

CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE

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Do you ever help your parents take out the garbage? Maybe you put your trash in cans next to the road so the garbage truck can pick it up. Or maybe you have big dumpsters outside and put your trash there. Can you imagine what would happen if no one came to pick up your garbage and you just had to live with it piling up around your home?

That's what life is like for some children living in Cairo, Egypt. Many families live in the garbage areas of the city. They make a living by sorting out recyclables they can sell. It is a dangerous place to live, especially for girls. Girls living in the garbage areas don't have a chance to go to school, and some of them are not safe at home. Teen Ministry works with girls living in Cairo's garbage areas. They teach the girls how to stay clean, give them job training, and help them get an education. But most importantly, Teen Ministry helps girls understand that they are precious to God—they are daughters of the King!

MEET MARIAM

Mariam is 9 years old. She lives with her family of twelve in a very small apartment. Her two uncles and their wives and children also live with them in the same place.

Every morning her father and two uncles leave the house at 3:00 a.m. to bring the garbage to their home. When Mariam gets up, she eats a piece of bread and drinks some tea. She works all day helping her mother sort the garbage. She separates paper and plastic items from the rest of the garbage so her mother can sell them. At night she eats a piece of bread and cheese. She sleeps on the floor together with her brother, but she is very happy to have her own pillow.

Mariam has never gone to school. She learned to read at the Teen Ministry Center. She is very happy to be the first person in her family who has learned how to read and write, even though she doesn't have a chance to go to school. She wants you to know that she loves Jesus very much.

HOW TO PRAY:

- Living around and working with garbage can make it hard to stay clean and make people more likely to get sick. Pray that the girls who sort the garbage will stay healthy.
- Pray that girls like Mariam will be learn how precious they are to God and how much he loves them.
- Pray that Teen Ministry will be able to open a community school so they can teach more children to read.
- The garbage areas of Cairo can be a dangerous place. Pray that God will protect the leaders of Teen Ministry, their volunteers, and the girls they help.



HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE:

Mariam and her family make money by sorting the garbage for items they can sell. For one week, help your parents by taking care of your family's recycling. Wash and sort your family's recyclables, put them in the bin, and help your parents take them where they need to go. As you sort the recyclables, pray for Mariam, her family, and the work of Teen Ministry.

TRY AN EGYPTIAN SNACK: SALATIT ZABIDI

This refreshing dip is good eaten with pita bread or served with grilled kebabs.

Ingredients:

- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of Greek-style plain yogurt
- 1 small cucumber, seeds removed
- Dash of salt
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1 handful of mint leaves, chopped
- Olive oil

Drain the yogurt of liquid. While the yogurt drains, finely dice the cucumber and sprinkle it with salt. Let it rest for an hour. After an hour, you will see that the salt has pulled the liquid out of the cucumbers. Drain the liquid and mix the cucumbers, garlic, mint, and olive oil into the yogurt.