

# PRAY

FOR THE CONGO  
COMMUNITIES NEED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

## [LENTEN PRAYER GUIDE: WEEK 6]

### The need for economic development in Gemena

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is a land endowed with vast resources, including mineral wealth, forests, and fertile land. But in the community of Gemena, parents find it difficult to provide things as basic as food. Working as day laborers or struggling to grow crops, they can't earn enough income to meet their families' needs.

As compassionate people like you faithfully pray for Gemena, families are being given opportunities to overcome poverty and build a better future. In 2013, through the Covenant Kids Congo partnership, World Vision equipped parents to improve their farming outputs and provided savings-groups training that is helping them to prepare for the future.

### Let us ask that God would pour out blessings on Gemena:

*God our provider, thank you for the hope we see in Gemena. Bless families with abundant crops and equip them to earn income that will enable them to provide for their children and save for the future.*

Seven in 10 people in the DRC live below the poverty line. In Gemena, most families depend on agriculture, either for food or income. But finding land where they can grow crops is often a challenge. Those who wish to start businesses or save for the future struggle to do so, as access to banking services is extremely limited.

### Let us bring the needs of these families before our heavenly Father:

*Lord, please you provide families in Gemena with opportunities to grow crops, start businesses, and establish reliable incomes to provide for their children. Strengthen them as they work hard to overcome obstacles. Give them wisdom for today and the chance to equip their children with knowledge for the future.*

Ongoing civil war, instability, and corruption have placed a significant strain on the DRC's economy, making growth and progress a constant challenge. With limited resources and few opportunities, families need help to overcome poverty and build a sustainable future.

**Join me in praying for progress and change in the DRC:**

*Gracious Father, we know that you desire fullness of life for families in Gemena. We ask that you would bring peace and stability to this region. Comfort those affected by conflict and corruption and give them the resources needed to rebuild. Bless those who are helping to create change, and provide new opportunities.*



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