

Sponsor Prayer Guide



Introduction

At Africa New Life, we believe that intercessory prayer enables transformation! We have created this prayer guide to help you come alongside your sponsored student and their family in prayer. You will find passages of Scripture and prayer prompts to help focus your prayers for your sponsored student, their family, and their community. We hope that you too are impacted through this partnership.

‘I know that when I pray, something wonderful happens. Not just to the person or persons for whom I’m praying, but also something wonderful happens to me. I’m grateful that I’m heard.’
– Maya Angelou

We are grateful for how the Holy Spirit hears us! Thank you for your prayers.

Warmly,
The Africa New Life Sponsorship Team

P.S. We encourage you to pray for your sponsored student by name, even if you don’t know how to correctly pronounce it.

‘Dynamic prayer touches God’s heart to impact lives in such tremendous ways we cannot fathom.’
– Pastor Florence Mugisha, Africa New Life Co-Founder

January

Scriptures: Exodus 35:30-35 | Ephesians 2:10 | 1 Timothy 4:14-15

Prayer Prompts:

- For the imagination to dream about the future
- For the New Year to bring creativity and spiritual growth
- For the recognition and development of skills and giftings

Prayer:

God, as we begin a new year, I ask you to give my sponsored student the forward vision to dream about their future. Enable them to imagine life as you intend it to be for themselves, their family, and their community. Open their heart and mind to the possibilities of tomorrow while developing the foundation of their faith. Please give my sponsored student confidence in the present that you are working in and through them with careful attention. Help them to recognise your gifts of creativity and that you are equipping them to utilize these gifts in life-giving ways.

February

Scriptures: Psalm 8:4-5 | Psalm 139:14 | Luke 12:7

Prayer Prompts:

- For dignity, worth, and value to be reaffirmed
- For the ability to give and receive honor and respect
- For healthy examples of leadership

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you created us with inherent dignity. I pray that my sponsored student never forgets their intrinsic worth, that they are reminded of their value, and that it is reaffirmed daily. May their every interaction and experience point back to this truth. Help them also to recognise and affirm the dignity in others. Develop their understanding of how to bring honor and respect into all relationships and situations. I pray that their parents/guardians, teachers, and community leaders model this well.

March

Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-28 | Mark 12:31 | 1 Peter 4:10

Prayer Prompts:

- For care and advocacy of self and others
- For skills of stewardship and mindfulness
- For healthy community

Prayer:

Creator, remind my sponsored student that you created them in your image and that every member of creation reflects your beauty. In light of this truth, help them care well for themselves as well as for their family, friends, and neighbours. May this care extend to the entire community of creation. Foster the responsibility of stewardship within them so that they are mindful of others' needs as well as their own. May they be known as an advocate and helper in their community. Call them into restorative rest each night so that they are able to be a good neighbour each day.

April

Scriptures: Psalm 46:1 | Matthew 5:4 | Revelations 21:5

Prayer Prompts:

- For commemoration of the Rwandan genocide
- For healing and comfort in grief
- For the redemptive story of Easter to provide encouragement and strength

Prayer:

Jesus, as Rwandans enter into a season of genocide remembrance, please draw near and comfort them in their grief. Continue healing individuals and communities across Rwanda as they navigate lingering trauma. May Rwandans hold space for one another and find ways to honor the deceased and the survivors. I specifically pray for my sponsored student and their family—I don't know the unique ways the genocide affected them, but you know their story completely. Will you tend to their hearts and spirits? Let them know that you are always with them, and that they can lean on you for renewed strength. Encourage them with the truth that through Jesus and your Spirit, you are making all things new.

May

Scriptures: Micah 6:8 | Matthew 5:9 | 2 Corinthians 5:19b-20

Prayer Prompts:

- For the continuation of restorative justice in Rwanda
- For the embodiment of justice and peace
- For the Spirit to usher in reconciliation on personal and communal levels

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, thank you for bringing restorative justice to Rwanda after the genocide. This continues to make peace possible across the nation, providing safe communities for Rwandans to rebuild together. I pray that my sponsored student learns how to embody justice and become a peacemaker. May they grow to understand the importance of relationships among all creation and with the Creator. Please provide them with examples of reconciliation through other Rwandans. Thank you for showing us the ultimate example of reconciliation through Jesus. May your hope, power, and peace overflow in their home, community, and nation.

June

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 8:11 | Philippians 1:6 | James 1:4

Prayer Prompts:

- For a strong and accomplished ending to the school year
- For sustenance and full engagement in preparing for exams
- For rest, clarity, and focus

Prayer:

Lord, please help my sponsored student finish the school year well. Equip their parents/guardians to provide sufficient sustenance so that they can be fully engaged in studying and preparing for exams. Give them true rest each night so that their mind is clear and able to focus. Help them to easily recall everything they have learned in the past year. May they be encouraged in their learning and feel accomplished as they finish their school year.

July

Scriptures: Luke 4:18 | Ephesians 6:12 | 2 Corinthians 3:17 | 1 John 3:18

Prayer Prompts:

- For truth to be evident and embraced
- For liberation from injustice
- For assurance in the Holy Spirit

Prayer Example:

Redeemer, we thank you and celebrate that Rwanda is a liberated nation! I am grateful that my sponsored student and their peers get to experience freedom as they learn and grow. May they cherish this precious gift and use their freedoms for the greater good. Help them understand that you are the ultimate liberator and that your truth breaks the chains of bondage. Would your Spirit fill them and reassure them of this truth?

August

Scriptures: Luke 12:24 | Romans 8:28 | Hebrews 4:16

Prayer Prompts:

- For confidence in being loved, cared for, and known
- For provision and protection
- For a bountiful harvest and greater food security

Prayer:

Jehovah-Jireh, you know the exact needs of my sponsored student and their family. Would you strengthen their trust in you as their loving and caring provider? Give each of them assurance in knowing that you are their protector. Remind each of them that they are created in your image, deeply valued by you, and intricately known by you. We ask that you provide for them daily the food and water that they need. Please bless the crops in Rwanda to produce a bountiful harvest that sustains families with greater food security.

September

Scriptures: Proverbs 2:6-8 | 2 Peter 3:18 | James 1:5

Prayer Prompts:

- For the capacity, curiosity, and passion to learn
- For healthy relationships with teachers and classmates
- For growth academically, emotionally, physically, and spiritually

Prayer:

Sanctifying God, as my sponsored student begins a new school year, please instill in them the capacity, ability, and passion to learn. Help them to stay focused and diligent in their studies. May they build a healthy rapport with their teachers and classmates. I hope that they are excited and prepared to learn each day. Give them wisdom and discernment to also grow in their knowledge of you and your ways. May a healthy curiosity encourage and fuel their growth academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

October

Scriptures: 3 John 1:2 | Matthew 11:28-30 | Psalm 23

Prayer Prompts:

- For deep, restorative rest
- For health and wholeness
- For protection and refreshment

Prayer:

God of rest, I lift up my sponsored student and their family to you. Please provide each of them with daily restorative rest. May their bodies, minds, and spirits find deep rest in you so that they experience wholeness and health. Protect them from any ailment or injury and refresh their spirits. Continue providing them with both the physical and spiritual nourishment they need to thrive.

November

Scriptures: Colossians 3:13 | 1 Corinthians 13:13 | Psalm 133:1 | Romans 12:5

Prayer Prompts:

- For love to be ever present in all relationships
- For harmony and health within family relationships
- For unity and a sense of belonging within community

Prayer:

Unifying God, please make your presence known in every moment of my sponsored student's life. Let your love wash over the hearts of every parent, guardian, and child in their family. Work within their family dynamics as they navigate life's challenges and give them grace and patience for each other. Inspire harmony in their home and bring health to their relationships with one another. Help each member exhibit your love, for it binds together everyone and everything in perfect unity. Provide caring friendships that help bring encouragement and joy to my sponsored student's life. Guide healthy communication in all their relationships and give them a deep sense of belonging within their community.

December

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6-7 | Psalm 96 | Romans 15:13

Prayer Prompts:

- For Christmas celebrations
- For reminders of kindness and care
- For embodied joy, peace, hope, and love

Prayer:

Holy God, we are grateful to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our sisters and brothers around the world. May the story of Jesus bring great hope to my sponsored student and their family. Remind them of your loving kindness and great care for your creation. I ask for your joy to expand inside each of their hearts. Please establish your peace over their home and their community. Help them embody the same love you graciously give us.