

# Poverty and Hope Appeal 2018

Please pray for

## **Sri Lanka**

- The councillors, as they show God's love to children who have been through trauma and abuse. Most children who are referred have been abused, abandoned at a young age and been through various traumatic situations. All through their lives they may never have known a loving, trustworthy adult.
- Fulfilment of the vision to have at least one safe home for children and families in every province in the country.

## **Democratic Republic of Congo**

Leonard, one of the beneficiaries of the project says: 'The best thing about living in this area now is the peace and security. We can go peacefully about our work without being bothered by anyone. We are at peace in this part of the Congolese territory.'

- Give thanks for peace and security in the area of the project. Pray that this continues and spreads across the country.
- Leonard is now an elected member of a grassroots lobbying organisation. They have successfully worked with the local government to bring about significant improvements in the lives of the citizens of Maniema. Pray that there will be further improvements.

## **Burkina Faso**

- That the provision of goats, chickens and sheep will continue to have life-changing results, freeing children from the need to work and enabling them to attend school.
- That people will be helped to adapt their farming techniques to the reduced and variable rainfall.

## **Commonwork, Kent**

- For visiting school children who get a chance to experience a working organic farm, while learning about where food comes from, purchasing power, and how what we eat and buy is connected to global issues.
- For vulnerable young people aged 16 and over with mental health problems who participate in hands-on, vocational and therapeutic sessions.
- For recently launched work with schools and families in disadvantaged areas in Kent to help tackle the rise in childhood obesity.

## **Zimbabwe**

Compassionate God, you laid healing hands on the sick and the dead.

Hear our prayer for all whose lives have been devastated by HIV/AIDS.

Bless the life-changing work of the dioceses of Zimbabwe.

May all those living with HIV find themselves welcome in church and society.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen