



# Prayer Focus

**March 2024**

**Dear Friends,**

*“Without prayer we can do nothing”.*

Prayer is such a powerful tool for all Christian ministry.  
Thank you for joining with us in prayer as we focus on our work in Malawi.



This month we would like to concentrate our prayers on the children and families that we work with as they face huge difficulties with ever increasing costs of maize and basic essentials, since the 44% devaluation of the Malawian Kwacha and are now faced with hardship due to a prolonged low rainfall period during February when the maize crop is starting to grow.

This will mean a poor harvest.

Salima has experienced a lack of rain at growing time.

The cost of a kilogram of maize has increased by approx. 70% since Feb 2023.

**Please pray for:**

- The rains to be better than forecast and sustained for the crops.
- That the farmers and villagers can collect and use the rainwater well.
- Diligence in planting and harvesting.
- God to enable the families to remain strong in the face of hardship.
- That families will be able to purchase essentials that they need.
- The Starfish team as we consider how to help those in need.
- That the harvest will be enough to allow maize to be stored for future use.
- That those who need extra maize now will be able to receive it.

- The Malawian Government as they assess how they can help people. *(The Government are targeting 4.4 million people that are feared to be facing hunger. The president said that nearly 800,000 households had been reached with relief maize)*
- Children and the sick who are the most vulnerable to lack of food, that they will be sustained.
- All those on Starfish projects, that they will have access to enough food and essentials.



### **Donate to our care fund**

If you would like to contribute to our **“care package”** fund to help purchase and distribute maize to those families that we work among, then please donate directly to our bank account with ref: **care2024**.

Bank details: CAF Bank,  
Sort Code 40-52-40,  
Account number 00018762.

**Starfish was born to create a world of difference, one by one!**

*“Without prayer, we can do nothing, for God provides for us and those we seek to serve”*

**Peter Bell, Head of Fundraising & Marketing**

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