



Today, more than 2.6 million hungry children will eat Mary's Meals at school. During the month of May, join with us to pray for the children who rely on Mary's Meals around the world.

#### Introduce Mary's Meals

Before praying together, you can take time to introduce the children to the work of Mary's Meals.

- Use our PowerPoint presentation and notes at assembly or in class to share the story of Mary's Meals - download them from [our resource page](#).
- Explore our website together to find out about the different countries [where we work](#).
- [Contact Mary's Meals](#) to book a volunteer speaker to visit your school.

## Prayers for children



#### Families

Thank you, God, for the people in my life who love and care for me. Please look after all the families around the world who don't have enough food to eat or a place to call home. Amen.



#### Peace

Heavenly Father, we pray for children living in countries affected by wars and violence, especially those who eat Mary's Meals in Haiti, South Sudan, Syria and Lebanon. We ask you to keep them safe and help those working to build peace around the world. Amen.



#### Generosity

Thank you, Jesus, for the children and adults around the world who share what they have and help raise money for Mary's Meals. Help us to follow your example, being loving and generous in our daily lives. Amen.



#### End world hunger

Loving Father, we ask you to bless everyone who is hungry today, especially in Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe where it is a real struggle to grow food. We pray that Mary's Meals can grow as an organisation and feed more hungry children. Amen.



#### Hope

Loving Father, we pray that children all around the world can look towards the future with hope. Please help Mary's Meals and other charities to work towards a better world where everyone can have the food, and the education they need to reach their goals. Amen.

#### Activities for your class

1. Choose a country [where we work](#) and talk about the country with your class. Pray with your class for all of the children in that country.
2. Invite your class to write out their own prayers for the children who eat Mary's Meals, using the worksheet provided. They could use the themes for our prayers to help them or think about their own hopes for children around the world.
3. Encourage your class to pray for children around the world as they go about their day. For example, on the way to school: "Lord, I pray for the children who travel a long way to get to school so that they can eat Mary's Meals. Please bless them today."
4. Use our [prayer calendar](#) throughout the month to pray for, and learn about, children all around the world.

To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk)

Mary's Meals serves school meals to children around the world to help them come to school and have the food they need to learn and play.

This month I pray for:

Amen

