

Prayers to End Hunger: Nov. 18 — Dec. 1

Grounded in our faith, Bread for the World will continue to raise issues and policies relevant to our agenda, seeking always bipartisan solutions. During this lame duck session we would like for Congress to take action on funding global maternal and child nutrition, reauthorizing a child nutrition bill, passing sentencing reform bills that will take the first step toward comprehensive criminal justice reform, and approving a fiscal year 2017 federal budget that strengthens and protects international and domestic anti-hunger programs before the budget expires on Dec. 9.

As we persevere in our advocacy work, we pray with a deep, abiding hope in the power of Christ over all things in the coming weeks. Remember to pray.

1. We pray for The new elected president and members of Congress, that they will seek the common good with a particular emphasis to make ending hunger and poverty a priority of their public service. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for All God's children who struggle for food, that they will receive the nutritious food they need. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for The Church here in the United States that it will confidently promote the hope of the Gospel by being a prophetic voice in its fervor to call for justice for those who need it most. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for The lame duck session to deliver on the issues of funding global maternal and child nutrition, reauthorizing a child nutrition bill, passing sentencing reform bills, and approving a fiscal year 2017 federal budget. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for our nation to be mindful that every human being, no matter what race, gender, social, academic, economic, or ethnic background has been created in the image of God. God does not create defective or inferior people. Because of that we all have an intrinsic dignity. We all bear the image of our Creator. That is why the great commandment is to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. God's purpose is for us to serve one another by doing what is just and right. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)