

# LENT 2020 PRAYER GUIDE



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It is the tradition of the church to offer alms during Lent. ARDF wants to partner with you in this discipline by sharing the stories of those who need our prayers, our encouragement, and our help. A new initiative will bring Living Water and the Light of Christ to the poor in practical ways through the Anglican church. Stories below highlight the important role the church has in providing these most basic of needs.

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You can help bring light and clean water to those who need it! Want to know more?  
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## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

As we enter Lent with penitent hearts, we encourage you to remember those outside of our own spheres of influence. We want to empathize with those around the world, specifically those without access to clean water and light. *Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made. Open our eyes to those who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. Give us an awareness of Your people this Lent.*



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 1, 2020

Cham lives in Ethiopia. The local water in her village was making children sick. After taking a health safety course offered by the Anglican church, Cham shared what she learned with her neighbors. Now more children are healthy because everyone drinks purified water. *Lord, come quickly to help us. We praise You for Cham's faithfulness in sharing Your message. Let everyone find You mighty to save.*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 8, 2020

Farmers in Western Kenya needed a market for their crops. A food processing plant was renovated to encourage farmers to diversify their crops and turn them into marketable products. However, a reliable source of power was key to the project. With a generator, the plant can function in the event of a power loss. With reliable power, the farmers get paid for their crops and families have a better diet. *Almighty God, You know we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. We pray for the farmers in Kenya who now see opportunity in their fields. Strengthen those in this community with Your Word and Your Spirit. Defend them from all adversities that may happen to the body and the soul.*



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 15, 2020

Hurricanes Maria (2017) and Dorian (2019), left the people of Puerto Rico and the Bahamas without water. Our partner, Water Mission, got water purification systems back in place after the storms. Molly McIntosh, a resident of the Bahamas said, "If there's something you need more than anything, it's water!" *Heavenly Father, You have made us for Yourself. Our hearts are restless until we trust in You. We are grateful for those in Puerto Rico and the Bahamas that now trust in You after seeing You in action through hurricane recovery efforts.*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 22, 2020

Successful church-operated businesses benefit the community in several ways. In Eastern Kenya, a new church-owned bakery will provide farmers with a market for their grains while supplying nearby schools with a local source of healthy bread. For projects like this, power is essential; the church has purchased a generator to ensure that the benefits of this project are long-lasting. *Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, we ask You to bless this community in Eastern Kenya, through a project that presents You as the true bread of the world by feeding Your people both physically and spiritually.*



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT "PASSION SUNDAY", MARCH 29, 2020

Northern Kenya is off the electrical grid and students at Tumaini Academy rely on a few solar panels to operate their computers in the library. Students in the United States raised funds to purchase an additional solar panel. Now more students have the resources they need to strengthen their education. *Almighty God, grant Your people to love what You command and desire what You promise. We praise You for those students in the United States who have followed Your command to love their neighbors by meeting their need for more power. We pray that Tumaini students would excel in their studies and share this same love with their own community.*



## PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

In Burundi, people were always lacking water. The church solved this problem by building fortifications by local springs that now contain the water and keep it clean. Outreach and evangelism teams were an integral part of the project that eventually served more than 2,000 in the community. Having a reliable source of clean, usable water has allowed the community to thrive and has grown church attendance. *Lord, mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of Jesus's suffering, remembering Your great sacrifice. We praise You for the church in Burundi, which continues to faithfully serve You even under difficult circumstances.*

## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2020

*Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by Your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*