

Hosea's Heart

2019 Prayer Guide



Welcome to the 2019 Hosea's Heart prayer guide. We made this prayer guide because we can do nothing without God. Hosea's Heart is entirely reliant on His provision. We desperately need prayer, not because something is wrong or falling apart, but because we are not enough. The need is too great, the mission is too big. We have loaves and fishes, yet we see a hungry crowd. We thank God for the past, when He has turned our meager lunch into a feast. We trust His love and provision for the future. He loves the girls and country of eSwatini more than we ever could.

We need God's wisdom, hope, and power. Please integrate this prayer guide into your daily life. Pray for the requests when you pray for meals, mention it when small group asks for prayer requests, or write your prayers while journaling. No prayer is too small. As we pray, God changes our hearts and the world around us. This three-week prayer guide will follow Ephesians 1:15-23. It is purposefully released during February, the month that celebrates love. Please join us and show the girls and staff of Hosea's Heart love through prayer. Individuals in eSwatini (Swaziland) and around the world will be participating as well. Our foundation must be prayer. We pray we never start to think we can do this without the power that raised Christ from the dead.

Thank you for joining us. You will find three categories for each week: the girls, the staff, and the world. Each week is concluded with a short prayer that mirrors the verse. If you do not know what or how to pray, start with this example.

Let us give thanks

*"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers..."
– Ephesians 1:16*

First, we give thanks for the girls in our care and the staff that support them. The girls are a world changing group of powerful young women. We thank God for their faith, their desire to serve the world, their love for each other as sisters, and their personal growth. We thank God for providing a Swazi staff that challenge and teach the girls. We thank God for the Christian Church in eSwatini that provides an un-ending amount of Spiritual support. We thank God for Swazi volunteers that care for and mentor the girls without a physical reward.

Week one

“...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him...” Ephesians 1:17

THE GIRLS

The girls in the home will eventually transition out of Hosea’s Heart’s full-time care (although they will always belong to the Hosea’s Heart family). Soon, many will face the decision of finding a career. Pray that their identity will be firmly planted in Christ and not their employment, grades, or marital status. Pray that this **wisdom** and **knowledge** of God brings others to Christ through them. Ask God to give the girls who will soon transition peace that only comes through His **wisdom**.

THE STAFF

Pray the Swazi staff (counselors, teachers, house mothers, case manager, and administrative assistant) have **wisdom** when speaking and guiding the girls. Pray for **revelations**, that they know Christ deeper.

THE WORLD

Ask the Lord to give His church **wisdom** in understanding and putting an end to sexual violence. Pray that we, the individuals in the church, grow in our **knowledge** of Christ and His compassion, that our hearts grow for those effected by sexual violence in our own communities and the world.

Dear Father, give the girls, the staff and myself a Spirit of wisdom and more knowledge of You. Help our hearts trust You.

Week two

“...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints...” – Ephesians 1:18

THE GIRLS

Christ's **hope** is foundational to Hosea's Heart's ministry. Pray for the hearts of girls to be confident in the **hope** they have in the Lord. As many have experienced, in certain seasons it is difficult to trust that God is good and hope can feel false. Ask that God comfort the girls feeling despair and depression.

THE STAFF

Counseling those who have experienced trauma can tax a person's health. Pray the Lord's **glorious hope** strengthens the Swazi staff as they encourage and invest in the girls. Ask God to give the Swazi staff an eternal mindset and remember their **inheritance** as a child of God. As they fight against dark issues, pray their hearts are not darkened, rather they remember the promise of **hope**.

THE WORLD

Pray for the world to understand the totality and saturation of sexual violence throughout every country and society. As we begin to understand the depth of this problem, pray Christians show the richness of **hope** we have Christ. Pray for Christians everywhere to set our minds on our **inheritance** of eternal life.

Dear Father, thank you for the eternal life and peace you have given to us. When impossible problems darken our hearts, remind us of Your hope.

Week three

“...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the work of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” – Ephesians 1:19-23

THE GIRLS

Pray the girls **comprehend** the wisdom, knowledge, and hope that comes from Heaven. Pray they become empowered in Christ as their hearts understand His sacrifice, resurrection, and **authority**. Pray for the girls who do not believe in Christ, that they would experience the **power** of his redemption.

THE STAFF

Pray the Swazi staff understand the influence they have in their leadership roles. Pray they look to Christ, as **head of the church**, to be their all in all. Ask God to give the Swazi staff a strong community in their local church to support them in their work with the girls.

THE WORLD

Ask God to redeem those who have perpetrated sexual violence. As addiction to pornography and acceptance of it grows in our own culture, pray that God displays His **power** in breaking the cycle of addiction and violence. Ask for of all us to be changed by the **fullness** of Christ.

*Dear Father, I believe you raised Christ from the dead, I believe in your power.
Please give myself, the girls, and the staff the words to explain the power of your
love to the people in our lives who need you.*