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## Pray with Kenya on Sunday, August 5, 2018

BY [BRIGITTE EALE](#) ON JULY 30, 2018

***Lectionary Selection: John 6:24-35***

***Prayers for Kenya:***

Father, in the Mighty name of Jesus I thank You. I thank You because all power belongs to You. I thank You because You always answer our prayers. I ask for forgiveness on behalf of our land and nation, Kenya. Forgive us, for we have not walked in your ways. Remember your people, Lord, those tossed about, oppressed, and trampled upon by political situations, hunger, and thirst. O Lord, remember mercy and heal this land.



Dear God, guide the country of Kenya; may the people and the leaders place all their faith, hope, trust, and love in you to nurture the ideals of equality and brotherhood, to provide the opportunities of life for all, to value and protect the rights of individuals, to build up a sturdy and industrious generation, to grant justice to all regardless of caste or creed, to be strong in battle for the right, magnanimous in victory, and honorable in the establishment of a just and charitable peace, and to follow after righteousness and godliness that alone exalts a nation.

I decree peace, prosperity, and blessing to this land. Let peace be upon Nairobi, let peace be upon the four corners of this great land. In the mighty name of Jesus I pray. Amen

***Mission Stewardship Moment from Kenya:***

A Kenyan woman's risk of dying from causes related to pregnancy or childbirth is 1 in 53, much higher than the global risk of maternal death. Less than half of pregnant women seek delivery services in hospitals, greatly putting their lives and those of unborn babies in danger. Only two in every five deliver in hospitals, said Planning Minister Wycliff Oparanya. He encouraged expectant mothers to seek professional health services at all stages of their pregnancy if the country is to reduce the rate of maternal and infant mortality cases.

We planned to visit three slums that had the highest infant mortality and neonatal deaths in Nairobi city, as many of the mothers depended on the traditional birth attendants for deliveries. But an initiative to

bring traditional birth attendants into the county health facilities is drawing more mothers to hospitals, helping to improve their chances and reduce the number of mother and child deaths.

**Prayer Request:**

1. Pray that God open the door for my department to get money to do sensitization and mobilize leaders from the church to work on this matter.
2. Pray for children under 5 years old whose lives are in danger from pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, dehydration, birth trauma, malnutrition, and low birth weight.
3. Pray for pregnant women as the maternal mortality rate is high.

(Prayer and Mission Moment by Brigitte Katshiete Eale)

***Global Ministries Mission Coworkers in Kenya:***

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***More information on Kenya:***

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## Kenya

Kenya is located in Eastern Africa, bordering the Indian Ocean, between Somalia and Tanzania.

Kenya is recognized as the home of some of Africa's most beautiful and best preserved game reserves, yet the human suffering in Kenya is not as well known. With the world's fastest growing population (4.5 percent annually), Kenya is struggling under poverty, authoritarian political rule, and massive urbanization. The National Council of Churches of Kenya is the world's largest, providing grassroots development projects throughout the country. The Presbyterian Church of East Africa maintains a network of the best health facilities and educational institutions in the country.

We relate to two partner organizations which deal with problems throughout Africa. They are the All Africa Conference of Churches, Africa's regional ecumenical body, and the Project for Christian Muslim Relations in Africa, which specializes in promoting understanding between adherents of Africa's two mission-planted faiths.

Pray for: The clergy and members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Nairobi and their far reaching programs of care and evangelism in Kenya's capital city. The patients and staff of the world-class Kikuyu Hospital operated by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, and especially for its ophthalmologic unit.

Population (2014 est) – 45,010,056

Area – 360,600 mi

Capital – Nairobi

Ethnic Background

Kikuyu – 22%

Luhya – 14%

Luo – 13%

Kalenjin – 12%

Kamba – 11%

Kisii – 6%

Meru – 6%

Other African – 15%

Non-African (Asian, European, and Arab) – 1%

Exports – tea, horticultural products, coffee, petroleum products, fish, cement

Imports – machinery and transportation equipment, petroleum products, motor vehicles, iron and steel, resins and plastics

Life Expectancy (2014 est) – M 62 F 65

Infant Mortality (2014 est) – 40.71 deaths/1,000 live births

Adult Illiteracy Rate – 12.6%