

'For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.' Luke 19:10 (ESV)

<p>Tue 1</p>	<p>"We are fools for Christ." 1 Cor 4:10 is the Apostle Paul's words to the church in Corinth. Sometimes, the actions of our partners in reaching the lost and caring for the most marginalised defy the logic of the world, yet they are compelled by Christ's love to act. Please pray for Pastor Joshua and others like him, who work with those who are the hardest to reach in the slums of Nairobi. Remember before God the challenge and the call for Christians to be fools for Christ.</p>
<p>Wed 2</p>	<p>World Autism Day. Our education projects reflect 50% of INUK funds. Please remember the hundreds of teaching staff across IN schools, as well as the schools with which IN collaborates through our various education projects. Thank God for all who dedicate their lives to teaching, helping children and enabling them to grasp a better future. Pray for the resources necessary to provide education to those children with disabilities and limitations that marginalise them from school so that they too can share in education and reach their full potential.</p>
<p>Thurs 3</p>	<p>Focus on Zambia: Please pray for Cyrus Mfula, our Zambian director, who has been suffering from ongoing health problems, creating anxiety. Pray for speedy resolutions, diagnosis and treatment that will bring him back to health after his trip to India.</p>
<p>Fri 4</p>	<p>Focus on Zambia: Please pray for the IN Zambia team that works hard to support the poorest in Zambia, that they may be fulfilled in their work and see the fruit that brings them joy. Pray for the Zambian board to govern wisely, encourage the team, and work well together.</p>
<p>Weekend 5-6</p>	<p>'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Cor 9:7). As we close the UK tax year, we give thanks to God for the generosity of so many who financially support the work of International Needs and have sacrificially given for Gospel impact.</p>
<p>Mon 7</p>	<p>World Health Day: Pray for IN health projects in both Burkina Faso and Uganda, the medical centre in Bobo requires new equipment, especially a new ultrasound scanner, where 1200 babies were safely delivered in 2024. Pray for the resources to purchase this equipment. The health centre in Kyindi, Uganda, has lost staff due to USAID cuts and is still struggling to provide quality healthcare to the fishing community. Please pray for new techniques and sustainable ways to work that will support the required number of staff.</p>
<p>Tue 8</p>	<p>A story from Zambia: Born into an impoverished family, Thomas has never known a father's love, having lost him at the age of three. His mother, ridiculed and rejected, bore the burden of raising four children alone, enduring unimaginable poverty and social neglect. No one in his family has ever attended school, so Thomas stands out as the only one to have reached Grade 12, a beacon of hope in his family. His lifeline arrived through the kindness of a carer who supported him in pursuing his dream of becoming a lawyer. Even as he works tirelessly to help his mother and siblings, his heart aches for those who are abandoned and rejected. Lift Thomas and his family in prayer, thanking God for sponsors and caregivers who help people like Thomas across all IN projects.</p>
<p>Wed 9</p>	<p>Seek God's blessing on the team at IN Nepal: as they undergo further staff changes and strive to improve and modernise their Lydia women's empowerment programme, enabling more women to benefit from skills training and life-enhancing programmes that reduce disease and increase opportunities.</p>
<p>Thu 10</p>	<p>Prayer for IN Egypt: Please pray for Pastor Nathan and his wife, Sawsan, as they plan to come to the UK next month on deputation. Please pray for their work in a challenging country with no freedom of religion, and Christians are marginalised. Please pray that many would come and hear his story and respond to support our Church Support work regularly after this deputation.</p>

<p>Fri 11</p>	<p>Praise God for the sacrificial love shown by folk who sponsor children or groups of children throughout the UK. ‘Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails’ (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). Amen!</p>
<p>Weekend 12-13</p>	<p>Palm Sunday: This weekend marks the beginning of Holy Week for Christians. As Christians across the world remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the words of Jesus as he lamented over the city. He wanted to gather the people to him, yet they refused. May many this holy week find their hope in him and begin to follow him for the first time.</p>
<p>Mon 14</p>	<p>Praise and Thanksgiving Monday. Give thanks for the IN team in Kiyindi, Uganda, especially for the completion of the new classroom block at Makonge Primary School. Following the groundbreaking in February last year, construction has been completed— all that remains are fixtures, fittings, plaster, and paint. INUK has launched an appeal to raise £18,000 to equip all the classrooms with desks and chairs. Praise God for each donor who has supported the project and for others who can assist us in acquiring the locally made furnishings to enable over 350 children to learn in a greatly improved environment.</p>
<p>Tue 15</p>	<p>Focus on IN Romania: Please pray for the IN Romania executive team and board as they strive to plant churches and enhance the Christian witness throughout the nation. Pray for the 30 church planters and pastors, led by Pastor Doru, who recently gathered to discuss the new challenges facing Romanian society. These challenges include the radical gender ideologies from Western universities, the issue of suffering as the war rages across the border in Ukraine, supporting the youth, and making the right Christian response.</p>
<p>Wed 16</p>	<p>Focus on IN Romania: Please pray for the physical and mental well-being of all church planters who support new churches and minister to numerous needs. Pray that God gives them the grace to persevere when times are tough but allows them to see the fruit of their labour, so they are encouraged. Pray that they will have their ‘spiritual batteries’ recharged this Easter, and their souls refreshed for the ongoing work.</p>
<p>Thu 17</p>	<p>Today is Maundy Thursday, a day when the Church worldwide commemorates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. Pray for our partners worldwide, in their diverse cultures and contexts, that they may reach the unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and introduce the name of Jesus to local people for the first time.</p>
<p>Fri 18</p>	<p>Today is Good Friday: As we remember the Garden of Gethsemane and the choice that Jesus made to follow His Father’s will and go to the cross, please pray for all the community of Ukrainian refugees at the Joy Centre in Sighișoara. The war shows no signs of ending, and the recent increase in hostilities has made it evident to families that Romania is likely to be their permanent home. Pray for the refugees who must make this devastating mental leap, realising that they may never return home.</p>
<p>Weekend 19-20</p>	<p>“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen.” Luke 24:5-6. Pope John Paul II once referred to Christians as “Easter people”, as they are a people of hope. The world needs hope, and the message of Jesus defeating all the forces of death provides us all with great hope. May God bless you and your families this Easter time.</p>
<p>Mon 21</p>	<p>Focus on IN Romania: Please pray for the nation of Romania as they have presidential elections in May. There are significant influences from the Russian zone that bring turmoil and confusion in the people’s hearts and minds. Pray for a new president who will be committed to democracy and Christian morality. We have hope and trust in the Lord’s Reign.</p>
<p>Tue 22</p>	<p>Pray for the IN Network, led by Edmond Vanderpuye, our General Secretary. Pray that each constituent part seeks God’s will daily as we strive to serve and empower families in need around the world through various programmes such as Water and Sanitation, Health, Education, Livelihoods, and Church Support. As the network’s monthly prayer meetings continue, pray that these gatherings may be filled with the Spirit, fostering unity and togetherness.</p>

Wed 23	<p>Focus on IN Romania and our church support work : Please pray for Iulian Petcaru, pastor of the Baptist Church in Laslea (near Sighisoara). He has had cancer and has been under treatment for one year, but is still serving the Roma children with meals and education. Iulian and Ofelia are now afraid that their son (Lucas, 11 years old) may have cancer too. They are waiting for the results of the medical tests and are praying for good outcomes.</p> <p>Please also pray for Cosmin Gabor, our church planter in Daneş (near Sighişoara) in a Roma community, where, through his testimony, many people have received Christ and become members of the Baptist church, led by Cosmin. They also have a canteen at the church for Roma children, providing meals for 104 children, teaching them, and helping them stay in school. They are heroes!</p>
Thu 24	<p>Focus on IN Burkina Faso. Please pray for Pastor Jean, Esaie, Tabitha, Emmanuel, and all the team of medical staff and teachers as they reach people with healthcare at St. Ophel Medical Centre and offer education at La Bonne Nouvelle School.</p>
Fri 25	<p>Focus on IN Burkina Faso. Pray for this nation, which has a population of approximately 20 million, one of the poorest nations on earth. It also has the youngest population, with under-15s accounting for almost half of the population. Pray for an end to the Jihadist violence, that displaced people can return home, for good government, stability and a resumption of peace so that these young people can flourish as the nation grows.</p>
Weekend 26-27	<p>Focus on IN Burkina Faso: Over 160 sponsored children in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, are participating in new Bible study sessions. Many young people who were not previously acquainted with God’s Word have developed a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and have shown a desire to follow Jesus in their lives. Let’s give thanks for these sharing opportunities, as well as the ongoing home visits, which have been effective in engaging both parents and children more fully.</p>
Mon 28	<p>Focus on IN Burkina Faso: Please pray for the 200+ children displaced at La Bonne Nouvelle School, having escaped from their rural homes due to Jihadist violence. Thank God for the UK and US donors who have sponsored this group for education at the school. Pray that all these children will be healed from the trauma they have suffered through the experience of violence.</p>
Tue 29	<p>Please pray for the staff team and the board of trustees of INUK. As the UK board seeks to refresh and recruit new trustees, pray for new individuals to be raised to join the board. Pray for continued strong cohesion in mission purpose and understanding, while both the staff and trustees remain sensitive to the Spirit's direction.</p>
Wed 30	<p>Please pray for Uganda. Pray for Daniel Kintu, who has recently been appointed as the new headmaster of Makonge Primary School in Buikwe. We pray for a smooth start and good relations with the teaching staff, children, and parents, so that strong relationships can be built within the community. At the same time, we remember God Joseph’s tragic death in December and his bereaved family.</p>

Thank you for supporting us in prayer – we are so grateful for your partnership.

