



PRAYER CALENDAR 2018





GB INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR 2018

INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOCUS

WELCOME

Dear GB Friends,

In 2018, Girls' Brigade world-wide will celebrate 125 years of Christian mission through the work of the Girls' Brigade Internationally. As we forge ahead every girl, emerging or established leader needs our prayers.

Through our annual prayer resources, over the years, we have aimed to hold the hands of our members with prayer aids designed to provide strength and encouragement. God's word reminds us: 'to be careful of nothing but in everything in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests known unto God.'" **Phil 4:6**

This year we have also added prayer points which came directly from our emerging leaders, young women, who represent the next generation of GB leaders. They encourage us to pray for some key issues which are touching the lives of our girls today.

Our prayer and earnest desire is that 2018 will be a year which ushers in a season of fruitfulness in the lives of all Brigade members. We ask that every girl, teenager or young adult member, emerging or established leaders may be blessed and bless others in this special year.

INTRODUCTION

We hope this calendar will guide members with monthly resources to strengthen their prayer lives and to empower others. It is just a guide - tailor it to meet your needs.

Our monthly calendar break down our theme into different sub-themes. Each month there is a meditative reflection and pointers and prayer requests that members, companies, districts, regions or national bodies can focus on each month. You can use this section in many different ways:

- As personal devotionals at home
- For devotions or epilogues at local, district or regional leaders' meetings
- As a prayer focus during your regular GB meetings for the year
- In parallel with our BE FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING PROGRAMME RESOURCE
- To engage online with our GB global family via our facebook page

www.facebook.com/GirlsBrigadeWorldwide/

THANKS

We would like to thank all those members of our GB International family who made this resource possible. May God continue to richly bless you all.





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January 2018

FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING:
Use this month to think about our sub-theme:
PREPARE THE SOIL

REFLECTION

From Vivienne Aitchison (International President)

I am sure we all know the parable of the sower. In this story the hard-working farmer wanted a harvest, so he planted his seeds. The seeds, all fell in different places – in the good soil, on the path, in rocky ground and amongst the weeds. Now it is true that not all the seeds brought forth fruit but that did not deter the farmer. You and I, as workers in Girls' Brigade, have a prime task 'to help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.' In order to do this we, like the farmer, have to faithfully plant the seeds.

The soils we are working with are the hearts and minds of our girls and young women. These young people, our soil, will all be different. They may be confident and self-assured or reserved and low in self-esteem. They will be affected by many influences from a materialistic and often troubled world. They will be influenced, for good or ill, by peer pressure and family traditions. They will be surrounded by secular demands and media manipulation. But when they come to GB, we can 'be different' we can surround them with love, care, support, a different perspective of life, sound values and a secure environment.

Each one them will receive the message differently. Some will respond to the gospel seeds with enthusiasm; some will reject the message without a second thought; some may go away and reflect on what they have heard; others may challenge and question. Sowing gospel seeds on so many 'soils', may be frustrating but the farmer didn't give up on any part of his field.

Let's pray for our 'soil' the girls and young women that God has given us to work with and let's see what God will do within their lives!



PREPARE THE SOIL

LET US PRAY FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS & NEEDS

WEEK 1

Pray for GB Malaysia's Dedication Service of their new GBM HQ Building (Jan 2018). Pray for the preparation of the service and for the fundraising for the building.

Pray for GB Australia's National Fonomorae (2nd-8th January) to be held in Perth Western Australia.

WEEK 2

Pray for GB companies around the world as they give thanks for 125 years of faithful ministry

Pray for GB Zambia and the Planning Committee for ICGB 2018. May they realise that as they plan they are preparing the soil so that when we meet God may produce fruit in our lives.

WEEK 3

Pray for all the GB groups gathering again after the Christmas break may they all truly celebrate this our 125th Year of ministry

WEEK 4

Pray for all those preparing to raise funds, for our GiveaGirIaHope fund, with an International Cake Bake.

PRAY FOR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN ROUND THE WORLD

Lord, helps to reflect on the concerns of girls who say that because I'm a girl, I'm more likely to be unable to read and write. 65 million girls are missing from school rooms across the globe. Thank God for how GB is an informal learning space for many girls and pray for barriers to be removed so that girls can be all that God created them to be.



PRAY THIS MONTH FOR GB INTERNATIONAL

As we step into a new year pray for the work of GB International. We ask that the IVPs and International President who are leading Girls' Brigade may proclaim the vision to be fruitful and overflowing We pray that they may have boldness to bear fruit both within their lives and in planting seeds for Christ through the work of GB.