

# LENT 2019 PRAYERGUIDE



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Christians around the world fast during Lent, a practice traditionally accompanied by prayer and almsgiving. Time taken to eat a meal is spent in prayer, and money spent on food is given away. It is a beautiful way to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Resurrection. After 40 days of preparation, we celebrate with an even longer period of 50 days during Eastertide. And the effects of Christ's resurrection are even longer than that as they are eternal!

In a way, ARDF's global ministry parallels this Lenten season. We partner with the larger body of Christ, endure a period of waiting and work, and then celebrate when we see a project come to completion.

But it doesn't stop there. Just as the resurrection of Christ Jesus has long term effects in our lives, so these projects have long term effects in their communities. We are excited to share some of these stories with you. As we journey through this Lenten season, let us be encouraged to remain steadfast in the work our Risen Lord has for us.

## How to Use this Prayer Calendar

Each Week of Lent, join us in celebrating the ongoing transformation that our church partners are making in the lives of the people of North Eastern Brazil. God is powerfully working in and through them.

This Lenten season, go to [ardf.org/blog](http://ardf.org/blog) every Sunday to read their full stories, then [pray](#) for them



## ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2019

*We pray for Rian, that he would become a leader in his neighborhood, demonstrating Your power of transformation to those living in a violent drug culture.* Rian, a member of a Saturday soccer club, reports that without his finding Jesus in the soccer gymnasium, his life would look very different.



## SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2019

*We pray for Pastor Souza de Franca as he leads a church that has brought ongoing transformation to his neighborhood.* The Church of Consolata has been a light in the community for over ten years, bringing education, hope, and sports programs to a neighborhood once considered too dangerous to visit.



## SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2019

*We pray for Kyria Souza who volunteers diligently to ensure that underprivileged children have the opportunity to learn about You, Lord.* Kyria has the responsibility for designing a curriculum based on Christian values that kids in the slums are unlikely to receive anywhere else.



## SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2019

*We pray for Mirella and Marcella, that their relationship to You and to each other would continue to be strengthened.* Mirella is a single mom who participated in a church program for pregnant mothers where she encountered God and learned how to be a responsible mother. Her daughter, Marcella, now 18 months old, is thriving in the church daycare program.



## SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2019

*We pray for Aline Silva dos Santos, a teacher whose faith in You crystallized in the classroom where she teaches two year olds.* Aline reports that she found Jesus at the school, where she sees God at work daily in the lives of her students, many who come from broken homes and find their security only at school.



## SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019

*We pray for the Rev. Eliane Chacon, serving in a neighborhood where the community is developing a culture of peace after years of violence.* The neighborhood of Itapua has been brought together by the building of a new church. Pastor Eliane says the change has come with preaching the Gospel.



## PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2019

*We pray for Bishop Marcia, that he has wisdom to lead his flock in the growing Diocese of Joao Pessoa.* One of the churches is held in a prison where the Gospel of repentance and forgiveness is lived out in tangible ways.



## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2019

*We praise You for the good works that are being done through the local church on an ongoing basis.  
Thank You for blessing this region even in the midst of poverty and violence.  
Grant that all peoples of the earth may look to You and be saved; for Your tender mercies' sake.*

*ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!*

*THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!*