enhance a climate where HIV spreads and treatments aren't made available.

VERSE

“The Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him” (Isaiah 30:18)

PRAYERS

Creator God, we give back to you the world you made.
Give wisdom to those who govern,
Give grace to those who work and trade.
Balance the scales of justice and right
So that those who work are paid fairly
And that those who face poverty are given help.
Give grace and practical care to people who face poverty today.
Amen

19th November

SNAPSHOT

HIV/AIDS is literally changing the nature of countries. In South Africa, life expectancy at birth is expected to fall under 40 in the coming years. In Botswana it is 37.

VERSE

‘The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired and weary, and his understanding no-one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.’ Isaiah 40:28,29

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PRAYERS

Today we remember the weak and the dying Lord.

At their point of trial, give hope and strength.

Comfort those who mourn.

Turn the tide so that suffering turns instead to joy.

Amen

20th November

SNAPSHOT

The number of people living with HIV rose from around 8 million in 1990 to 33 million by the end of 2009. The overall growth of the epidemic has stabilised in recent years. The annual number of new HIV infections has steadily declined and due to the significant increase in people receiving antiretroviral therapy, the number of AIDS-related deaths has also declined. Take a moment to thank God that progress is and can be made. Ask that greater progress take place in the future. Dare to dream.

VERSE

‘God reigns over the nations’ Psalm 47:8

PRAYERS

Circle the nations with your presence O God

Keep protection near and danger afar

May the peace of all peace be amongst us this day.

Amen

21st November

SNAPSHOT

Tearfund are a Christian charity based in the UK who are involved in projects globally trying to combat HIV. They partner with groups like the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia. In December 2003, the EFZ found 110 projects working with orphans and that as a whole, 70,000 orphans were being given help in Zambia

www.tearfund.org

VERSE

‘Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.’ Micah 6:8

PRAYERS

God we thank you for the work of Tearfund
Give them strength, wisdom and compassion for the task.

Bless the work of their hands.

We thank you for what you are doing in Zambia.

Bless the orphans God

Bring them help and hope. Amen

22nd November

SNAPSHOT

Conflict plays a big part in the HIV crisis. A UN worker in Sierra Leone reported that during conflict there, tens of thousands of women were abducted and raped, with many ending up as prostitutes in major cities. The majority will end up with HIV.

VERSE

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.’ Matthew 5:9

PRAYERS

Bring peace in areas of conflict Lord

(name places before God)

Prince of peace, bring peace to your world

Protect the poor and the needy

23rd November

SNAPSHOT

Some 120,000 women and girls are trafficked into Western Europe every year. Most will end up being sex workers. Most will face the risk of HIV infection.

VERSE

‘I’m tired of this – so tired. My bed has been floating forty days and nights on the flood of my tears.’ Psalm 6, The Message

PRAYERS

God how long to pray these prayers?

How long will this pandemic afflict the poor?

How long will men contribute to this blight on the world?

Forgive us, change us.

Break the chains.

Amen

24th November

SNAPSHOT

Many choose to deal with the pandemic by ignoring it. It is expected that the infection rate is far higher because many countries have chosen to ignore or not properly deal with the problem. ‘Denial has been a characteristic of this epidemic at all levels’ (Peter Piot, UNAids). In September 2003, South African president Mbeki declared that he did not know anyone who had died of AIDS – although one of his staff and many senior ANC figures had died.

VERSE

‘If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.’ Proverbs 21:13

PRAYERS

Father forgive us for the sin of denial

For closing our ears to the cries of the poor.

Change us Lord. Amen

25th November

SNAPSHOT

There are 14.8M AIDS Orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa and figures vary from country to country. Those struggling most are Nigeria (2.5 million), Zimbabwe (1 million) and South Africa (1.9 million). Many of these orphans end up living on the street and in great danger. Many young children are forced to care for even younger siblings.

VERSE

“From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise” Psalm 8:2

PRAYERS

Lord God of the Nations
Creator of each human life
Today in our prayers we give you the children
of Zimbabwe,
The children of Nigeria,
The children of South Africa.
Stand with them Lord, send people to care and
to help.
Amen.

26th November

SNAPSHOT

22.5 Million people are living with HIV/AIDS in
Sub-Saharan Africa. Across the continent,
roughly 5% of the population aged 15-49 are
living with the virus. However in Lesotho this
is 23.6%, Botswana 24.8% and in Swaziland it
is 25.9%.

VERSE

Read the whole of Psalm 23.

PRAYERS

Hold a few moments of silence. Light a candle
if you can.

27th November

SNAPSHOT

India has 2.3 million people living with
HIV/AIDS. The spread of HIV in India has been
uneven. Although much of India has a low rate
of infection, certain places have been more
affected than others. HIV epidemics are more
severe in the southern half of the country and
the far north-east. In the southern states, HIV
is primarily spread through heterosexual
contact. Infections in the north-east are mainly
found amongst injecting drug users (IDUs) and
sex workers.

VERSE

“Is this not the kind of fasting I have chosen; to
loose the chains of injustice and untie the
cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?” Isaiah 58:6

PRAYERS

The early apostle Thomas brought your gospel
to India.
Today we remember that nation and ask for
it's peace.
We pray for those affected by HIV/AIDS.
Particularly we remember those trapped in
sex-work
And those imprisoned by addiction.
Set them free God.
Amen

28th November

SNAPSHOT

For the first time, researchers have shown that
a cell-based therapy for HIV/AIDS can reduce
the amount of virus in infected people. The
breakthrough was announced in September
2011 at the 51st Interscience Conference on
Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in
Chicago. The research had found a way to

protect the T cells that HIV attacks first, so
they can live to fight another day. Research is
ongoing. Pray for those working on it.

VERSE

“But for you who revere my name, the sun of
righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.
And you will go out and leap like calves
released from the stall.” Malachi 4:2

PRAYERS

Give wisdom God to those seeking a cure for
HIV/AIDS.
Give insight into the virus.
Give creativity in solutions.
Grant favour to those who work day and night
to find the answer.
Amen.

29th November

SNAPSHOT

Andrew Stimpson, 25, was diagnosed HIV-
positive in 2002 but was found to be
negative in October 2003 by Chelsea and
Westminster Healthcare NHS Trust. It was
reported recently that doctors were trying to
find out how this had happened. Each year,
millions of dollars and masses of expertise go
into searching for a cure to HIV/AIDS. At the
time, Dr Patrick Dixon, reflecting on Mr
Stimpson's case said the case was important
because "inside his immune system is perhaps
a key that could allow us to develop some kind
of vaccine".

VERSE

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righteousness will rise with healing in its
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PRAYERS

Creator God
We thank you for medicine
For solutions to disease
For wisdom hidden in your created world
We pray today for HIV/AIDS
We pray for a cure
Give wisdom to those who search
Amen.

30th November

SNAPSHOT

33 million people living worldwide with the HIV
virus. Reflect on the love God has for us,
particularly for those in need.

VERSE

“For God so loved the world that He gave His
only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall
not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

PRAYERS

Spend some moments in silence reflecting on
the effect of the HIV virus.

1st December

SNAPSHOT

Today is World AIDS Day. Buy a red ribbon and wear it, remembering all those affected by the virus. Watch our special podcast for today and pray boldly for a cure for HIV/AIDS.

VERSE

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

PRAYER

God of love and hope,
You took on skin and bone to walk amongst us.
You know us and love us.
Take our prayers of this past month and hear them.
Stand with those affected by AIDS and bring change.
We offer ourselves to be part of the answer to prayer we pray you’ll bring.
Amen.

Thank you for praying with us.

SOURCES

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AVERT (International HIV and AIDS Charity)
www.avert.org
World Health Organisation
Tearfund
World Vision
Hope HIV
UK Government

The first part of the 24-7 Pray HIV & AIDS guide is available from 24-7prayer.com/just24-7