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PRAYING FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Our mission partners are doing important work in our community and around the world, and prayer is one of the ways we can stand alongside them.

This booklet introduces you to LOPC's mission partners and friends and makes it easy to learn about each one. For every partner, you'll see why we pray for their work, a suggested prayer, and ways you can get involved.

We hope this booklet helps you feel more connected to the people and organizations we support. May it inspire you to pray for them, learn about their work, and join us whenever you can.

STAY CONNECTED TO MISSION AT LOPC

Subscribe to the Mission newsletter for partner news, upcoming events, and opportunities to serve. Go to lopc.org/mission-newsletter.

Join us for hands-on volunteer opportunities throughout the year, many of which take place alongside our mission partners. Go to lopc.org/lovedoes.

Have a question or would like to get involved? Reach out to Mission Manager Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART
OF LOPC'S MISSION MINISTRY
—AND FOR HOLDING OUR
PARTNERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Congo

Why Pray?

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) suffers from a decades-long conflict in its mineral-rich east. Militias backed by Rwanda occupy two major cities. Millions have been displaced. Women have suffered sexual violence. In May 2026, an Ebola outbreak in this region was declared a public health emergency. There is no treatment or vaccine for this strain of Ebola. Medical help has been limited due to the rural and violence-ridden countryside. This epidemic is not yet contained and is becoming one of the worst Ebola outbreaks ever. While the east is the center of the violence and outbreak, this situation has significant impacts throughout the country.



The Congo team at LOPC has been active since 2012, supporting women and children needing trauma healing and partnering for better schools and education with CPC, Presbyterian Community in Congo, and CPK, Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa. Recently, LOPC supported a successful program to bring children off the streets into foster families within Presbyterian congregations while a search is made for family.

In all this, we trust the God of peace still reigns. Let us join in prayer for peace and healing in the Congo with the restoration of hope so that all the Congolese children and adults may thrive.



Suggested Prayer

Lord of mercy, we cry out for strengthened medical care and peace in the DRC. May violence cease, families return home safely. Strengthen those bringing medical care. Let justice and hope rise again in this long-suffering land.

Call to Action

Email Sue Gibbons at clearspeech@suegibbons.com to learn more about the team and to join the LOPC weekly prayer line for the DRC.

ATFALUNA



Why Pray?

Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children in Gaza empowers people with hearing and other disabilities through inclusive education, audiology, vocational training, and community services. Despite the ongoing conflict and the destruction of its main center, Atfaluna continues to serve amid immense challenges – including increased war-related hearing loss, mass displacement, a shortage of

assistive devices, and deep trauma among children. The organization remains committed to offering essential services, such as temporary learning spaces and mental health support, to help children with disabilities survive, learn, and heal.

Suggested Prayer

God of mercy, we lift up the families and children of Gaza, especially those with disabilities. Grant them safety, healing, and hope. Strengthen their caregivers, and guide Atfaluna and all who bring relief. End the violence, and let peace and justice flourish.

Call to Action

Email Chris Johnson at chrisazim@gmail.com to learn more about how you can support Atfaluna.



Children of Faith



Why Pray?

Children of Faith Missions (COFM), based in Visakhapatnam, India, has cared for some of the country's poorest and most vulnerable children since 2003. COFM provides more than shelter, focusing on each child's full development – physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually.

The organization supports orphans, semi-orphans, and children from families unable to meet basic needs. Locally led in India with support from a U.S. board, COFM is committed to accountability and stewardship, allocating 94¢ of every dollar directly to its charitable work.

Suggested Prayer

Gracious Father, we lift up the children in India and the dedicated staff who care for them. Cover them with health, safety, and peace. Bless the students – those preparing for exams, seeking college admission, or graduating – with clarity, confidence, and favor. We pray for their families, teachers, and leaders Anand and Rosie, asking for wisdom as they guide others. May the neighborhood come to know the love and hope found in Christ.



Call to Action

Go to childrenoffaith.org to learn more about how you can get involved and support their mission.

Food Bank



Why Pray?

The Food Bank faces mounting challenges as federal and state funding cuts threaten key food programs. They've lost nearly \$1.9 million from a USDA grant for fresh produce, and shipments from the Emergency Food Assistance Program have been suspended, resulting in over 250,000 fewer meals. Rising costs, especially for protein and produce, make it harder to serve the 65,000 households they help each month. As demand grows, the Food Bank is expanding advocacy to protect programs like CalFresh, but the gap between need and resources is widening.

Suggested Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for all who face food insecurity, especially those relying on the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano during these difficult times. Strengthen the Food Bank's efforts to nourish families, protect vital programs, and make every donation count. Move us to give – our time, food, or resources – so that no child goes to bed hungry.



Call to Action

Volunteer with the Food Bank on a love does/LOPC WorkDay. Email Sandy Ducey at sandrducey@comcast.net and/or Linda Groobin at lgroobin@gmail.com.

FotoKids



Why Pray?

Guatemala currently faces serious challenges due to climate change. This year, the country has seen its highest rainfall in 30 years, causing devastating landslides and widespread flooding, particularly in vulnerable rural communities.

We ask for prayers that hunger does not worsen as a result of these climate events. Crop and infrastructure damage has already affected food security, and there are concerns that rising food prices will make basic nutrition even harder to access for low-income families.

Please also pray for the many deported migrants returning to Guatemala. May they find dignified work, support, and opportunities to rebuild their lives after difficult and traumatic journeys.

Suggested Prayer

Heavenly Father, we lift up the people of Guatemala as they endure extreme rainfall, landslides, and flooding, especially in vulnerable rural areas. Grant them protection and provision during these climate challenges. Prevent hunger from worsening as crops are lost and food prices rise. Sustain families in need. Have mercy on returning migrants, and may they find hope, dignity, and new opportunities to rebuild their lives.

Call to Action

Go to fotokidsoriginal.org to learn more about how you can support their mission and to sign up for their quarterly newsletter.



Hope Solutions



Why Pray?

Hope Solutions is on the front lines in Contra Costa County, working to heal the effects of poverty and homelessness through a housing-first approach and wraparound supportive services. They serve thousands of vulnerable individuals and families each year but face significant challenges: soaring housing costs, extremely low vacancy rates, a widening gap between affordable housing and demand, and

government funding cuts and uncertainty. Funding volatility, regulatory shifts, and structural shortages in affordable housing threaten to slow their ability to expand and sustain solutions for those most in need.

Suggested Prayer

Loving God, we lift up Hope Solutions and all those they serve. Draw individuals and families in crisis to their welcoming doors, and bring healing to the deep wounds of poverty and homelessness within a haven of safety and dignity. Fill the staff with boundless compassion, energy, and resilience as they journey beside each client. Inspire steady and generous support from both public and private hands, so this important mission may flourish and endure despite rising costs, scarce housing, and uncertain funding.



Call to Action

Volunteer. Donate. Be the Solution. Learn more at hopesolutions.org.

JF Kapnek Trust

Why Pray?

JF Kapnek Trust once received USAID funding for HIV, cervical cancer, and TB screening programs. These needs have grown, but USAID funds were sharply cut this year. The US State Department asked Kapnek to increase HIV screening with fewer staff and stop all TB work. Only recently was some cervical cancer work allowed to continue. Despite these setbacks, Kapnek is finding creative ways to adapt. Thankfully, the ECD porridge program for preschools remains funded by non-governmental sources.



Suggested Prayer

Holy Spirit, Lord, source of all compassion and love,

Our world is troubled. Countless people around the globe are desperate for your compassion and support as they endure circumstances beyond their control that threaten their survival.

We think of our friends in Zimbabwe, a country whose people remain joyful despite illness, poverty, and hunger. Our friends at Kapnek Trust are challenged to provide more help with fewer and ever-dwindling resources as they treat illnesses, to feed your flock, even if it's only one meal a day.

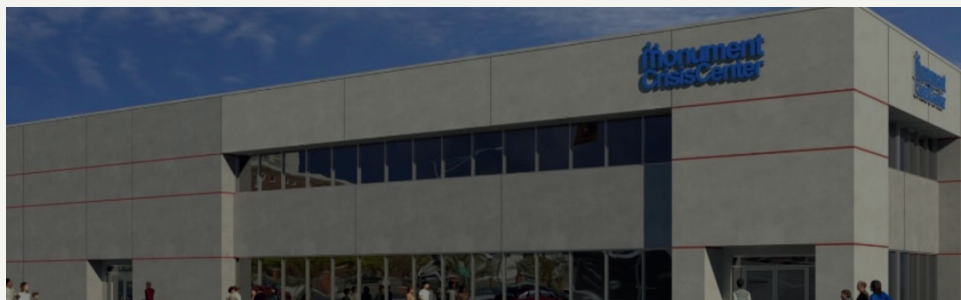
Wrap your loving spirit around the employees and volunteers of Kapnek Trust, who work tirelessly to reach as many people as possible despite limited resources and increasing challenges.

Give them good rest to face yet another day of knowing that their work will be the hands and feet of Jesus, our Lord.

Call to Action

Email Phil Hunter at hunter.p@mac.com for more information.

Monument Crisis Center



Why Pray?

Monument Crisis Center, based in Concord, supports low-income individuals and families across Central and East Contra Costa County with food, resources, and referrals for long-term stability. Now, California's budget crisis, including a \$3.4 billion Medi-Cal shortfall, threatens access to vital healthcare and social services, especially for undocumented and low-income residents. These challenges come amid record-high demand, as the Center faces food shortages and struggles to meet the urgent needs of hundreds of families seeking daily assistance.

Suggested Prayer

Dear God, thank you for Monument Crisis Center. Please sustain and strengthen their work as they provide food, education, and assistance to families in crisis. Grant the staff wisdom and compassion. Inspire volunteers to support their mission, and encourage ongoing donations of food and resources so the Center can continue serving those in need. May all who seek help there find hope, stability, and the support they need.



Call to Action

Volunteer your time, donate food using the collection barrels at LOPC, and learn more at monumentcrisiscenter.org

STAND!



Why Pray?

STAND! For Families Free of Violence is committed to promoting safe and strong families, offering prevention, intervention, and treatment services, including emergency shelter, crisis hotlines, counseling, legal advocacy, and education. Serving over 10,000 clients each year, STAND! faces rising demands, reduced funding, increasingly complex

cases, especially among underserved and marginalized populations, and the ongoing challenge of reaching victims early and safely.

Suggested Prayer

Loving God, we lift up survivors of domestic violence, their children, and all who bear the scars of abuse. Surround them with your healing presence. Grant them courage to speak, strength to leave, and wisdom to those who protect. Bless organizations like STAND! as they intervene; may they be empowered, sustained, and deeply effective. In Your name, Amen.

Call to Action

Volunteer your time and advocate for survivors by supporting STAND! as they work to end domestic violence and rebuild lives in our community. More information at standffov.org.



Trinity Center



Why Pray?

Trinity Center in Walnut Creek serves individuals facing homelessness and housing insecurity in Central Contra Costa County by providing meals, showers, laundry, case management, and seasonal shelter. As demand grows and resources are stretched, the center increasingly relies on donations of essentials and the dedication of volunteers to fulfill its mission.

Suggested Prayer

Lord, we lift up Trinity Center and all in our community facing homelessness and housing insecurity. May they remain a doorway to opportunity, offering not only meals and shelter but hope, dignity, and a path to stability. Grant that their members receive essentials and that compassionate volunteers step forward to guide others toward self-sufficiency. Remind us that we each can make a difference in caring for our neighbors.

Call to Action

Learn more about volunteering at trinitycenterwc.org.



Mission Friends



Why Pray?

Alongside our 10 official mission partners, LOPC also supports several Mission Friends – trusted organizations we walk

alongside through prayer, service, and giving. We'd like to especially highlight three of these friends: Primera Iglesia Presbyterian Church, our sister church in Oakland; Extended Families Program (EFP) in Walnut Creek; and Youth Homes.

Primera Iglesia: A vibrant Spanish-speaking church in Oakland, that lovingly serving the Oakland community through worship, outreach, and pastoral care.

EFP: A group in Walnut Creek that helps recently unhoused and refugee families by providing furniture and household essentials to turn apartments into homes.

Youth Homes: Contra Costa County's provider of trauma-informed residential care and supportive services for foster youth and young adults.



Suggested Prayer

Loving and faithful God, we lift up our Mission Friends – Primera Iglesia, Extended Families Program, and Youth Homes – who serve with courage and compassion amidst the many challenges facing our communities. In a time of uncertainty, rising needs, and limited resources, we ask that You strengthen their leaders, staff, and volunteers with renewed energy and unwavering hope. May Your grace surround the families they serve, bringing healing to broken places, shelter to the vulnerable, and light to those walking through the darkest valleys. Guide their hands and hearts as they embody Your love in tangible ways, and inspire us to walk alongside them with generous spirits and faithful prayers. In Your holy name, Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

God of all nations,

You are still at work in this world you love.
even when the headlines tell stories of conflict and despair.

You are present in acts of courage:
in those who feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,
care for the wounded, and work for peace.

We pray for the people of the Democratic Republic of the
Congo, where violence continues to displace families.
Bring safety, healing, and peace.

We pray for Israel and Gaza,
for civilians caught in violence, loss, and uncertainty.
Provide food and medicine for those in need,
and open a path toward peace and reconciliation.

We pray for Ukraine and all places where war continues.
Comfort those who grieve, protect the vulnerable,
and strengthen those working for peace.

We pray for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers,
especially those facing fear, uncertainty, or separation from
family. Protect the vulnerable and move us toward
compassion, dignity, and welcome.

We pray for our mission partners and the communities they
serve, here in the Bay Area and around the world.
Bless their work and all those they walk alongside.

And we remember all who suffer from poverty, hunger,
injustice, displacement, or disaster. Remind us that no
person or place is forgotten by you.

Give us eyes to see, hearts to care, and courage to act.
Teach us to be people who do not turn away, but who pray,
serve, speak up, and love, trusting that even our small acts
can become part of your great work of renewal.

Let your peace take root,
your justice grow,
and your love rise stronger than fear and hate.

Through Christ, who makes all things new,
Amen.



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The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.
James 5: 16