

10 Days of Prayer for Orphans

You are invited to join in a special 10 Days of Prayer for Orphans in the ICC Children's Villages. There will be a different prayer focus on each of the 10 days. Following are the suggested prayer topics.

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Pray for the healing of the "Holes in the Hearts" of orphaned and abandoned children. When a new child comes to live at an ICC children's village, he or she is immediately placed in a loving family. Yet, emotional healing does not take place overnight. The pain of being neglected, abused, or orphaned leaves a big hole in the heart of a child. Pray that children will accept the change that is taking place in their lives, and that they will trust the love that is freely given to them.



Pray for the education of ICC's young school children. Every child at an ICC children's village is provided education. Yet, outside of ICC, education is not a guarantee for many children around the world. It's not uncommon for children to arrive at ICC with no prior formal education, or to be delayed in learning because of trauma. Pray that children may overcome disadvantages, so that they may do well in school.



Pray for the education of ICC's grown children. As children grow, they must prepare for life outside of the Children's Village. Thanks to the care of donors, higher education and technical training is possible. Pray for the young people as they make important decisions about their education and future. Pray that they follow God's guidance, and that they become productive and thriving members of the community.



Pray for the children's caregivers. Children come to ICC from all different situations and walks of life. Also, each child responds to trauma in different ways. Caretakers have to be capable, adaptable, and available to many different children. Pray that they may have wisdom. Pray that they find comfort and support in this critical mission work.



Pray for the safekeeping of the ICC Children's Villages. When we see photos of the smiling faces of our dear children around the world, it's easy to forget that they live in dangerous parts of the world. Praise God for the protection that He daily provides. Pray that the children may continue to be kept safe from external danger.



Pray for the campus industries. A thriving industry is an essential way for ICC children to receive the quality, ongoing care they need. The more self-sustaining a project can be, the more consistent the care is for the children. Pray that the industries may reach their highest potential. Pray that the workers may have wisdom, and pray for a full harvest.



Pray that the villages have a positive impact on their communities. While the main purpose of ICC is to care for orphaned and abandoned children, there is often a secondary mission work to reach out to and positively impact the surrounding communities of a Children's Village. Pray that the communities surrounding ICC Children's Villages come to know and love Christ, and pray that the Children's Villages may have a positive impact on those around them.



Pray for the administration and staff. On-campus administration and staff are responsible for making sure that children are cared for properly and that the Villages run smoothly. Pray that their efforts are blessed to have a deep impact on the children. Pray that the staff and administration know that they, too, are loved and are doing a good work.



Pray for the governments to realize the need for facilities like ICC's. Many countries where ICC villages are located receive funding from North America and other developed countries to help with the care of children. The problem is that this funding often comes with pressure to stop the use of child-care institutions, such as traditional orphanages. ICC falls into the category of an institution, but it is not an institution in a traditional sense. Children live with parents in a home and are part of a community where they can receive the specialized care they need. Pray that governments will see the need for our villages and that they continue to send children to ICC's care.



Pray for the worldwide ICC family. Pray for each donor and volunteer to have joy throughout this new year. Pray that they realize the importance of their support. Pray that they may be abundantly blessed.