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# Blood:Water Mission

## Background

The people of Uganda were terrorized with two decades of civil war in which many people were forced to flee their villages and seek shelter in refugee camps. Today, as they return to their devastated villages and try to rebuild their homes, they are faced with little to no access to basic resources such as clean water, medical care, and sanitation needs. With access to clean water, health care clinics, hygiene education and disease prevention these communities cannot only survive; they can thrive. God is working in these rural communities through the ministry of Blood:Water Mission to restore hope by providing access to clean water. As they say in Africa: "Water is life."

*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." – John 4:14*

Over the next two months we are asking you to commit to praying for 5 minutes a day for the ministry of Blood:Water Mission and for our neighbors in Uganda. We have put together this prayer guide to help you in your daily prayers.

## Prayer Guide

- Pray for the staff and volunteers at Blood:Water Mission as they work to raise awareness about the need for clean water in the rural communities in Uganda.
- Pray for wisdom for the staff and volunteers of Blood:Water Mission in order that they may use the money given in generous donations in ways that will provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of the Ugandan people.
- Pray for the safety and protection of those who travel to these remote locations to help build the wells and provide clean water to the communities.
- Pray that Blood:Water Mission will find favor with the local government and officials in working and assisting to improve conditions for the people.
- Pray that the village leaders would be burdened with a sense of justice to help their people and that they would become leaders of integrity, virtue, and innovation.
- Pray that God would raise up leaders within the rural communities who can continue to represent the needs of the people and advocate for their communities.
- Pray for the safety of the schools and the children who still face extreme danger from local rebels seeking their destruction.
- Pray that the people of Uganda would be filled with a strong spiritual thirst and would be receptive to Jesus' offer of water that wells up to eternal life. (John 4:14)
- Pray that God would raise up spiritual leaders within the communities who share the Good News of Jesus with others in the community.
- Pray that the people will see God as the One who has provided for their needs and turn to Him in thankfulness.
- Pray that the needs of those without clean water would be met quickly and that the new wells can be dug and equipped so that more lives can be saved.
- Pray that God would protect the communities from illnesses, disease, conflict, and spiritual bondage.
- Pray that God would raise up people and burden their hearts for those in need of clean water and that they would follow His leading and respond to His call to take action.
- Pray that people in the Ugandan communities would come to know Jesus through the work and efforts of the staff and volunteers of Blood:Water Mission. Pray that the volunteers and staff would be filled with compassion and kindness as they serve the communities.
- Pray for peace and harmony among the people within the communities and that they would learn to work together in order to overcome their extreme conditions.
- Pray that the hearts of those seeking to stop the good works of the communities and Blood:Water Mission would be softened and they would come to a spiritual hunger as well. Pray for opportunities for them to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and come to know Him.



- ❑ Pray for education for the Ugandan communities so that they will learn how to take care of the wells once they are built and will also learn basic sanitation in order to prevent the spread of illness and disease.
- ❑ Pray that God would raise up future leaders from among the Ugandan children who would be positive role models and effective spiritual leaders within their communities.
- ❑ Pray for protection over those who are building wells in the communities, that they would be protected physically as they are exposed to conditions, food and other elements their bodies may not be use to.
- ❑ Pray that God would give the people of the community hearts that are strong and courageous. "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7)
- ❑ "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11) Pray that the people of Uganda would claim this promise and would be filled with hope.
- ❑ Pray that the people of Uganda would trust in God and would follow His command: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)
- ❑ Pray for the logistical needs of the staff of Blood:Water Mission, for travel preparations, finding and sending equipment to the communities, and for safe places to stay on their travels.
- ❑ Pray for innovative and creative ways in which the communities can create jobs and commerce for their continued growth and prosperity.
- ❑ Pray that the hearts of those seeking to stop the good works of the communities and Blood:Water Mission would be softened. Pray for opportunities for them to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and come to know Him.
- ❑ Pray that communities would also seek to partner with other rural communities to share their resources.
- ❑ Pray that medical missionaries will reach these rural communities to help provide protection from disease through immunizations and through education about proper hygiene.
- ❑ Pray that the Ugandan people would be given a spirit of reconciliation and would seek positive alternatives to fighting, that they would forgive each other and seek to work together to restore their villages and communities.
- ❑ Pray for a sense of self-worth among the people, that they would truly believe they are God's children — created, valued and loved.
- ❑ Pray for the communities of Uganda as they also face the crisis of HIV/AIDS. Pray for compassion on the hearts of the workers and guidance in helping the communities understand the far-reaching effects of HIV/AIDS.
- ❑ Pray for healing of those affected by HIV/AIDS. Pray also for the funding and building of health clinics that can help provide a stronger life for those who suffer from HIV/AIDS and can provide education in prevention of the disease.
- ❑ Pray for workers within the communities to be trained specifically in areas of healthcare, sanitation, and hygiene.
- ❑ Pray that God will instill in the communities a great sense of accomplishment as they learn new skills, work together, and become more self-sufficient.
- ❑ Pray for the healing of the Ugandan people emotionally as they also overcome the scars of civil war, the death and loss of loved ones, and the loss of their homes and villages.
- ❑ Pray that the communities would be receptive to changing their lifestyles in order to prevent the further spread of HIV/ AIDS and that they would embrace healthy choices as they see God's plan as one of love and the desire to see them healed emotionally and physically.
- ❑ Pray that God would empower the Ugandan people to stand up to adversity and to be filled with His Spirit.
- ❑ Pray that the Ugandan people would desire to live a life of spiritual freedom, free from the bondage of sin and death.
- ❑ Pray that God would restore the returning Ugandan villagers to thriving communities.
- ❑ Pray that any obstacles would be removed that would prevent Blood:Water Mission from reaching these communities with the water filters, building materials, and medical supplies they desperately need.
- ❑ Pray that the hearts of those within our church body would be moved with compassion for those in Uganda.
- ❑ Pray for God's wisdom in teaching our own children about God's compassionate love for them and for the world.
- ❑ Pray for creative ways to help us nurture our children to have compassionate hearts for our neighbors in Uganda.
- ❑ Pray for a burden to be placed on the hearts of believers around the world to partner in supporting our neighbors in Uganda both physically and spiritually.
- ❑ Pray that our church body would be sensitive to God's leading and would be willing to take sacrificial and bold actions to helping those in desperate need.