

reflect

Resources to help you reflect and pray for
communities around the world

February 2026 – June 2026



**An invitation
to pray for
Cord**

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Welcome...



Hello and welcome to Reflect - Cord's prayer diary which we share three times a year. We're so grateful for your enthusiasm to join us in prayer for our projects and the people for whom we work. As we begin, I have a few questions:

Will you protect persecuted faith communities in Laos – one of the world's most dangerous places to be a Christian? Could you be part of bringing about a profound change in this nation so that people can practise their faith in freedom?

Could you transform life for the poorest women in rural Laos by enabling them to become landowners?

Would you bring an end to conflict in Cambodia caused by industrial mining and farming which forces Indigenous People from their land? Could you bring everyone involved together to work for a lasting solution?

Will you help bring healing to thousands of traumatised people in Burundi – one of the world's poorest countries?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then you're reading the right prayer diary! It's your prayers, your donations and your support that makes this peacebuilding work possible

As I came to write this edition of Reflect, I was struck once again by the variety, creativity and significance of our projects. As you read it, I hope you'll catch a vision of the life changing mission that you're part of!

Thank you for being a peacebuilder!

If you have any questions or comments about anything you read, or if you just want to say "Hi", please feel free to email us: info@cord.org.uk

With huge gratitude for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Thorley'.

Nick Thorley
Fundraising Manager

22 – 28 February

Thank God for all of Cord's wonderful partner organisations in the various countries where our peacebuilding projects take place. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise and are vital to our mission. They show great courage whilst working in very sensitive situations, often risking arrest or imprisonment. Let us pray that they will be strengthened and protected and that God would enable them to be even more effective in their work.

1 – 7 March

Praise God for our Peace Project in Burundi. 432 people living with trauma and their families, will receive psychological support. 1,000 young people will develop understanding and tolerance as they learn about Burundi's past. 800 young people will rise out of poverty and gain economic security through Self Help Groups. It's a wonderful and complex project with lots of partners and communities involved. Please pray for the many leaders and facilitators - for excellent communication, coordination and cooperation.

8 – 14 March

We'd be so grateful if you could pray for our new project 'Safer Futures' this week. This will be a partnership between Cord and the Swedish child-rights organisation Eriks. It will involve exciting new initiatives in a variety of countries. Please pray for all the practical arrangements including us setting up a new office in Kenya. Ask God to ensure that everything runs smoothly as we prepare for an exciting new chapter in our peacebuilding mission.

15 – 21 March

Give thanks for the ALLOWED project in Laos - supporting the poorest women in rural areas, to gain land rights and a voice in their communities. We're working with 200 women in leadership roles, in 12 grassroots organisations, throughout 18 villages. In the coming months we'll be providing grants to these organisations so they can coordinate campaigns to raise awareness of women's inclusion, land rights and gender equality. Pray for creativity, enthusiasm and courage amongst the leaders and that the campaigns are really successful.

22 – 28 March

In Cambodia, mining, farming and fishing often cause conflict. They damage the environment and drive Indigenous People from their land. The SABRE project brings together local communities, government authorities and multinational corporations to build peace. Thank God for the relationships that are being built between these groups. One amazing example is a local government official who realised that corporations often ignore invitations from local communities. So, he's started inviting the corporations on their behalf because he has more authority. It's a wonderful example of trust, collaboration and support.



29 March – 4 April

This week let's pray for God's blessing on the partner organisations we work with in Burundi. They include Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services (THARS), Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace (CEJP) and Association of Women Repatriated from Burundi (Association des Femmes Rapatriées du Burundi - AFRABU). Please pray that we will grow in our working relationships with these amazing organisations and coordinate our projects effectively. The political situation is tense, so we also ask that God will guide and protect them as they speak out for peace.

5 – 11 April

During your Easter celebrations, ask God to show His resurrection power in our divided world. May we be renewed in our faith and vision — in spite of so much violence and conflict — of a world where all people can live in peace and live life to the full. And, perhaps you could ask God for an opportunity to encourage someone with the life-giving work of Cord, during this most precious time of the year.

12 – 18 April

Laos is in the world's top ten most dangerous countries for minority religious groups – including Christians. Our PLURAL project is promoting tolerance and understanding by working with minority religious groups and government officials. Laws to protect groups from persecution exist, but they are ignored. The openness and willingness of the communist government to work with us is an incredible answer to prayer. Please ask God to bless and strengthen this relationship and that the government will enforce laws that promote religious freedom.

19 – 25 April

Let us pray for Burundi – one of the world's poorest countries. Ongoing fuel shortages continue to push up prices causing more people to fall into poverty. The conflict on the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo rages on. Last year's elections raised political tensions and the situation remains fraught. We pray for peace, relief of poverty, and for long-term, sustainable solutions. Let us also pray for a blessing on Dismas and Cord's Burundi team who continue their work in these trying circumstances.

26 April – 2 May

As we continue to support the poorest women in rural Laos to gain land rights and a voice in their communities, ask God to strengthen all the relationships at the heart of this project. Pray for trust to grow between our staff, our partners and government officials. A recent

restructure within the Laos government means that lots of new people are now in key positions. Pray that they would catch the vision of this project and support its development.

3 – 9 May

This week, please join us in seeking discernment for the next stage of our SABRE project in Cambodia. Over the past few years, we've seen so much progress as Indigenous Communities, local authorities, and multinational corporations have built relationships and worked together to address tensions around farming and mining that often harm local communities. We now need wisdom to move forward, being ambitious but also realistic, so that all partners remain involved and willing to continue this wonderful work.

10 – 16 May

We thank God for all those who have made the very special decision to leave a gift to Cord in their Will. We are so grateful for those who have left part of their estate or a fixed sum to further our work for peace. Others have given in memory of loved ones, donating to our work as a celebration of a life full of inspiration and kindness. Let us pray for all of our supporters who have lost loved ones in recent months and ask that they would experience the fullness of the Lord's presence, comfort and grace.



Ephesians 3: 14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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.

17 – 23 May

It's wonderful to have new staff joining Cord. We recently welcomed new people to roles in the UK and around the world. As we continue to recruit for a number of positions, please ask God to bring the right people to the right roles. Please ask for His blessing on all the new staff, that they would quickly find their feet, feel at home, and thrive as they contribute to the work for peace.

24 – 30 May

Our PLURAL project is promoting freedom of religion and belief in Laos. There's so much to celebrate as we work with local faith leaders, community groups and the communist government. However, many faith communities continue to live in fear. They worry that if they stand up, they could face persecution or imprisonment. Please pray that trust would grow between all those involved and that God would grant courage to the minority faith communities – including Christians.

31 May – 6 June

As part of our Peace Project in Burundi, 1,000 young people will meet in small groups to learn about the conflict and violence in Burundi's recent past. This doesn't happen in schools. As a result, young people inherit prejudice and discrimination. This leaves them vulnerable to extremist groups who encourage them into violence. Please pray that authorities will recognise the value of these events and not shut them down. Ask God to bless the leaders of these events with courage and creativity.

7 – 13 June

Please pray for the early stages of Safer Futures - our new partnership with the Swedish child-rights organisation ERIKS. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand our peacebuilding work into new countries including Burkina Faso, Benin, Mali, Uganda, Kenya, Moldova and Ukraine. We look forward to sharing more details of this collaboration in the near future but in the meantime, please pray that all the practical arrangements, planning and organising runs smoothly as we get things up and running.

14 – 20 June

When we interviewed Cord's CEO Andy Pask, in a recent edition of Connect, he said:

“We believe we have something deeply important to offer to an increasingly divided world. We want to use our voice to speak into situations where hope is scarce. I'm convinced that we can offer a hope and confidence that change is possible; that people can live together peacefully, thrive, and access their rights.”

We continue to explore what new initiatives this may involve, both in the UK and around the world. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we seek to use our voice and platform to promote peace.

Cord is a member of The Community of the Cross of Nails. This worldwide network of over 200 churches, charities, peacebuilding centres, and educational and training organisations, is inspired by the Coventry story of destruction, rebuilding and renewal and all members are active in reconciliation in their own ways.

As a result, each Monday, as part of our staff prayers, we share in The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation and we'd love you to join with us whenever you can:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

FATHER FORGIVE

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

FATHER FORGIVE

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

FATHER FORGIVE

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

FATHER FORGIVE

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

FATHER FORGIVE

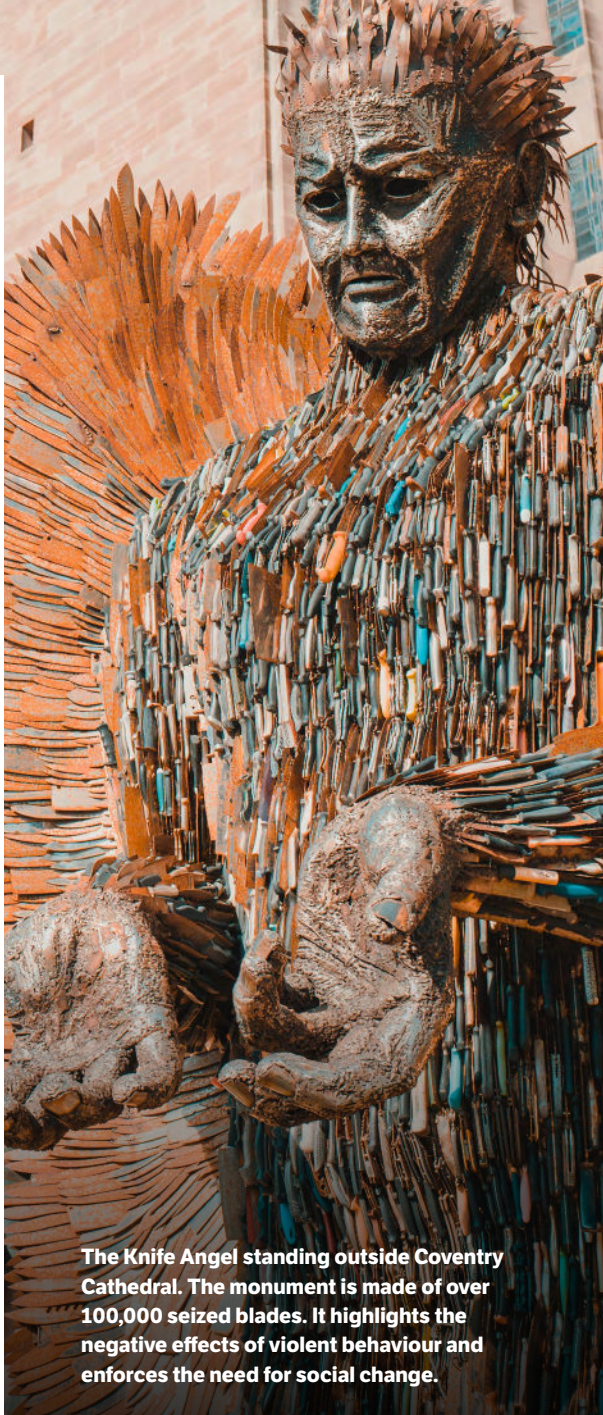
The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

FATHER FORGIVE

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

FATHER FORGIVE

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



The Knife Angel standing outside Coventry Cathedral. The monument is made of over 100,000 seized blades. It highlights the negative effects of violent behaviour and enforces the need for social change.

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