



WEEK ONE

The Most Vulnerable

Thank you for joining the Hands at Work family around the world in prayer for 40 days on behalf of the most vulnerable children in Africa and our work to support them. As the body of Christ, we commit to coming together to intercede and bring hope to the hopeless.

JOIN US

in 40 Days of Prayer for Africa's Vulnerable Children & Hands at Work

Wednesday, March 1st

Day 1 - MAKE IT PERSONAL

And by Him we cry, Abba, Father. The spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are God's children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs of Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. – Romans 8:15-17

As we begin 40 days of prayer together, read Thandeka's story. How can you make her story personal to you? Remember that we make it personal because Jesus made it personal with us first. Today ask God what He is longing to teach you through the life of Thandeka and let Him transform your mind, body, and spirit as you intercede in the presence of the Holy Spirit for Hands at Work and Africa's most vulnerable during these next 40 days.

Thursday, March 2nd

Day 2 - CLEAN WATER

"But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." – John 4:14

Today, pray for the health of those who have no choice but to drink dirty, infested water. Pray for safety and energy for walking long distances to collect water in unsafe areas. Ask God to make a way for clean water to be

accessible to the communities whose water sources have dried up. Pray for rain in the drought stricken areas.

Friday, March 3rd

Day 3 - FATHERS IN A FATHERLESS GENERATION

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6

In South Africa, there is a huge lack of older male role models, as fathers have abandoned their families. Ask God for transformation in the lives of the men who have left their wives and children. Pray for more male Care Workers in our communities to rise up and be an example for younger boys to follow. Pray that they would stand up and take responsibility in their communities and in their families, so this fatherless generation would end.

Saturday, March 4th

Day 4 - VULNERABLE GIRLS

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope. – Jeremiah 29:11

Many young girls are at risk in countries like Swaziland where they are given up for marriage as early as age 12. This reality is not only due to cultural practices but occurs when families are financially desperate. Hands at Work is currently focused on expanding work

throughout Swaziland in communities like Shoka – ask God to reveal those with servant hearts from the local church to care for the vulnerable in their community. Pray they will be able to effectively care and support the needs of young girls who are traumatized and scared.

Sunday, March 5th

THE FIRST SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

WEEK TWO

The Crisis: Poorest of the Poor

Hands at Work is committed to working in the poorest, most dysfunctional communities in the countries we serve. From HIV/AIDS to violent unrest, the most vulnerable people are surrounded by afflictions difficult to comprehend.

Monday, March 6th

DAY 5 - EDUCATION & HEALTH CARE

He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honour. For all the earth is the LORD's, and he has set the world in order. – 1 Samuel 2:8

In places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo, these simple services are out of reach for the poorest of the poor due to high unemployment amongst large populations. Pray God would guide each local Care Worker in effectively providing these services to the poorest children within each of our communities.

Tuesday, March 7th

DAY 6 - HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC

The Lord protects and preserves them—they are counted among the blessed in the land— He does not give them over to the desire of their foes. He sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness. Psalm 41:2-3

The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to end lives, tear families apart and leave children orphaned. Ask God for a breakthrough in the lives of the new generation to adopt a healthy lifestyle of abstinence and single life-long partner relationships. Also pray for the most vulnerable who are often victims of abuse ending in HIV. Pray that God would guide Hands at Work as we respond to the crisis of orphaned children who have lost one or both of their parents from HIV/AIDS. Pray for hope, healing and restoration for the lives that have been stricken with this disease.

Wednesday, March 8th

DAY 7 - CORRUPTION

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? – Micah 6:8 (NIV)

In many of the poorest communities, the government systems are corrupt, creating a wide gap between justice and oppression for those in need. Pray for those who are causing harm and persecution to the poor, ask God to reveal Himself to them and to change their hearts and their ways. Ask Him to break down the walls of injustice and to protect those who are being severely mistreated.

Thursday, March 9th

DAY 8 – THE DROUGHT CRISIS

But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8

The drought crisis has swept across Africa, gripping a huge part of the population, specifically those labeled as the poorest of the poor. Every day children face dire consequences because of hunger, sickness, and lack of water. Stand in prayer with the Hands at Work family around the world today and pray for those who have been impacted by the drought. Intercede for them in prayer and ask God in His mercy to provide for them and to comfort them in their distress.

Friday, March 10th

DAY 9 – CHILDREN ACROSS AFRICA

The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exalt in the Holy One of Israel. – Isaiah 29:19

The most important relationship we can offer to a child is a personal relationship with Jesus. Pray for children like Thandeka and those you know by name across Africa. Pray that they would seek after God's heart and continue to grow in their relationship with him. Pray also for unified relationships with their Primary Caregivers, and Care

Workers, and that the most vulnerable children would grow up to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy. Pray each child would feel a sense of belonging, love, and hope for their future. Ask God to bring them laughter and joy even amidst the hardships they face.

Saturday, March 11th

DAY 10 – THOSE OUTSIDE OUR REACH

The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations will perish from His land. You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of this earth, will no longer be afraid. –Psalm 10:16:-18

Pray for the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable around the world, who are outside our care and reach. Pray for those in countries caught up in violence and war such as Sudan, Central African Republic and Syria. Pray for those facing the injustice of persecution. Pray for girls who cannot escape the sex trade in many countries. Ask God to come and heal the brokenness and trauma in their lives and to free them from fear and anguish.

Sunday, March 12th

THE SECOND SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus heard [Lazarus was sick], He said, "The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory... I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?" – John 11:4, 25-26 (NIV)

WEEK THREE

The Local Response: The Church

Hands at Work envisions the local church in Africa effectively caring for the most vulnerable. This week, we pray for the local church to answer God's call to respond to the cry of the poor.

Monday, March 13th

DAY 11 - THE LOCAL CHURCH

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' – Isaiah 52:7

Hands at Work envisions the local church in Africa effectively caring for the most vulnerable. Pray for Hands at Work to connect with more local churches in the poor communities where we work and in communities we have not yet reached. Pray for more Christians and churches in Africa to rise up to the call to care for the most vulnerable. Pray for opportunities to meet with pastors and other church leaders to build relationships, and for the vision and model of Hands at Work to be understood and lived out.

Tuesday, March 14th

DAY 12 - CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN ZIMBABWE

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. –1 John 3:16

Pray that God-fearing leaders would emerge from the church in Zimbabwe and be mobilised into action. Pray that pastors, their wives, and church members would be compelled to visit the homes of the most vulnerable children in places like Honde Valley and surrounding communities. Thank God for all the churches in Zimbabwe who are supporting Hands at Work.

Wednesday, March 15th

DAY 13 - CARE WORKERS

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

Local volunteer Care Workers, living in the communities, dedicate their lives to serving and caring for children like

Thandeka. Thank God for those who are bringing healing to the hearts of our children and ask that God would continue to lead them in supporting each child. Ask God for more men and women to recognize their calling from James 1:27 – 'to visit orphans and widows in their affliction' and to step up to care for those in need in their own communities.

Thursday, March 16th

DAY 14 – THE RST TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ. – 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Pray for our Regional Support Teams (RST) as they go out to support the work happening in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Local African leaders together with international volunteers serve on these teams; pray for unity between them and continued growth and development as they work together to mobilise the local church in each country to care for vulnerable places and people.

Friday, March 17th

DAY 15 – THE LOCAL CHURCH IN MOZAMBIQUE

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. – Galatians 6:9

Hands at Work is dependent upon God to send local African leaders to lead the way in caring for the most vulnerable children. Pray for the church in Matsinho and Macadeira Communities in Mozambique; for growth and development amongst leaders – men and women with servant hearts who desire to sacrificially serve the most vulnerable. Ask God to bring the local church around these communities to walk alongside them and to carry the burden with them as they respond to the cry of the poor in their country.

Saturday, March 18th

DAY 16 – PASTORS

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:18-20

Many local pastors have strong influences over their churches and the communities they preach in; pray that they would grasp the core of the Gospel and speak truth to their congregations. Ask God to move in their hearts and for His promises to be deeply rooted in their lives, so that others may be brought to Christ through them.

Sunday, March 19th

THE THIRD SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

'We are going up to Jerusalem,' [Jesus] said, 'and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles, who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. Three days later He will rise.'
– Mark 10:33-34 (NIV)

WEEK FOUR

The Local Response: Community Ownership

A core value of Hands at Work is being committed to local community ownership. Transformation in the communities we serve is dependent upon God revealing local people who are willing to serve their community through sacrificial giving and compassionate relationships.

Monday, March 20th

DAY 17 – THE DROUGHT RESPONSE

Therefore I command you, “You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy, and to the poor, in your land”
Deuteronomy 15:11

Hands at Work has found hope in caring for the most vulnerable through the local churches of Malawi. Our vision is for the local church to care for those in need, and during the severe drought crisis, that need is especially high. Pray more people would take ownership of their communities as Hands at Work works together with the Malawi local office in response to the drought. Pray they would take the responsibility to step up in the poorest communities to sacrificially care for the orphaned and vulnerable.

Tuesday, March 21st

DAY 18 – CARE GIVERS

He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge.
—Psalm 91:4

In many families, orphaned children are being cared for by their aunts or uncles, grandparents, older siblings or relatives who have faced serious trauma, similar to the children themselves. The healing and restoration for these care givers is just as vital as for the children in our communities. Pray for the workshops Hands at Work will be facilitating this year with care givers and ask God to bring healing into each of their lives. Pray they will find comfort and rest in the shelter of His mighty wings.

Wednesday, March 22nd

DAY 19 – FOOD INSECURITY

But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind.
— Luke 14:13

In the most vulnerable communities, food security remains a serious issue. Many people face starvation between November and February of each harvest

season when their food supply runs out. Food insecurity is one of the biggest factors leading to vulnerability. Today, pray that others will rise up and take care of those who are suffering around them. Pray for giving and sacrificial hearts within communities. Ask God to change the hearts of those who are living in greed, and would give them a spirit of generosity. Thank Him for the Care Workers who daily cook a hot, nutritious meal for the children they care for. Consider those people in your own country who also struggle with food security, and ask God to pour out grace on them, too.

Thursday, March 23rd

DAY 20 – RECOMMIT YOURSELF

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. — 1 John 5:14-15

Pray in recommitment to the second half of 40 Days of Prayer. Be encouraged that God hears your prayers and does not require perfect words; rather a willing heart. Pray for the outcome of this season of prayer to be a deeper understanding of God’s will and a closer relationship with Him as you commit to speaking with Him daily. Believe the words of 1 John 5:14-15 and let them sink deep in your heart.

Friday, March 24th

DAY 21 – LIFE CENTRES

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. — Matthew 11: 28-30

Our dream is to see healing in the most vulnerable children’s deep inner wounds and provide a place of life and love for each child, their caregivers, and the

entire community. A Life Centre is not just a building; it’s a refuge and fortress created for the most vulnerable people. It is a place where people can find the rest and strength of God in their community. Ask God for more Care Points across Africa to be transformed into Life Centres, and pray for those who are at work in this transformation. Pray for the CBO’s that are already Life Centres, that they will not lose sight of the vision and purpose behind them.

Saturday, March 25th

DAY 22 – TEACHERS

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. — Titus 2:7-8

As part of the Hands at Work vision and to provide holistic care for each child, we fight for children to have access to education. Across Africa, uniforms are provided and school fees are paid by Hands at Work to ensure that these children can have access to a community or government school. Pray for the teachers who invest many hours a day into teaching our children; ask God to guide them in their words and actions as they live as role models to their classes. Pray they will have wisdom in assessing each child’s needs and show love and care to the children they teach.

Sunday, March 26th

THE FOURTH SUNDAY

On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered them, “The hour has now come for the Son of Man to receive great glory. ... Shall I say, “Father, do not let this hour come upon me”? But that is why I came - so that I might go through this hour of suffering. Father, bring glory to your name!” — John 12:23-28 (NIV)

WEEK FIVE

The International Response: The Church

As Hands at Work stirs up and mobilises the local church to care for the most vulnerable, we envision the church outside Africa unified in this same mission. Together we are the body of Christ, and the International Church is also called to care for those in need.

Monday, March 27th

DAY 23 – INTERNATIONAL CHURCH
If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. – Isaiah 58:10

As we believe in the international church working alongside the local church, pray the international church will grasp and understand the severity of global injustice. Ask God to call forth more people within the International Church to give, pray, volunteer and advocate for justice both internationally and in Africa.

Tuesday, March 28th

DAY 24 – CHURCHES & NGO'S
WORLD WIDE
"Whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ giving thanks to God the Father through Him" – Colossians 3:17

Lift up other church ministries and Non-Government Organisations who are also committed to working among the poor in Africa and other places throughout the world. Ask God to bless their work, making it fruitful and life-giving.

Wednesday, March 29th

DAY 25 – INTERNATIONAL TEAMS
If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. – Isaiah 58:10

Pray for all the teams and visitors who will be coming to Africa this year. Ask our Father for each person to come with a willing spirit to learn, encourage and serve. Pray teams and individuals will desire to be imitators of Christ while in Africa, and back in their own communities at home. Pray for transformation in their hearts and lives, and pray for strength and boldness as they return home and share their stories and experiences.

Thursday, March 30th

DAY 26 – INTERNATIONAL OFFICES
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. – 1 Corinthians 12:12

Hands at Work has international offices in Canada, US, Australia and the UK. We desire to see transformation in the lives of those who serve in Africa, as well as those outside of Africa. Many volunteers in these offices have given up paid work to serve with Hands at Work. Pray for these offices today, for the individuals who take on the challenge of being committed to serving the most vulnerable from afar. Pray for unity, provision and wisdom among the individuals in each office as they work together to answer the cry of God's heart.

Friday, March 31st

DAY 27 – INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS
We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Praise and thank the Lord for our partners across the world, willing people who have committed to support communities in Africa. Groups of many different people of all ages have come together to pray, to raise support, to send teams, and to build a relationship with Hands at Work. Pray these relationships would grow stronger and deeper. Ask God under His divine will for more partners, and to guide us in the way forward as new ones develop.

Saturday, April 1st

DAY 28 – INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS
The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to

proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. – Luke 4:18:19

Pray for international volunteers, those who serve with Hands at Work in Africa. Ask that God would give them peace and comfort as they leave their families and homes behind. Ask God to place people in their lives who will encourage and support them daily. Pray they would continue to understand the calling that God has placed on their lives; to proclaim good news to the poor.

Sunday, April 2nd

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'The time has come for me, the Son of Man, to enter into my glory, and God will receive glory because of all that happens to me. And God will bring me into my glory very soon. Dear children, how brief are these moments before I must go away and leave you! Then, though you search for me, you cannot come to me – just as I told the Jewish leaders. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.' – John 13:31-35 (NIV)

WEEK SIX

The Example of Jesus: Relationships

Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood - John 1:14 (MSG)
God chose to appear in human form through His Son Jesus, to have a relationship with each of us. As He wanted to know us, so we are called to know others.

Monday, April 3rd

DAY 29 – RELATIONSHIP GROUPS
Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. –Romans 12:10

The dream of Hands at Work is that there would be Relationship Groups happening on every level from the International Offices, HUB, RST, Local Office and among Care Workers, caregivers and children. Pray that people can have a place of safety and dignity, even in their pain and hurt. Pray that by the way people speak and listen, it would open up doors for healing and restoration. Ask God to pour out His spirit on those who are hurting and suffering, and pray they can find strength in knowing they are not alone.

Tuesday, April 4th

DAY 30 – RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL OFFICES
“May the God who gives you endurance and encouragement, give you a Spirit of unity among you as you follow Christ Jesus” – Romans 5:15

As our International Offices work to support what is happening on the ground in Africa, pray they will be unified together as they grow and learn from each other. Pray for strong relationships between the offices even across the far distances that separate them.

Wednesday, April 5th

DAY 31 – COMMUNITY LIVING
How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! – Psalm 133:1 (NLT)

At Hands at Work, our local and international volunteers live together in a cross-cultural Christian community. We believe in working and living together as a family and that in order to serve the most vulnerable in the poorest communities in Africa, we must first serve the people around us. Pray for our communities to be united through

relationship building, healing, and discipleship. Pray for our community life to be honest and vulnerable, seeking to serve with accountability, sacrifice and love.

Thursday, April 6th

DAY 32 – RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHILDREN, CARE WORKERS AND CAREGIVERS
Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends. – John 15:16

Pray for the relationships between Care Workers, caregivers, and the children we serve. Many of our Care Workers and caregivers are wounded themselves. Pray for God’s transformational grace and love to heal their inner wounds so that they will in turn pour out grace and love to the children they care for. Pray for unity and peace between these relationships and that God’s love would fill every void left from a damaged relationship.

Friday, April 7th

DAY 33 – SOMEONE YOU KNOW
He heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds – Psalm 147:3 (NLT)

Today pray for this verse to speak true to someone in your life, a family member, a loved one, a Care Worker, Thandeka – anyone whom you know who is suffering and in desperate need of God’s healing hand to bind up their wounds. Pray this individual would feel God’s unfailing love and adoration for them. The most broken people can sometimes be the most difficult people to pray for.

Saturday, April 8th

DAY 34 – YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy

to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. – James 4:6-10

Pray earnestly for Jesus to reveal himself to you and to reveal His good and perfect will for your life. Pray for God to show you the areas that are barriers to surrendering fully to Christ and to serving others around you.

Sunday, April 9th

PALM SUNDAY
On Sundays, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A huge crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet Him. They shouted, ‘Praise God! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!’ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: ‘Don’t be afraid, people of Israel. Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.’ ... Then the Pharisees said to each other, ‘We’ve lost. Look, the whole world has gone after him!’ – Luke 19:12- 15, 19 (CEV)

WEEK SEVEN

Holy Week

As we approach Easter, we pray for Christ to remain firmly the foundation of Hands at Work. We pray for Him to be at the centre of each life serving and being impacted by our vision.

Monday, April 10th

DAY 35

But let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. – 1 Peter 3:4

Hands at Work's core values help to guide us and to examine whether what we do is an honest reflection of who we are. They include: loving God and our neighbour, reaching the poorest of the poor, living servanthood, supporting local community ownership, valuing relationships, prioritising God, family, ministry, Being accountable, giving freely

Pray that all of Hands at Work would live out these values in every area of their lives.

Tuesday, April 11th

DAY 36

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ... See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting – Psalm 139

We are all made in the image of Christ. Pray that you would have eyes to see and ears to hear what God is doing through others around you.

Wednesday, April 12th

DAY 37

'I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.' – Psalm 104:33

When Mary anointed Jesus' feet, Mary honoured Jesus by giving the object which was likely the most valuable thing she would ever have. Those who watched could not believe what they were seeing. This perfume of great value, a year's wages, being poured out onto Jesus' feet! When we visit others, let us give our whole selves in the way that Jesus did for us.

Thursday, April 13th

DAY 38

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. – Isaiah 55: 1-3

"Not my will, but Yours, be done."
Jesus prayed these words in agony to his Father, knowing these words of obedience would mean sacrificing his own life on the cross not long after. Reflect on the depth of these words Jesus spoke. Though nothing can compare with the sacrifice he made for each of us on the cross, pray these words over your own life, and pray you will be obedient to do what he calls you to.

Friday, April 14th

DAY 39 - GOOD FRIDAY

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. – Galatians 2:20

The Crucifixion is the most scandalous event in history. This is how the world meant to put a stop to Jesus and all that He was about. He came to proclaim good news to the poor, set the captives free, to bring sight to the blind, give liberty to the oppressed. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and for showing us an excellent way. Pray for Thandeka and other vulnerable children, Care Workers, Primary Caregivers across Africa, churches and Hands at Work Volunteers across Africa and the world, would feel the weight of what it means for Jesus to die for us. Pray that we would lay our own lives down as living sacrifices. Let us begin our prayer with two minutes of silence.

Saturday, April 15th

HOLY SATURDAY

He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness, by his wounds you have been healed. – 1 Peter 2:24

Today, we pause to anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 16th

DAY 40 - EASTER SUNDAY

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, remember His words:

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come! – Revelation 22:20

Arising from the dead, Jesus has shown us there is no wound too deep, no scar too unbearable that He cannot heal. As we await His return, challenge yourself to give your heart fully to God. Ask Him to show you how you can act in faith on behalf of those who are broken. Pray that these past 40 days have brought a renewed sense of God's Kingdom to all of us who have prayed together.