

Hosea's Heart

New Roots Prayer Guide



Dear Prayer Partner,

Thank you for joining us. The idea of praying for others and crying out to God has been watered down during our time because we so often hear phrases such as, “sending our thoughts and prayers.” However, we believe in the power of prayer, and we believe that prayer changes situations. We believe God listens. The Bible and Christian history is full of countless stories of prayerful individuals who cried out to God, and we want to follow their example and pray courageously. Whether you do this as a group, or an individual, you are not doing it alone. We took time to make this prayer guide in order to invite you to pray with us. On Monday evenings the girls gather for prayer in their living room. For five weeks they will also be praying through this guide. Praying for themselves, their caretakers, their country, their future sisis (sisters), the church, and thanking God for His love and provision thus far.

If during your prayers you want to leave a message of encouragement for the girls or staff please email rachael@hoseasheart.org and your message will reach them. We would also love to hear any feedback on this prayer guide! Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates on *New Roots*.

The prayer guide follows the pillars of Hosea’s Heart; *renew, rebuild, restore*. If you have followed the story of Hosea’s Heart you know we have outgrown our current girls’ home and are building a new campus called *New Roots*. We need God to provide for us, because without Him and His love we are useless. We are praying our girls become oaks of righteousness in the Lord. Though the sprouting of new roots is a beautiful vision of hope, it takes careful attention and support to yield a strong oak. Please join us during this transition. Please pray.

Thank you,

Hosea’s Heart

Week one: Prayer for the transition onto the New Roots Campus

The Hosea's Heart home opened in 2013, some of the girls have lived there since its opening and others recently joined, however, no matter the amount of time, it is home. Many dance parties have celebrated joyous occasions, worship has echoed throughout the rooms, everyone has gathered around the table for meals, the mango tree provided shade and fruit, and most recently, they have named a giant gecko living in the front yard tree. Time and memories turned the house into a home and now they must pack up physical belongings and leave their home for a new one. In the long run the New Roots Campus is a better place for numerous reasons, however, for teenage girls it is hard to see past the immediate transition. Any change in a teenager's life and routine will produce stress. Please join us in praying for our current girls as they leave one home and start another.

RENEW

- Ask God to give the girls a renewed love for each other
- Pray for the girls who have not yet accepted Christ, ask God to soften and heal their hearts
- Pray for the girls' individual relationships with God, for a renewed love of Scripture, prayer, and worship

"The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple"

- Psalm 119:190

"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it."

- Proverbs 15:17

REBUILD

- Pray that God would rebuild the sense of home on the New Roots Campus, that it would be a home of Christ's love and joy
- Pray that they understand ultimately they are not citizens of this world and their true home is in unity with Christ

RESTORE

- Pray for patience and joy during the transition and moving period
- Ask God to give the girls a supernatural peace that transcends understanding within their hearts even though their outside world is changing

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

- John 14:27

Week two: Prayer for Hosea's Heart Staff and Volunteers

Hosea's Heart usually has about three interns working abroad in Swaziland under the direction of Mary-Kate. Additionally, we employ six Swazis and a handful of volunteers are also involved at varying levels. We also have a Swazi-side and a State-side board of directors. God has blessed us with staff and volunteers that love and pour into the girls without reserve. This is a large transition for the whole organization but for the staff especially. Eventually, there will be housing on the New Roots Campus for long term volunteers, however, for now they will live in town, further away from the girls than what they are used too. Pray especially for clear communication while the staff find new routines and sort out practical details. They will need guidance, wisdom, and discernment as new challenges arise.

RENEW

- Ask God to give all Hosea's Heart staff and volunteers a renewed passion and love for the girls and extra strength at this time
- Pray that their love of Scripture would flourish and God would show them new ways to minister to the girls
- Ask that the Holy Spirit would inspire them with creativity for new programs that can take place on the New Roots Campus

"But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be wear; they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

*"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind."
– 1 Peter 3:8*

REBUILD

- The New Roots Campus is further away from town; ask God to rebuild lines of communication among the staff since they are geographically more spread out
- Pray for their unity to be protected and rebuilt as old staff leave and new individuals come

RESTORE

- Ask that God would restore their love and patience for the girls on days where ministering to them is difficult
- Pray they would see the girls, other staff, and themselves through the eyes of Christ
- Thank God for their willingness, hard work, and love of the girls

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32

Week three: Prayer for Tenele's Treasures

Hosea's Heart desires to see women free from prostitution. One of the most tangible ways to accomplish this is through providing other means of survival. Many women find themselves in prostitution due to economic hardship from lack of education, skills, and job opportunities. The Hosea's Heart fair trade product line is called, *Tenele's Treasures*, and the workshop space in Swaziland is called, Blossom House. We are currently trying to redesign some of the products and find new products for the women to sell. Blossom House also holds Bible studies for the women in the workshop. Our two biggest needs are; the redesign of our product line and additional places to sell products, especially within Swaziland. Pray that the workshop would grow and Hosea's Heart could hire more women.

RENEW

- Ask for a renewed vision and creativity within the Blossom House Workshop
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire the women and workshop staff

"He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen or by a weaver- by any sort of workman or skilled designer." - Exodus 35:35

"She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchants."

—Proverbs 31:24

REBUILD

- Pray that God would rebuild a sense of entrepreneurship in the women entering the Blossom House Workshop
- Ask God to give opportunities to sell products within Swaziland and internationally
- Ask God to rebuild hope in the hearts of women for self-sufficiency

RESTORE

- Pray for restoration of dreams, hope, and dignity of the women in Swaziland and around the world
- Ask God to restore their hearts and souls; that they will move forward in their lives understanding their purpose
- Pray for their Bible studies; that they would be open to the healing Gospel and seek God

"He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

- Psalm 23:3

Week four: Prayer for Street Night Ministry

Once a month Hosea's Heart does street outreach to women in prostitution. Recently, a local church has partnered with us and let us use their space for an event. They also provided volunteers and funding! The older girls in the home are starting to help with these nights and have become instruments of mercy. We are looking for more ways to reach women on the street. We want to build relationships and share Christ with our sisters. Many of the women would say they are Christians, however, past abuse and working in prostitution creates a cycle of shame and guilt. Our heart is for these women because everyone else has given up hope on them. Others say they are unreachable, not worth the effort, and they begin to believe it themselves. Only the light of Christ can break the heavy chains. We desire to be the hands and feet of Christ searching after the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son. In the end, we want love to win. We need pornography to stop distorting our world's view of sex. We need to end cycles and patterns of abuse. We all need to find our identity in Christ. Lord, revive us.

RENEW

- Pray that the women who attend street nights understand only God can renew them
- Ask God to renew the hearts of men towards women, open their hearts to the love of Christ
- Pray that men and women who have experienced sexual abuse or who seek love would understand the image in which they were created

"So, God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. – Genesis 1:27

*"For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope."
– Jeremiah 29:11*

REBUILD

- Ask God to rebuild hope for the future in the hearts of women in prostitution
- Pray that they would dream again and ask God to give them an understanding of His purpose for their life
- Pray that God would tear down judgement and rebuild love in the world for those in prostitution everywhere

RESTORE

- Ask God to restore human connection; that we all would see each other as creation
- Pray for an end to the world's culture of pornography and a restoration of true love in our hearts
- Pray that God would restore the way we view sex back to what He intended it for
- Pray that the demand for purchasing sex in any form would end and deliverance for those trapped in addiction

"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

- Psalm 51:12

Week five: Prayer for the Future of Hosea's Heart

The New Roots Campus is a new, exciting chapter for Hosea's Heart. We thank God for everything He has provided for us. Simply getting the new land was a process full of prayer and God opening doors. To complete the New Roots Campus we will need more funds, volunteers, and staff. We want the girls within the home to be known for their love, and we hope they participate in the healing process of others. The new campus will hold 3.5 times as many girls as our current home. Running a campus of this size will require us to grow. As an organization we trust in the provision of God and pray He gives us creativity, wisdom, and new ideas to maximize our resources. Please join us in praying for the provision of the Lord, the girls who have yet to come, and the end of sexual violence.

RENEW

- Pray for the renewal of the global church's heart towards those in poverty, that we would see Christ and serve Him
- Ask God to show us the importance of prayer, ask Him to give you a sense of urgency to pray for those in unjust situations
- Thank God for the church movement towards social justice

"Then the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it to Me.'" – Matthew 25:40

"Go therefore into all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

– Matthew 28:19

REBUILD

- Pray for those who have not yet entered Hosea's Heart; ask that God would rebuild the ruins in their life
- Ask for a rebuilding of trust, love, self-esteem, relationships and hope
- Pray that they would accept Christ and His healing hand in their hearts
- Pray that in the future they minister to others and go forth to make disciples and rebuild hope in Swaziland and the world

RESTORE

- Ask God to provide for Hosea's Heart financially and provide volunteers and staff so that process of restoration can continue
- Pray that hope would be restored to all of us, that we would not become bewildered at the global problem of sexual violence, but we would turn to God
- Ask God to restore our view of prayer, as individuals, and the global church, that we would understand its power

"So you, by the help of Your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God."
– Hosea 12:6