



Mission Maker Month

30-Day Prayer Diary

This prayer diary is designed to encourage faith, gratitude, generosity, and trust in God's provision throughout Mission Maker Month, whether you are praying for the campaign, donating or fundraising. Each day includes a Scripture theme, a short devotional reflection, and prayer points.

Each day's reflections have been prepared by one of the Mission Direct staff or trustees.

Please use this prayer diary as we go through Mission Maker Month. If you are fundraising or donating, please use this for inspiration and if you cannot donate or fundraise, please use this to pray for Mission Direct and for those who are fundraising as part of our campaign.

Day 1: Overflowing Blessing

Deuteronomy 28:12

"The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands"

God is faithful in every season, unlimited are His resources and His provision is always sufficient for his people. As we continue this journey of prayer, we place our trust in his care, guidance, and generosity, believing that he will accomplish all that he has purposed.

By promising to "open the heavens" and send rain "in season," God assures us of success. In an agrarian society, this meant survival and security against famine.

God also promises to "bless all the work of your hands". This means that God's favour will multiply our personal diligence and hard work, meaning that we are also called to play our part.

- Pray for God's provision to help those in great need, as we do our part also.
 - Pray that Mission Maker Month would capture people's imaginations so that they will respond positively.
 - Thank God for his faithfulness and care.
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Day 2: God Meets Every Need

Philippians 4:19

"My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

As we continue this journey of prayer, we place our trust in his care, guidance, and generosity, believing that he will accomplish all that he has purposed.

Having worked in Christian mission organisations for 19 years and volunteered in them for 35, I have never seen any of them amass fortunes. Mostly they received just what they needed for the next year plus a small surplus, and that is also my experience at Mission Direct. We are never given more than necessary and are therefore protected from becoming self-reliant. God provides what we needed but still expects us to work for it and to continue to lean on Him.

- Pray for us to claim what God has already provided.
 - Ask for wisdom and discernment during our Mission Maker Month campaign.
 - Thank God for his faithfulness and love.
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Day 3: Abounding in Good Work

2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

When God showers us with his blessings, we are meant to share them with those around us. His nature is generous and he wants us to be generous also. His nature is compassionate – he wants us to be that also.

Most of us are not wealthy by UK standards and I sometimes wish God would allow me to have a large financial windfall because in my mind I would ‘do so much good with the money.’ Instead, he gives me enough so that my family does not need to worry and so that we can freely serve others without being anxious.

There are times when I lack gratitude for what I have and when I lose sight of how blessed I am. In those moments I also stop looking at how I can help others – yet God has given me everything I need so that I can abound in every good work.

- Pray for God to open our eyes to how blessed we really are.
- Ask for more clarity about the good works he wants us to do.
- Thank God for including us in his plans for the world.

Day 4: The Shepherd Provides

Psalm 23:1

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."

Different circumstances can lead to us feeling inadequate or superior, daunted or confident. But the true state of contentment for us does not depend on our abilities, reactions or feelings: our contentment comes from rest in the Lord. Rest in our Lord's assurance that he has us and our situation in hand; rest that He is sufficient for whatever we face; rest that He is wiser and more able than we are.

A shepherd knows, watches, guides, prepares, cares and provides. This Psalm goes on to say that the Lord leads us to still waters and green pastures, which are places of plenty and calm enabling sheep to be at peace and to rest; they do not rest where they are anxious and neither do we. God leads us to calm, peace and rest. We may not always feel this in our life, but God will lead us through to a place of rest. More than anything, He is not just a shepherd, but he is my shepherd. The care and the rest are provided for us personally by the Lord, just what we need and when we need it.

- Pray for patience, to wait for the Lord's rest.
 - Thank Him that he is always sufficient for us and our circumstances.
 - Pray for guidance to help you through challenges.
 - Ask that He uses you as he chooses, to bless others through their challenges.
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Day 5: With man this is impossible

Matthew 19:23-26

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Sometimes the challenges the world faces seem too big to resolve, or we think that we are owed favour by God by doing 'good works'.

In this verse, Jesus reminds us, that indeed, we cannot solve these problems on our own, but with God, all things are possible.

This verse reminds us that God's grace and power are what make salvation possible.

We pray this over Mission Maker Month; that God's power will prevail and that no matter rich, or poor, we are all equal in God's eyes, and he asks us to trust in his power and grace for salvation.

We can all be guilty of thinking that we need to do 'good things' to get eternal life with our Father. Come to him in prayer and submission, as he knows what we need and can make the impossible, possible.

- We thank you Lord that no matter how hard or impossible the task may seem, your grace and power makes the impossible, possible.
 - We pray for miracles to happen this month, not by our will, but by Your Will.
 - We pray and trust in the Lord and believe in His power and might hand.
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Day 6: The Jar Did Not Run Dry

1 Kings 17:15-16

"She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah."

Just as God made provision for the widow of Zarephath when she had given up hope so he makes provision for us. When we face times of uncertainty and doubt God never fails us. Time and again He does so much more than we can ever hope or imagine. Time after time He comes through for us making the impossible possible and meeting all our needs and more.

Why then are we often so surprised when God comes through for us? Let us keep our eyes fixed on Him who is truly faithful. He is able.

As Psalm 23:5 says:

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows. (NIV)

No matter how bad it gets God remains in control and we must not forget that.

- Ask God to forgive us and to strengthen our faith when we doubt.
- Thank God that He meets all our needs.
- Pray that as He provides for us, we will in turn bless others in their time of need.

Day 7: Daily Bread

Matthew 6:11

"Give us today our daily bread."

Do you worry about tomorrow? If we are honest, we all do that. But God wants us to rely on Him daily. He does not suggest that we pray on a Sunday "give me this week everything I need and want". We should depend on Him daily for a physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

This prayer taught us by Jesus grounds us in the present and asks us to trust God's continuous reliability. Let us humbly seek Him today. He is our ultimate source of everything at all times.

- Thank God today for his continuous daily blessings
- Pray for those in your community, country and the world who do not know how they will feed their family today.

- Ask God to increase your faith to trust him for all you need.
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Day 8: Held in God's Care

1 Peter 5:7

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Sometimes, we can be fearful and worry about putting ourselves out there in asking people for money or organising an event - will people respond positively, will they come and support me, what will people think of me? God understands these concerns and wants to help us overcome our fears and anxieties.

My experiences keep showing me that when I put aside my fears and trust in God's care for me, I find that people are usually gracious, empathetic and generous. In those moments I realise that when I give in to my fears, I can sometimes deprive myself of seeing God's care and his victories.

- Ask for any concerns and worries to be handed over to God
 - Ask for faith and encouragement.
 - Thank God that he cares deeply for you
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Day 9: Blessed Coming and Going

Deuteronomy 28:6

"You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out."

The ancient Hebrew "Coming In" and "Going Out" idiom covers **all** aspects of normal daily life. It means that in every sphere of life – whether you are leaving your home, traveling, working in the fields, or returning safely at the end of the day – God's favour will follow.

Believers often interpret this verse as a reminder that God's presence goes with them everywhere. It signifies divine guidance and protection as you start your day and as you end it.

Many people use this verse as a source of encouragement when facing major life transitions, new careers, or new seasons, as it provides confidence that God's grace goes ahead of them. This is equally true of any situation when you are stepping into the unknown. This could be true of asking people for donations, of organizing a coffee morning but not knowing who will turn up – and was true for Mission Direct when we initiated our Mission Maker Month hoping it will go well.

- Pray for God's guidance so we actually take steps of faith.
- Ask for faith and courage when we start or try new things.
- Thank God for his blessings when we come in and when we go out.

Day 10: Running Over

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

This passage encourages us to reflect on how we give to others and the impact that generosity can have on our lives.

Are you a baker? If so, you might be familiar with the intricacies of measuring ingredients accurately. I love to bake and especially spicy or fruity cakes which call for brown sugar. American or Australian recipes often use cup measurements and will always state 'firmly packed cup of brown sugar' if you don't press the sugar down into the cup you won't have enough for the recipe, it won't be a generous enough measure.

Similarly, when crafting a comforting cup of hot chocolate, a heaped teaspoon is essential. Anything less doesn't produce that thick, delicious drink we crave. These culinary examples serve as metaphors for how we should approach generosity in our lives.

Just as a recipe calls for exact measurements to achieve the desired result, our acts of kindness and giving should also be abundant and wholehearted. A truly generous heart gives a full measure, not just what seems sufficient. It presses down, fills up, and pours over, ensuring that what we offer is more than enough.

Let us be generous in all our actions and interactions as God is generous to us.

- Thank God for his overwhelming generosity to us
 - Pray for an increasingly generous spirit
 - Ask God for opportunities to give.
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Day 11: Streams in Dry Places

Isaiah 41:18

"I will make rivers flow on barren heights,
and springs within the valleys.
I will turn the desert into pools of water,
and the parched ground into springs"

There are seasons in life when we can feel dry internally. We may still be functioning externally, but deep down we feel weary, uncertain, or spiritually depleted. Yet throughout Scripture, God reveals Himself as the One who brings life where life seems impossible.

Here in the UK, we recently experienced some incredibly hot days. In moments like that, our lawns, gardens, and parks long for water. The ground becomes dry and thirsty, and everything begins to lose its vibrancy. In many ways, our lives can feel like that too. Seasons of pressure, disappointment, uncertainty, or exhaustion can leave us spiritually and emotionally drained.

What is powerful about this promise in Isaiah is that God does not simply offer survival in dry places. He promises transformation. He turns deserts into pools of water and barren ground into springs. He specialises in bringing renewal where people have lost hope.

Sometimes the greatest miracles are not external breakthroughs, but the restoration of the human heart. God can renew vision where discouragement has settled in. He can restore courage where fear has taken root. He can awaken hope in places that have felt dry for a very long time.

As we continue through Mission Maker Month, we remember that we do not rely only on our own strength, creativity, or resources. We trust the God who still brings streams into dry places and who is able to provide more than we can imagine.

- Pray for those walking through dry or difficult seasons to experience God's renewal and peace
 - Ask God to refresh and strengthen everyone involved in Mission Maker Month
 - Pray for fresh vision, hope, and encouragement for Mission Direct and those it serves
 - Thank God that He is able to bring life and transformation even in barren places.
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Day 12: Renewed Strength

Isaiah 40:31

"...but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."

Mission Direct supports those who give up their time to travel and pick up tools to do their bit and in so doing get closer to Christ.

However, recent world events have created worldly challenges for Mission Direct as it seeks to support these missionaries, and those in need in communities around the world.

Actions are in hand to address the challenges faced but Isaiah tells us that our Lord will give us the strength to identify, act, enthuse, or donate; so that the mission can soar once again.

The Lord gives each of us the wisdom and boldness to reach out come together to contribute as reflecting our positions, strengths and advantages.

In giving, we are thankful for increased personal well-being, a lifting of our hearts and a coming together in the name of our Lord.

We ask for prayers that together the challenges faced by our mission can be met and conquered.

- Pray for God to bring forward volunteers and donations.
 - Pray for the faith, wisdom, and encouragement of Mission Direct's people and supporters.
 - Thank God for what he has done for the mission to date and all that he will do for us in the future.
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Day 13: Every Good Gift

James 1:17

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows"

This verse is a powerful reminder of the steadfast and unchanging character of God. Unlike the shifting shadows that move and alter with the time of day, God's nature remains constant, providing us with a firm foundation upon which we can build our lives. It speaks to God's generosity, emphasizing that every good and perfect gift we receive is a direct result of His benevolent nature. As the Creator and Sustainer of all things, God delights in providing for His children. His gifts are not just sufficient; they are good and perfect, tailored to meet our needs and bring us joy.

In reflecting upon God's unchanging nature and His abundant provision, we are called to respond with gratitude. It is easy to overlook the many blessings we receive daily, but when we pause to consider all that God has done for us, our hearts should overflow with thankfulness. From the air we breathe to the love we share with others, each aspect of our lives is a testament to His care and generosity.

As we acknowledge the "good and perfect gifts" from our Heavenly Father, we are inspired to emulate His generosity in our own lives. Just as God gives abundantly, we too are called to give freely of our time, talents, and resources.

- Praise God for His unchanging nature.
 - Thank Him for all the good and perfect gifts He gives us each day.
 - Ask for a spirit of generosity to deepen within you.
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Day 14: Crowned With Compassion

Psalm 107:9

"He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

Psalm 107:9 is a beautiful reminder that God sees the deepest needs of the human heart. While the world often offers temporary satisfaction, the Lord alone can truly fill the longing soul. He understands every desire, every burden, and every empty place within us. When we turn to Him, we find a source of goodness that refreshes and restores us from the inside out.

Many people carry a spiritual hunger that cannot be satisfied by success, possessions, or human approval. God invites us to bring our hunger to Him, trusting that He is able to provide what our hearts truly need. His love brings comfort to the weary, His presence brings peace to the troubled, and His grace brings strength to those who feel weak. In Him, we discover lasting fulfillment that the world cannot offer.

This verse encourages us to seek God with expectancy. He delights in meeting His children at their point of need and filling their lives with His goodness. No matter how dry the season may seem, the Lord is able to renew hope, restore joy, and satisfy every longing soul that looks to Him in faith.

- Heavenly Father, thank You for satisfying the longing soul and filling my life with Your goodness. Draw me closer to You each day and help me find my fulfillment in Your presence.
- Lord, meet every area of hunger and need in my life. Refresh my spirit, strengthen my faith, and fill my heart with Your peace and joy.
- Father, help me to seek You above all else, trusting that You alone can satisfy the deepest desires of my soul and lead me into the fullness of Your blessings. Amen.

Day 15: God Gives the Growth

1 Corinthians 3:6

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."

Have you ever compared your life and gifts with those of others? God gives us each unique calling and a set of gifts that will enable us to fulfil His purpose through our lives.

However gifted someone is, these gifts are from God and will be used by God for His glory. In the end it is God who possesses the power to make the seed grow and perform the miracle in your life. We are called to be coworkers with Him and to do our part – do the part he calls us to do. We trust Him that He will see the labour and bring the growth and the glory.

- Thank God for the privilege of coworking with Him to build his kingdom.
- Pray for wisdom that you'll be clear in the task that God has prepared for you to do for His glory.
- Ask God for faithfulness in the tasks that God has given you to do and for grace to trust Him with the results.

Day 16: Blessing the Work of Our Hands

Deuteronomy 14:29

"The Lord your God will bless you in all the work of your hands."

In ancient Israel, the tithe was far more than a religious tax; it was a system of community care and worship. Periodically, instead of taking their tithe to the central sanctuary, Israelites were commanded to store it locally to provide for those on the fringes of society: the Levite spiritual leader who had no land or income of his own and for the foreigner, orphan and widow who had limited resource and support.

This paints a beautiful picture of the family of God and He who chose to channel His provision through the obedience and generosity of His people. God entrusted His abundance to the community so they could actively participate in His heart for justice and mercy.

When the people opened their hands to share what they had, God made a profound promise: "that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands." Generosity is never a deficit; it is an investment in the Kingdom of God. When we align our resources with God's priorities – caring for the vulnerable and supporting the work of ministry – we position ourselves to receive His overflowing favour.

- Give thanks for our generous God who provides all that we need and trusts us to minister and bless the vulnerable.
 - Ask for discernment and opportunity to know where God is calling us to serve.
 - Pray for those on the fringes of society who need a message of hope, love and mercy found in Jesus.
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Day 17: Lacking No Good Thing

Psalm 34:10

"Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."

Psalm 34:10 reminds us that even the strongest and most capable can experience lack, but those who seek the Lord find a source of provision that never fails. God's blessings are not limited by earthly circumstances. As we pursue Him with sincere hearts, He supplies what we truly need and sustains us with His faithful care.

Seeking the Lord is more than an occasional prayer; it is a daily posture of dependence and trust. When we place God at the centre of our lives, we learn that His wisdom is better than our plans, His timing is better than our expectations, and His provision is greater than anything we could secure on our own. He knows exactly what is good for us and delights in caring for His children.

This verse encourages us to live with confidence rather than anxiety. God's goodness is not measured solely by material abundance but by His constant presence, guidance, peace, and provision. As we seek Him first, we can rest in the assurance that He will withhold no good thing that aligns with His purpose and love for our lives.

- Heavenly Father, help me to seek You above all else and to trust that You will provide every good thing I need according to Your will.
 - Lord, remove fear and anxiety from my heart, and fill me with confidence in Your faithful provision and unfailing goodness.
 - Father, teach me to depend on You daily, finding my satisfaction, strength, and security in Your presence rather than in earthly circumstances. Amen.
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Day 18: Cheerful Giving

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

This verse reminds me of a church service in Uganda some years ago. Many of the congregation were materially poor but gave from what they had with loud singing and dancing. The church was full of fresh fruit, livestock and chickens. It was both chaotic and beautiful but more than that the overwhelming sense of joy on the faces of men and women dancing down to the altar to present their gifts to God lives on so clearly in my mind over a decade later.

Any gift should be given with a right attitude; God sees all our motivations and actions. Jesus Himself says 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35 NIV) It is a fact that giving has been proven scientifically to have benefits to our health and wellbeing. Regularly giving your time or resources is linked to lower blood pressure, better heart health, and even increased longevity. Giving also strengthens our relationships. Whether it's our time, money, or a listening ear, our generosity cultivates trust and empathy with the people around us. Giving time to God can only deepen our faith and relationship with Him.

So be joyful in every gift you give especially when giving back to God what He has already given to you. Remember you cannot outgive God it all belongs to Him anyway.

- Pray for a joyful spirit in the act of giving.
- Ask God for opportunities to bless others from what you have.
- Thank God for his unfailing generosity towards us.

Day 19: The Lord Watches Over You

Psalm 121:5

"The LORD watches over you –
the LORD is your shade at your right hand..."

The Lord watches over His children with unwavering care and faithfulness. In every season of life, whether marked by joy or uncertainty, He remains our Keeper. His

presence is not distant or occasional; it is constant, surrounding us with protection, guidance, and peace. We can walk forward confidently, knowing that our lives are securely held in His hands.

Just as shade provides relief from the scorching heat of the sun, God's presence brings comfort in life's difficult moments. When pressures rise and challenges seem overwhelming, He stands near, offering strength for today and hope for tomorrow. His grace sustains us when our own resources are exhausted, reminding us that we never face our battles alone.

The promise of Psalm 121:5 invites us to rest in God's faithful care. We do not need to live in fear of what lies ahead, for the One who created heaven and earth is watching over us. As we trust Him daily, we discover the security, confidence, and peace that come from knowing our Keeper never sleeps, never leaves, and never fails.

- Thank God for being our keeper and faithful protector. Help us to trust His watchful care in every circumstance of our lives.
- Be our shade and refuge in times of difficulty. Strengthen us with Your presence and fill our hearts with Your peace.
- Father, teach me to walk confidently in faith, knowing that You are guiding my steps and guarding me according to Your perfect will. Amen.

Day 20: Giving with Love

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your hearts to give, not under reluctance or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Mother Teresa once said, "It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Giving from the heart makes a difference. When people give to us from their heart we can tell. God wants us to give with our hearts – not because we are compelled to, but because of the desire to give out of the generosity of our hearts.

- Help us to be cheerful in giving in all areas of our lives.
 - Pray for the Mission Direct Month of giving with love.
 - Thank you God that we are blessed to give to you.
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Day 21: Plans Filled With Hope

Jeremiah 29:11

"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"

One of the hardest things in life can be trusting God when we cannot yet see the full picture. We often want clarity about the future, immediate answers, and certainty about how everything will work out. Yet faith frequently requires us to keep walking even when we cannot see the entire path ahead.

Jeremiah shared these words with people living in uncertainty and disappointment. They were in exile, far from where they expected to be, wondering whether God had forgotten them. Yet even there, God reminded them that His plans had not changed. Their current situation was not the end of the story.

Like many of us, I have experienced seasons where life did not unfold the way I had imagined. Plans changed and doors closed. Family health challenges emerged unexpectedly. Yet time and again, God has shown Himself faithful. Often, when we look back, we realise that even in difficult seasons, He was still guiding, shaping, preparing, and positioning us for something greater.

Hope is not wishful thinking. Biblical hope is confidence in the character and faithfulness of God. It is trusting that even when we do not understand the process, God still sees the bigger picture.

As we pray for Mission Direct during this season, we place our trust in the God who holds the future and whose plans are always rooted in hope, purpose, and love.

- Pray for wisdom and clarity for those leading Mission Direct.
 - Ask God to strengthen the faith of everyone supporting and serving through the mission.
 - Pray that those facing uncertainty would experience renewed hope and encouragement.
 - Thank God that His plans for our lives are filled with purpose, hope, and a future.
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Day 22: The Little Children and Jesus

Matthew 19:13-15

"Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there."

I am reminded every day of God's great blessings as I watch my 1-year-old grow. I am often overcome by how a tiny baby or child is truly excited by the smallest of things in life, or the simplest of gestures, like waving or smiling or by a little song or game of 'peekaboo'. Life can be hard when we grapple with the big things and challenges the world faces; but when I look into a child's eyes, I feel the Lord is saying - see my world through these eyes; enjoy and be thankful for the small blessings we have in our lives on a daily basis, whether it be the flowers that grow, or the birds that sing. Indeed, in this verse, Jesus says 'let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'.

Our world belongs to the children across the world. Pray that we may put aside our own greed and selfishness, and use our hands, time, money, and service to try to help the world for the generations to come.

- Practice gratitude for the simple blessings in life
- Pray to see the world through our children's eyes and see the beauty they see
- Ask God to bless all our families and children and all those who have, and will serve, on Mission Direct.

Day 23: Satisfied by God's Hand

Psalms 145:16

"You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing."

Psalms 145:16 reveals the generous heart of God toward all His creation. The Lord is not reluctant in His giving; He opens His hand freely and lovingly. Every breath we take, every provision we receive, and every blessing we enjoy ultimately flows from His goodness. This verse reminds us that God is a faithful Provider who cares deeply for the needs of His children.

God's provision extends beyond physical necessities. He satisfies the deeper longings of the soul with His presence, peace, wisdom, and unfailing love. When we look to Him, we discover that true fulfilment is found not in what we possess but in our relationship with the One who holds all things in His hands. His resources are limitless, and His compassion never runs dry.

In seasons of waiting or uncertainty, Psalm 145:16 encourages us to trust God's generous nature. The same hand that sustains creation is at work in our lives today. As we place our hopes in Him, we can rest in the assurance that He sees our needs, knows our desires, and provides according to His perfect wisdom and timing.

- Thank you Father for your abundant goodness and faithful provision. Help me to recognize your hand at work in every blessing I receive.
- Lord, satisfy the deepest desires of my heart with your presence and teach me to find my contentment and joy in you alone.
- Father, increase my faith to trust your timing and provision, knowing that You care for every detail of my life and will supply all that I need.

Day 24: Seed for the Sower

2 Corinthians 9:10

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

God's provision is always sufficient and timely. We should look to God and trust Him in this instead of being impatient or relying only on our own thoughts and abilities for resolutions to our situations.

This does not mean we should do nothing and plan nothing. Rather, we should prayerfully submit our thoughts, plans, abilities and actions to Him as we try our best to address the challenges we face. This month, we focus on raising funds for Mission Direct to ensure that our mission is well planned and funded. We do not ask for God to provide and then do nothing practical to contribute to the challenges; we prayerfully plan and act to achieve God's aims within this charity, knowing and trusting that God is faithful and sufficient for His purposes.

- Thank God that He is gracious, faithful and sufficient to achieve His purposes.
 - Pray that those leading Mission Direct remain in tune with God's will and purposes.
 - Pray for God's provision in terms of funds, other necessary assets, and volunteers.
 - Pray with confidence for God's abundance for His work within Mission Direct.
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Day 25: God Goes Before Us

Deuteronomy 31:8

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you."

In the Book of Deuteronomy 31:8, Moses the prophet speaks to a generation that is at the point of transition. They are preparing to enter unfamiliar territory after years in the wilderness. They were not supposed to be dependent on themselves based on military power, personal skills, or human planning. The faith of the Israelites depended on the fact that God had preceded them. During all the time of their wandering in the desert, God revealed Himself to them through the pillar of fire by night – showing them the way and protecting them, providing them with cover and leading them throughout their journey. God was everything they needed when the situation arose. When the heat became overwhelming for the people, God was the cloud that gave them cover; where there was darkness all round them, God was fire illuminating their path.

Today we have the same confidence because we know that we are not pushing forward by our own strength, power, and wisdom, but by depending on the One who has already walked into our future. God will go ahead of us into all the new place and all the assignments. God will be what we need on that road just like He did for Israel in the past.

- Pray that we stop relying on our own strength and trust God's leading.
 - Pray that in unknown seasons, we remember that God has already gone before us.
 - Pray that God would be our peace, wisdom, and direction in every decision we have to make.
 - Pray against fear and discouragement, and that our confidence would stay rooted in God's faithfulness.
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Day 26: The Generous Prosper

Proverbs 11:25

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

This verse teaches us counter-intuitive truth: in God's kingdom giving away your time resources or energy doesn't diminish you. Instead, it creates a cycle of refreshing blessings as God renews your own spirit.

Reflect on:

- a. God's calculations: The world works on scarcity, but God works on abundance. If you choose to be a conduit for God's blessings rather than a hoarder, you are inviting all forms of prosperity.
 - b. "Watering" metaphor: To "water" others means to encourage, nourish and uplift. Offer a helping hand, a meal or listening ear and every small act of kindness waters your soul simultaneously refreshing the other person's soul.
 - c. Living open-handed: If we hold our blessings tightly to ourselves it often leads to burnout and emptiness, but if we are open handed we can experience God's overwhelming grace.
- Pray for a culture of generosity and encouragement.
 - Ask God to refresh and strengthen every supporter.
 - Thank God for the joy that comes through giving.
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Day 27: Overflowing Hope

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

In his epistle to the Romans 15:13, Paul writes to the believers in Rome that our only source of hope can be found in God. From this scripture, it becomes clear that our hope is not as a result of positive thinking or favourable situations. Our hope originates from God Himself. Apostle Paul refers to God as "the God of hope". Our hope exceeds any season we go through because it comes from the God in Whom We put all our trust.

Notice that God does not only provide us with just enough hope to keep going, but He makes us overflow in hope. It becomes possible through the strength of Spirit in us; hence, a believer can live a joyous, peaceful, and hopeful life in spite of everything. Our hope should emanate from our hearts to those around us. In a world of fear and frustration, a believer lives in another spirit because God is true to His promises and can accomplish them.

- Pray that our hearts would remain full of hope, even in difficult or uncertain seasons.
 - Pray that the Holy Spirit would fill us with joy and peace as we continue trusting God.
 - Pray against discouragement, disappointment, and hopelessness, and that our confidence would stay rooted in God's faithfulness.
 - Pray that our lives would overflow with hope in a way that strengthens and encourages the people around us.
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Day 28: Service to Others

Ephesians 5:13

"You, my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; but rather serve one another humbly in love."

The famous Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." As a former missionary in India, I found this to be true on a regular basis. When I served others, I was closer to the person God had created me to be and I felt a deeper sense of freedom.

- God our Father give us the wisdom and heart to serve others with love.
 - May Mission Maker Month help us to lose ourselves in the service of others through Christ.
 - May we approach God with humility, reverence and thankfulness.
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Day 29: Planted by Streams

Psalms 1:3

"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither –
whatever they do prospers."

God is faithful in every season, and his provision is always sufficient for his people. As we continue this journey of prayer, we place our trust in his care, guidance, and generosity, believing that he will accomplish all that he has purposed.

Reflect on:

- a. Are your "roots" currently drawing from the living water of God's word in Scripture or are they trying to live from the shallow sources of the world?
- b. What season of life are you in right now, and how can you allow God to generate fruit at this moment in time?

- Pray for God's provision and guidance.
 - Ask for faith, wisdom, and encouragement.
 - Thank God for his faithfulness and care.
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Day 30: Immeasurably More

Ephesians 3:20

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen"

God can top the boldest most incredible prayer we can dare to imagine so don't quiet those dreams, deepest longings and desires of your heart – God put them there and knows how to fulfil them.

The Apostle Paul said, God can do more than we can ask or imagine according to His power at work within us. It's all God's power and His plan which He has invited us into and so we must give Him the Glory, knowing that it's Him who gives us the desire and power to do what pleases Him.

As we pray for a dark and hurting world, we can submit ourselves to His plan knowing that it's all God, but He chooses to work in and through His people to accomplish His purposes and we can trust Him with the process. We don't have to have all the

answers because we already have Him and He can do more than we can ask or imagine – He is the God of the impossible!

- Pray for a renewed confidence that God will hear and respond to our prayers, dreams and desires according to His plans and purposes.
- Thank Him for His faithfulness and presence in every season.
- Pray that we would see many we have been praying for find salvation and hope in Jesus.

Final thoughts

We are very thankful for everybody who contributed to this prayer diary for our Mission Maker Month in June. We are also grateful for everyone who will use it and who participates with us in our campaign as some of us will pray, some will donate and others will fundraise for our mission.

For more information about our Mission Maker Month, please go to missiondirect.org/missionmakermonth where you will find more information about our campaign as well as resources to help you to fundraise for us.

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