

SYRIA: LET ME LIVE MY CHILDHOOD



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WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

This covers lots of projects which are aimed at helping children and young people who have lived through the war. One of these is: "Let Me Live My Childhood" in the city of Aleppo.

WHO WILL IT BENEFIT?

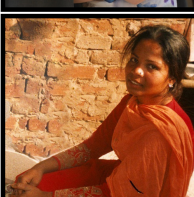
Syrian children who have witnessed the reality of war. This project helps them to have fun again and just 'be children'. It will help children like those of all faiths who in 2016 signed a petition asking other countries to support lasting peace in their country. Over a million children took part and created pictures showing their love for their country or their daily experience of life in war-torn Syria.

This project will start the healing process in some of those children.

Sick and orphaned children will also be helped. Their families will benefit from this too, and hope will be brought back to the region.



"In the end, I ask all who read this to pray for us; to pray for the children of Syria who were forbidden to live their childhood. We ask the Lord to grant us peace and happiness, and to fill all our hearts, so that we can heal our wounds, and return to our normal life as soon as possible." JAD ABED is 10-year-old Syriac Orthodox boy living in Aleppo, Syria



SYRIAN YOUTH: EDUCATION



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WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The launch of a number of different educational aid programmes and scholarships to help children and young people in Syria.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

This helps Christian families left in Syria. Many have lost their work and their homes and they cannot afford pay for their children to go to school.

This project gives hope to the Christians who have suffered during and after the war and will enable them to stay in their beloved Syria.

This programme helps
1215 school pupils
437 university students in Homs
105 university students in Damascus
300 especially needy families
many sick and orphaned children.



"There are many students who stopped their studies because of the war. I want to tell them: 'Go back to school and continue your education'-to sacrifice education is the biggest mistake, because we are the future and we have to be an informed and educated generation." Arax Boghos (18)



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LEBANON: ST JOHN

THE MERCIFUL TABLE



WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

St John the Merciful Table is a Church-run meal service for Syrian refugees and other needy people in Lebanon.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Many Christian refugees from Syria (and others) do not even have one balanced meal a day. Even among the local people there are many needy people, especially among the elderly and those children whom nobody seems to be caring for.

This project provides over a thousand people will be given a hot meal each day. It also provides food brought by volunteers to the elderly and sick, who cannot get out of their homes.

This project gives people hope as it provides a place for people to meet and support each other. They can chat and help each other with the emotional pain they suffer because of the war.

"We all of us feel the love of Jesus, our Saviour, in this way. It is a sign of His love for us all, one that helps to heal every wound," says one of the women helpers at St John The Merciful Table.

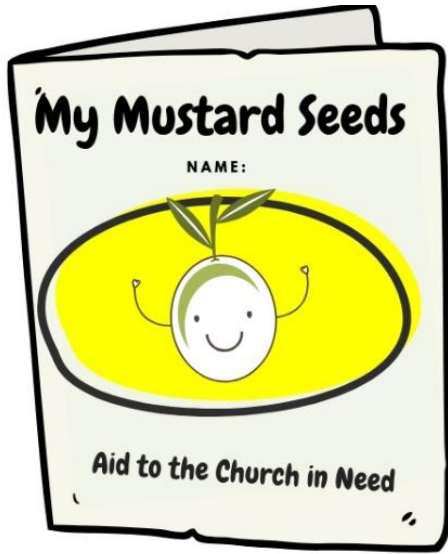


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CARD ACTIVITY: PRAYER, INFORMATION & ACTION



This is where you can record your **PIA**s

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PRAYER INFORMATION ACTION

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ACTION

I will record my own "Mustard Seeds"

I will put a 'A' in a box each time I:

1. Fundraise for the Mustard Seed Project in Syria or other projects like it
2. Donate some money of my own money
3. Involve my family and friends with fundraising for ACN

Prayers
Works of charity
Fundraising for Aid to the Church in Need

A C N

P

PRAYER

I will record my own "Mustard Seeds"

I will put a 'P' in a box each time I:

1. Pray for the children at the Mustard Seed Project in Syria
2. Go to an extra Mass or Adoration for them
3. Pray for someone else who needs God's blessing

Prayers
Works of charity
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A C N

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INFORMATION

I will record my own "Mustard Seeds"

I will put a 'I' in a box each time I:

1. Tell someone about ACN
2. A friend or family member looks at ACN's website
3. I take part in an ACN assembly or presentation

Prayers
Works of charity
Fundraising for Aid to the Church in Need

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I will take on a challenge and ask people to sponsor me:
e.g. a Sponsored Silence

The Mustard Seed

I will collect all of my loose change during Lent and ask my family to do so too.

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I will go to one extra Mass for one of the children who needs my prayers

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I will give up sweets for Lent and give the money I would spend to The Mustard Seed

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I will ask my school if we can have a cake sale for ACN

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My class will do the 50 Mile Sponsored Walk Challenge for ACN (we may choose to cycle, walk, run, swim etc)

www.acnuk.org/resource/50-miles-in-their-shoes/

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I will do a presentation at my parish or in a school assembly about The Mustard Seed and ask for donations

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I will say a prayer for suffering children in different parts of the world every day in Lent

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I will ask five people in my family
to look at ACN's website and join
their mailing list.

www.acnuk.org

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My class and I will plan and
lead a prayer service for
the people helped by
Aid to the Church in Need

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With some friends, we will begin an ACN
Ambassadors' Group at school.
My teacher will contact marie.fahy@acnuk.org
to help with this.

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I will do the 40,000
Steps Challenge

www.acnuk.org/resource/challenge-yourself/

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I will organise a Pancake
Party for ACN

www.acnuk.org/resource/pancake-party/

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I will help to make a big Mustard Seed
display in my classroom and add mustard
seeds when me and my friends pray or
raise money for ACN

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My class will do an online diary/blog
about The Mustard Seed.

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I will take up the #50MileChallenge
and walk in the shoes of Christians
forced to leave their homes.

www.acnuk.org/resource/50-miles-in-their-shoes/

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I will join the Maisey Milk Programme and empty one pint milk cartons to fill with spare coins and raise funds for projects like

The Mustard Seed

www.acnuk.org/resource/maisy-milk/

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I will pray the Rosary every week at school for Christians who are suffering

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I will arrange a 'God's Bakery' themed cake sale at school. This will support religious sisters (like Sr Samia) who, without the funds might not be able to continue the important work that they do for others.

www.acnuk.org/resource/gods-bakery/

My class/school and I will take part in the 'Go To Mass or Adoration for Someone Who Can't' Campaign. I will ask my teacher to contact marie.fahy@acnuk.org to order free prayers cards with named children to pray for

The Mustard Seed





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Name _____ Class _____

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The Parable

The meaning of the parable

The Aid to the Church in Need Project

What I can do

