

# 2019 PRAYER GUIDE FOR RAFIKI





The best thing we can do to start the New Year is pray.

I would like all of our Rafiki Villages to set aside time to pray in January.

If everyone can come together at one time that would be wonderful. But if not, then establish prayer times set up for the teachers and the headmaster in lieu of an afternoon of in-service. The Orphan Care Administrator and Rafiki moms and houseparents can meet and pray instead of a training meeting. Village Administrator and other national staff can meet at a convenient time. RICE Dean and students pray together also.

It is a time of prayer where everyone participates. Share the leadership of the time of prayer with some of your most seasoned national staff.

Have the mothers and their children in the cottages pray through these too.

If you think you can have the day students participate in some way—that would be wonderful but not mandatory.





# ADORATION

- Start the attribute of God—He is our preserver
- Use the verses at the end of this document
- Have individuals read the verses out loud
- Connect this attribute to their lives: Have them think about and state how knowing that God is our preserver comforts or encourages them when it comes to their country, their families, the church, their work, and the Rafiki Village.
- Take a few minutes to worship and thank God as your preserver

# CONFESSION

Luke 10:27

*“And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’”*

Proverbs 3:5

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”*

Exodus 20: Read the 10 Commandments

We can all confess that we have not loved God with our heart, soul, mind, strength—nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not trusted God with all our heart either. And we have broken the 10 commandments—in our hearts.

No one needs to publicly confess particular sins. This is a time when we as God’s people in Rafiki can acknowledge corporately about these sins.

Have one or two persons in the group pray and tell the Lord that we are sorry that we have not loved him and trusted him and we have not loved others as we should and that we repent of these. You might have a moment of silence where people confess silently to God sins.





# THANKSGIVING

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

*“See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

## SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

Ephesians 1:1-13—read aloud

Have the group select out various spiritual blessings for which we can be thankful. Here are some things for which we can thank God:

1. Salvation in Christ: 2 Corinthians 9:15 *“Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!”*
2. Being co-heirs with Christ: Romans 8:17 *“and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”*
3. The gift of the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Holy Spirit
4. Eternal life—eternal security
5. Forgiveness of sins—as far as the east is from the west
6. Reconciliation—no longer under God’s wrath
7. The Lord will never leave us or forsake us
8. God is sovereign—every hair on our head is numbered
9. Access to God the Father through God the Son
10. The Bible—and the freedom to study the Bible
11. Answered prayers

## MATERIAL BLESSINGS

1. Our children and RICE and day students are hearing and receiving the gospel
2. That the 10 Rafiki countries are relatively peaceful right now
3. Financial provision for the 10 Villages in 2018
4. Financial provision for the families of our 600 national staff
5. Cottage conversions in 3 countries bringing in many new 3 year olds!
6. Funding for 3 senior high schools and we have almost completed the RICE building in Liberia.
7. New website for Rafiki
8. Home office trip to Singapore which bore much fruit
9. Commissioned 13 new missionaries all of whom will be out on the field by March this year
10. RICE curriculum all written
11. Added almost 1000 new donors
12. Shipped 20,000 books to our libraries
13. Shipped 20,000 Bibles for pastors
14. Four church schools using Rafiki's curriculum, Bible study, RICE trained teachers, and receiving Bibles\* from Rosemary Jensen Bible Foundation. (\*only 1 has received Bibles)
15. Thirty-eight children who are in some post—high school education—many now in college
16. First RICE graduates with certificates or diplomas from our partner universities
17. Forty-five missionaries and over 600 national employees serving faithfully
18. Seventeen containers shipped in 2018
19. Over 2900 people studying the Bible daily at Rafiki Villages—studying Romans and 1 Thessalonians!
20. Faithful Rafiki Prayer Groups (over 100) and Rafiki Area Representatives (new ones added this year)
21. Representation at over 40 conferences in 2018 (one attendee remarked, “we are seeing Rafiki everywhere these days!”)
22. Over 120 effective Short-term missionaries
23. Faithful generous donors in the US, Europe, Asia, and Africa



# SUPPLICATION

## SPIRITUAL NEEDS

1. Salvation of all the children and students in our Rafiki Schools, RICE Program, and Widows Program participants
2. Ten percent of our children to be called to serve as pastors in the churches
3. All in the Rafiki Villages to understand and apply God's Word to their lives
4. Growth in the church in Africa, for the leadership of our church partners to stay close to God, to lead with courage and wisdom
5. Partner denominations to grow in prayerfulness and to stay true to the gospel
6. God to provide the pastors needed for our church partners and for other financial resources they need

***Thank God for each one of his people with whom you are serving—be thankful for each other!***

- *“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you...”* Romans 1:8-10
- *“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus...”*  
1 Corinthians 1:4
- *“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers...”* Ephesians 1:16
- *“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy...”* Philippians 1:3-4
- *“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you...”* Colossians 1:3
- *“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers...”*  
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3a
- *“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right...”* 2 Thessalonians 1:3



## **Pray for spiritual wisdom and knowledge**

- *“...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him...”*  
Ephesians 1:17
- *“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...”* Colossians 1:9

## **Pray you would all be full of hope**

- *“...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints...”* Ephesians 1:18
- *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”* Romans 15:13

## **Pray you will all live and serve in peace and unity**

- *“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
Romans 15:5-6
- *“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.”* 2 Thessalonians 3:16

## **Pray that all in Rafiki would be strengthened with spiritual power**

- *“...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being.”*  
Ephesians 3:16
- *“...that you may know...what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.”*  
Ephesians 1:18-19
- *“May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might...”*  
Colossians 1:11

## **To grow in the knowledge of God**

- *“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him...”*  
Ephesians 1:17
- *“...we have not ceased to pray for you...that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...increasing in the knowledge of God.”* Colossians 1:9-10

## **To know his love more and more!**

- *“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge....”* Ephesians 3:17-19

## **To exhibit the fruits of the spirit**

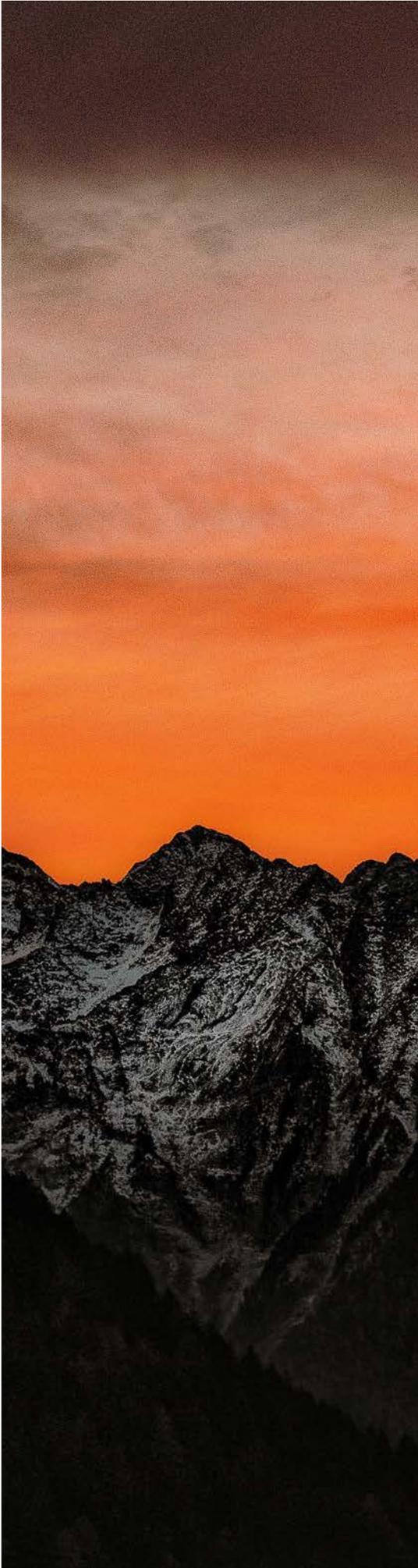
- *“And I pray that you...may have power...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”* Ephesians 3:17-19
- *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self—control; against such things there is no law.”* Galatians 5:22-23

## **For godly living**

- *“Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right....”* 2 Corinthians 13:7
- *“...may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men...so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus....”* 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- *“May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- *“With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.”* 2 Thessalonians 1:11

## **Ministry opportunity and success**

- *“...and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel....”* Ephesians 6:19
- *“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord... bearing fruit in every good work....”* Colossians 1:10



## MATERIAL NEEDS

1. Completion of the senior secondary school in Rwanda and the science buildings in Tanzania
2. Music and Art buildings in Ghana and Zambia
3. Accreditation of RICE in 8 countries
4. Full funding of all the orphans and day students
5. A well attended and fruitful Christian classical conference in Nairobi November 2019
6. At least 50 RICE students in each of our RICE programs
7. 10 church schools using Rafiki's curriculum and Bible study by year end
8. Widows program running in all 10 countries ministering to over 2500 women.
9. 15 more missionaries and current missionaries remaining on the field
10. Completion of Rafiki school curriculum and Rafiki Bible study
11. 2000 new donors to Rafiki



# GOD AS PRESERVER

## Adoration

Psalm 116:6 *“The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.”*

Psalm 118:13 *“I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me.”*

Psalm 145:14 *“The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.”*

Proverbs 3:6 *“In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”*

Mathew 10:29-31 *“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”*

Romans 8:28 *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”*

1 Corinthians 10:13 *“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”*

1 Peter 3:12-13 *“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?”*

Revelation 3:10 *“Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”*

## Confession

Lord, too many times I have not acknowledge the way you have preserved me from harm. You have protected me again and again, and I have not thanked you for it. Frequently you have protected me from making stupid or deliberate errors. Forgive me for not giving you praise for it.

## Thanksgiving

Thank you for preserving me all these years

Thank you that you protect the simplehearted, and therefore, you save me when I am in great need (Psalm 116:6).

Thank you that when I am pushed back and about to fall, you will help me (Psalm 118:13).

Thank you that you uphold me when I fall and lift me up when I am bowed down in humility or depression (Psalm 144:14).

Thank you that when I acknowledge you in all my ways, you will make my path straight (Proverbs 3:6)

Thank you that no matter which way I try to turn, the Holy Spirit will speak to me to keep me on the right path (Isaiah 30:21)

Thank you that you know when one little sparrow falls to the ground, and that you have numbered even the hairs on my head; I needn't be afraid that you won't preserve me. I am worth a great deal to you (Matthew 10:29-31).

Thank you that in all things you are working for my good, because I have been called by you according to your purpose (Romans 8:28)

Thank you that you will not let me be tempted beyond what I can bear but will always provide a way out (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Thank you that, because you have made me righteous in Christ Jesus, your eye is upon me and your ear is attentive to my prayers. But you are against those who do evil (1 Peter 3:12-13).

Thank you that when I keep your command to endure patiently, you keep me from unnecessary trials and testing (Revelation 3:10).