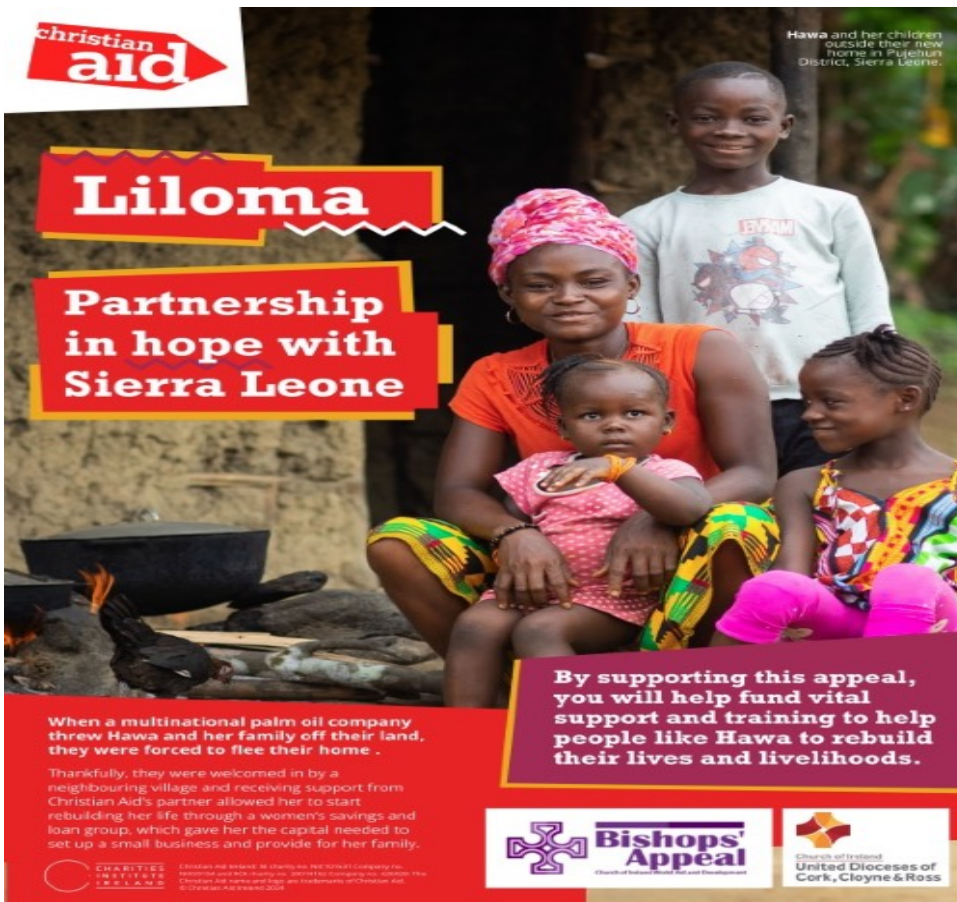


# Liloma Lenten Bible Study



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Hawa and her children outside their new home in Pujehun District, Sierra Leone.

## Liloma

### Partnership in hope with Sierra Leone

**By supporting this appeal, you will help fund vital support and training to help people like Hawa to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.**

When a multinational palm oil company threw Hawa and her family off their land, they were forced to flee their home. Thankfully, they were welcomed in by a neighbouring village and receiving support from Christian Aid's partner allowed her to start rebuilding her life through a women's savings and loan group, which gave her the capital needed to set up a small business and provide for her family.

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The Bible Study will be in 4 parts.

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## P.R.A.Y

### Part 1: Purpose- Theme.

Liloma is the title of this partnership. The word originates from the Mende Language spoken in parts of Sierra Leone, meaning the promise of hope for the future, even though difficulties and challenges. This wording was chosen by Bishop Paul Colton as a symbol of the hope that this project will give for the communities benefitting from the support of the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and Christian Aid Ireland. Christian Aid Ireland has partnered with the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone to respond to the needs of families who have been displaced from their homes to make way for a large palm oil plantation operated by SOCFIN (a multilateral palm oil company).

## **What is Palm Oil?**

Palm oil is a valuable commodity found in items such as soap, lipsticks, vegetable oil, and laundry detergents, and much more. Around half of all supermarket products are said to contain palm oil, or some trace of it.

### **Theme Treasure : Taking Good Care of God's Creation**

This week our theme will be creation. How does the large planting of one crop Palm oil affect the environment in Sierra Leone? How does it affect the plantation area and how does this affect the local population? In addition, how does our demand and mass use of Palm oil affect the planet and contribute to climate change?

### **Further Context**

The people of Malen, Sierra Leone have been dispossessed of their land by the imposition of a multinational Palm oil plantation. We will look at the social injustices and consequences in later studies. The result of the dispossession it has prevented people from growing their staple crops of rice, vegetables and fruits. Also, this has prevented them growing cash crops of coffee and cocoa.

The result has meant that over 30,000 has been displaced with only 4,000 finding work on the plantations. With no social welfare, people had to move to other villages and depend on the support of others. The Liloma project will support and establish Village Saving and Loans Associations (VSLA). These VSLA's will help mostly women, to save and take out loans similar to Credit Unions to pay for small enterprises, provide agricultural livelihoods training. Supply basic farming tools such as (hoes, pickaxes, watering cans, seeds, rice, cassava stems) so families can grow crops that will nourish and sustain their households, and provide a good financial return at their local market – generating a sustainable level of income.

## **Part 2: Reflect: Bible Passage** | **Genesis 1:26-28 The Message**

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."  
God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

## **Colossians 1:15-17 Contemporary English Version**

Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation. Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him. God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together.

**Part 3: Ask- Prayer** | A prayer for the people of Malen

Almighty God, you have given to us a beautiful world with enough for everyone, we are sorry that in this world of plenty there are still many who go hungry Whilst others have more than they need Along with your prophet Micah we look forward to a day when “everyone will sit... under their own fig tree and no one will make them afraid.” Give us compassion to share with those in need We particularly lift before you the people of Malen in Sierra Leone Where many have been forced from their homes to make way for the production of Palm Oil May they know your hand at work in their lives Through the support of the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone May their land produce a harvest that will nourish and sustain them So that they might live in peace and security. In the name of Jesus, we ask, Amen

Spend some time in prayer for the Malen people and the people of Sierra Leone. You may like to use the ‘teaspoon’ TSP model T for Thanks, S for Sorry and P for please.

**Part 4: Yield** | The so what do we do, and how can we help?

1. Would you like to learn more about Liloma?
2. What would you do as a group, as a parish?
3. Would you raise money to support the Village Savings and Loan Associations?
4. Would you be interested in being part of team to see the work of Liloma on the ground in Sierra Leone?



## Useful Resources and Information about Liloma

Some ideas to support the Liloma : hope for the Future Project

1. How would you let the wider parish know about Liloma: Hope for the Future?
2. Give up something that contains Palm Oil and save the money saved.
3. Hold a Coffee Morning and highlight how much Palm Oil is used. You will be surprised

If you would like to contact a member of the Cork Cloyne and Ross Council for Mission.

Contact Rev Adam Pullen email: [rector@fanlobbus.ie](mailto:rector@fanlobbus.ie)

If you would like a visit from the council would we happy to share with you about Liloma, the members of the council are as follows

Rev Adam Pullen Chaiperson, Sarah Louise Hockey, Rev Terry Mitchel Rev Clodagh Yambassu, Rev Tony Murphy, Rev Andrew Coleman, Dr Simon Woodworth.

Payment Information for Rectors/Priests in Charge and Parish Treasurer's.

With the launch of the new Diocesan Global Mission Project Liloma in collaboration with Christian Aid and Bishop's Appeal, this is a note to inform parishes about how to send money raised for this project. Any money collected for the Diocesan Global Mission Project should be sent to the Diocesan office, either through electronic transfer to the

Diocesan Bishops Appeal Account : IBAN IE36BOFI90276864878170 BIC BOFIIIE2DXXX

using the parish name as the reference for the transaction. If you wish to send a cheque, please post it to the Diocesan Office made out to Bishops Appeal; with a letter saying what it is for. (The bank transfer would be preferable).

Please follow up any transfers with an email to the Diocesan Secretary ([secretary@corkchurchofireland.com](mailto:secretary@corkchurchofireland.com)) stating the date, amount transferred and what the funds are for (or in a letter with any cheques posted).

