



## Prayer Points for Chibok Girls & Nigeria – October 2016

### People affected by Boko Haram's violence

Pray for strength, resilience and hope for all the people and communities affected by violence. In the midst of the unimaginable horror, pray that God will provide comfort, peace and love. For the 2 million displaced people, pray for calm and safety.

### Survivors of violence

We are thankful for the return of 22 young women this year. Life is hard for many returning girls and women. Pray that communities and families would embrace them rather than stigmatise and ostracise them. Most need high quality long term care and rehabilitation. Pray that God would provide these resources.

### Nigerian government

Pray for wisdom and discernment for President Buhari and his government. May they provide courageous and honest leadership during this time of violent conflict. Pray for peace to be restored to this nation.

### Boko Haram

As hard as it might be, pray for the members of Boko Haram and for a softening of their hearts. Pray that they will be merciful and release people voluntarily. Pray the Boko Haram ranks will see that forcing northern Nigeria to its knees is not bringing any relief to the people they claim to fight for. Also pray that the Lord will comfort all His children who have lost loved ones in Boko Haram related violence.

### Our church family in Nigeria

Christians all over northern Nigeria confess that life is very hard for them (they face Islamisation and social pressure), but they are determined to remain steadfast in their faith, to continue to trust God and to bring honour to Christ in the midst of their suffering. What Paul called the church to do in Romans Ch.12:12, these believers are seeking to implement in their lives: 'Rejoice in hope, remain patient in their tribulation and be constant in prayer'.

### Girls' Brigade Nigeria

Pray for GB in Nigeria as they equip and empower girls to experience the life to the full that Jesus gives.





## How can we continue to raise #hopeforgirls?

This is a devastating injustice. Many people feel that there is no hope left for the Chibok girls and the many others who have been kidnapped. The global media is largely silent as it has shifted its focus to other emergencies. Yet GB remains hopeful. Hope is not just a word; hope spurs us into action. Hope causes us to be so dissatisfied with the status quo that we'll be the change that we want to see in the world. Here are a number of ways in which we can turn up the volume of hope for girls and women around the world.

### Make a Card of Hope

GB is inviting you to participate in a collective positive action which will ensure that these girls are not forgotten by people in positions of influence. Making a Card of Hope as an individual, in your GB company or even as part of a church service is simple. Just download the resource pack and cards and then post/present it to a key person in influence - <http://www.gbworldwide.org/project/gbs-cards-of-hope-initiative/>.

### Use Hope for Girls resource

This free resource written by GB 18-30s across the world explores social justice issues affecting girls like access to education, violence, forced marriage and self-worth. It would be perfect to use with teenage girls and young adults. Download resource here - <http://gbworldwide.org/projects/hope-for-girls/>.

### Raise hope through prayer

The situation in Nigeria is very complicated and it needs continual prayer. Please use the prayer points on the previous page to pray decisively for the people of Nigeria who have been affected by Boko Haram's violence, the government and the church. You can also use our special GB International prayer - <http://gbworldwide.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/GBs-Prayer-for-Chibok-Girls-Nigeria.pdf>

### Be Courageous resources

The 2016 theme for Girls' Brigade is 'Be Courageous'. This year the President's team has produced a special 'Be Courageous' activity and prayer resource to help girls, leaders and national leadership teams explore this exciting theme. We pray that it will help to raise up bold and courageous girls and women as well as equip us to pray for our GB family across the world.

**God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! Ephesians Ch.3:20.**

