Daily Prayer Guide

— February 2022 —



Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Psalm 5:11



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Thank you for praying!

Prayer is the foundation of our ministry, which means that you play a vital role in the transformation of lives in mission.

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To ensure their safety, we are using initials or an alias for long-term workers serving in restricted areas. Also, the names of their contacts in country are routinely changed. Please pray for their protection. Ask the Lord of the harvest to continue to show them favor as he works through them to transform communities among the least reached.

February 1-5

<u>1 TUESDAY: MULTIPLY</u>

USA/CANADA

"Praise God for the recent addition of a new board member, Bryan Born. Pray for the leadership teams that serve Multiply in governance (Board), administration (Executive Team), and mission (Global Lead Team). Pray that we would lead with vision, courage, and wisdom in the face of many opportunities and challenges."

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. - 1 Corinthians 1:30

2 WEDNESDAY: VR

UKRAINE

"This is my fifth year in Ukraine, and I pray that I can carry his Word with love, boldness, and clarity. Pray for my ministry among the hostels of Ukraine, and for protection from thieves and other dangers. Please pray for our planned summer evangelistic campaign in Odessa. Pray also for an elderly man, Enrique, who is living with his back turned against God."

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. - Revelation 3:20

<u>3 THURSDAY: EMERSON CARDOSO</u>

BRAZIL

"Praise God that during restrictions I have been able to connect online with our national leaders and missionaries, enjoying meaningful conversations, overseeing training events, and facilitating strategic planning for evangelism and church planting in Latin America. Pray that the Gospel will continue to advance despite many obstacles."

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them!" - Psalm 126:2

4 FRIDAY: JUSTAS AND KAMILE SERSTKOV

Pray for renewed strength for this couple, facing many challenges during this difficult season. Pray for their vision for a church plant in Kaunas, Lithuania. Pray for their family to flourish and grow in faith and in focus.

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father!" - Galatians 4:6

5 SATURDAY: ISRAEL & SANDRA CHAVEZ-PLETT MEXICO

"Pray for our team as we receive a new group of HADIME students on February 14. This will be one of our biggest groups yet, and we are looking forward to teaching, training, and discipling as they each learn to hear God's voice in new ways and discover his direction for their lives. Please pray for Antonio and his family, whom we know though the Punto Vida ministry, that they would really understand the transforming power of God's love."

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:18

February 6-12

6 SUNDAY: NASSER AL'QAHTANI NORTHAFRICA, MIDDLEEAST

"At a student conference in Washington DC in December, I preached the Gospel through the story of Abraham and had many conversations afterwards. Several Muslim students gave their lives to Christ for the first time, and many seeds were planted. Pray for the dozens of campus ministers that will be following up in the months ahead."

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. - 2 Corinthians 4:6

7 MONDAY: RICKY & KAREN SANCHEZ

THAILAND

"Praise God for the many that came to faith in Jesus through Christmas outreaches in Cambodia and Thailand! Please pray for these new believers to join cell groups and grow in their faith. Praise God for Pui, at ALH with her three children, who just accepted Christ and found a good job. Pray for Ran, a teen boy at ALH struggling with depression. Pray for our Cambodian partner Borey, and for her church plant to grow and flourish."

They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest ... - Psalm 107:37

8 TUESDAY: B & C

CENTRAL ASIA

"Please pray for my (B's) father, as he has suffered a stroke and does not even recognize his wife. Pray for visas to launch into Central Asia, and for wisdom to know what to do or not do while we wait. We are continuing to work and to teach at the church in our home country but hope to be in Central Asia by August."

You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip.

- Psalm 18:36 (NKJV)

9 WEDNESDAY: KAI & DENISA

WEST AFRICA

"Praise God for the opening a new school for orphaned girls, just outside our city where the medical center is also located. These thirty-five girls now have hope for a future where they can one day give back to their community. Pray for us as we wrap up several big projects before we leave for a season of visiting supporters in North America, from February 19 to May 22."

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

10 THURSDAY: ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN

CANADA

"We are exploring what ministry among First Nations in Thunder Bay might entail in the future. How can God's goodness and redemption be known and realized after so much misrepresentation and abuse? With so many changes and uncertainties we remain very thankful to all of you as you faithfully pray for and support us in so many ways."

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." - Isaiah 30:21

11 FRIDAY: SEAN & SANDRA (S & S)

EAST ASIA

"Please pray for the indigenous groups in our region to have their hearts prepared to receive the Gospel. Thank God that even where there are no believers, the Holy Spirit is active. Pray for the national believers from the big cities that are reaching out to these people groups in remote mountain areas, that cultural and language barriers would be overcome."

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? - Romans 10:14

12 SATURDAY: LAVERN PRATT

PANAMA

"Praise God that I can meet with dedicated prayer warriors weekly, while I wait to launch into Panama. Pray that God will lead me as I look for ministry partners, and that I will trust him to work in his time and in his way. Pray for the Wounaan churches in Panama as they work together to bring the Gospel to unreached indigenous communities."

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. - 2 Corinthians 5:19b-20a

February 13-19

13 SUNDAY: ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG

MONGOLIA

"We have started to meet with four young married couples, walking alongside them to encourage them and help them grow in their faith and grow in their love for each other and their families. Pray that in the midst of busyness and distractions these couples would prioritize time to build into their lives and into this community. There is such a battle for families!"

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. - Ephesians 3:16

14 MONDAY: OTTO & MARJORIE EKK

PORTUGAL

"As of May 31, we will no longer be full-time with Multiply, but we will continue to connect with and be a voice for marketplace ministry projects in Portugal. Please

Grandma Jaa

THAILAND | By Casadi Schroeder

The pandemic has hit the economy hard here on Monkey Mountain, Chonburi province. With so many people having lost their income, we have been busy distributing emergency supplies of dry food to that community. On one of these occasions, pastor Gideon approached and asked me to accompany him to visit an elderly widow nearby. That is how I first met Grandma Jaa.

When we entered her room, I was shocked. The smell alone was overwhelming, and it grieved me to see this disabled woman laying alone on the filthy floor, covered only in torn clothing. Thai society normally treats their elders with dignity, and "grandma" was a title of respect. How had she come to be in this state? Gideon explained that because she was lame, her Buddhist family thought she had done something in a previous incarnation to deserve being afflicted.

"They believe she merits this fate," he said. "So, they threw her away."

Kneeling, I took her hand, and Grandma Jaa began to weep at the unexpected kindness. When it was time to leave, I told her earnestly that I would come back to see her again soon. My heart was heavy, and my mind was in turmoil. We had to help her.

The Monkey Mountain church immediately rose to this challenge, and over the next two months we went to see Grandma Jaa regularly to talk, pray, sing, and clean. As her room began to become less of a prison and more of a refuge, my mind was full of ideas: new flooring, a fan, more décor, walks in a park? I submitted my enthusiasm to the quiet wisdom of our national leaders, knowing that they were best suited to determine a plan of action that fit their cultural context.

It is taking time for Grandma Jaa to feel comfortable with me; I think my impulsive proposal to take her outdoors actually frightened her. Slowly, I am building a relationship with this sweet soul, and feeling so grateful to be part of her life. My hope is that she will come to know, deep in her heart, that God will never throw her away, and neither will we.

Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. -James 1:27 (BSB)

Beautiful Feet

BURUNDI | By Aurelie Hirschler

"Thank you, but I cannot keep them." Janvier gazed down dejectedly at the new sandals we had just given him. Reluctantly, the child handed them back.

On Burundian hills, shoes are a luxury. When a generous donor financed the purchase of a pair of new sandals for every child at Karubabi Harvest School, we were all grateful, knowing that in this country shoes are far more than a fashion accessory. First and foremost, shoes offer protection, protection for feet that trudge across harsh terrain each and every day. Dusty, sore, calloused feet. Beautiful feet.

It was an exciting day when we were able to hand these sandals out to each of the students, and the story would have been good if it had ended like that! Why was Janvier rejecting this gift?

"They will only get stolen," he told us. As the youngest in his family, Janvier was least equipped to defend himself. His brothers would simply take the sandals and sell them, he told us, for a few ounces of beer. Dismayed, I took the sandals back, looking at his feet. As with so many who live barefoot on these hills, his feet were infected by jiggers, tiny bugs that left their eggs under the nails and skin. This little boy had his feet full of them, and his hands also. His nails were not protecting him. Shoes were not protecting him. His brothers were not protecting him. Although I felt shocked and distressed, I saw that my Burundian colleagues were neither surprised nor distraught by his situation. This was their reality.

Quickly the teachers at the school organized themselves into teams to begin to remove the hundreds of jiggers from Janvier's feet, one by one. They disinfected his sores and poured oil on the open wounds. Janvier, I saw, was not the only boy who needed this treatment, and my colleagues contributed to pay for those children who would not be able to walk back home, so that they could stay at the clinic overnight. Then they fed the children, as they do every day. They went, as they often do, to visit the families and better understand their circumstances: these teachers, who are so much more than teachers, who stand and walk for hours on feet that get dusty and calloused and sore, even with shoes on. Beautiful feet.



Aurélie is serving as an elementary school teacher at the Karubabi Harvest School in Burundi. Explore service opportunities at **multiply.net/team/burundi**

Daily Prayer Guide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Multiply	VR	Emerson Cardoso	Justas and Kamile Serstkov	Israel & Sandra Chavez-Plett
		USA/CANADA	UKRAINE	BRAZIL	LITHUANIA	MEXICO
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Nasser al'Qahtani	Ricky & Karen Sanchez	B & C	Kai & Denisa	Robert & Anne Thiessen	Sean & Sandra (S & S)	Lavern Pratt
NORTH AFRICA	THAILAND	CENTRAL ASIA	WEST AFRICA	CANADA	EAST ASIA	PANAMA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Robert & Marlene Baerg	Otto & Marjorie Ekk	G & N	Paul & Sara Raugust	Rebecca Hiebert	Joanna & Jonathan Gutierrez	Johanna Neudorf
MONGOLIA	PORTUGAL	CENTRAL ASIA	FRANCE	THAILAND	PORTUGAL	GERMANY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Edd & Ingrid Russell	Doug Hiebert SUB-SAHARAN	Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters	Tomas & Melody Vidal	Cynthia Friesen	Cory & Masami Giesbrecht	Carmen Owen
THAILAND	AFRICA	THAILAND	MEXICO	THAILAND	JAPAN	THAILAND
27	28					
M & V	René & Lisa Nyland					
SOUTH ASIA	CANADA					



pray for the second-hand stores, and the over sixty other businesses that are thriving under the leadership of committed Christian staff and administration."

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16

<u>15 TUESDAY: G & N</u>

CENTRAL ASIA

"Despite financial distress and critical needs, people from all walks of life are coming to Christ in this country and experiencing the power of the Gospel. At the same time, new efforts are underway to destroy the traditional Christian heritage here, with churches being closed and declared by the regime to be government property. Pray for believers who are scattered and afraid to meet."

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. - Acts 4:29-30

16 WEDNESDAY: PAUL & SARA RAUGUST

FRANCE

"Pray for Aide Aux Devoirs, a ministry where volunteers from our church tutor over fifty kids one-on-one. We are continually amazed by this opportunity to connect with our local neighborhood. Pray for continued connection with the kids and their families in this community. Pray for our new house group to be a safe place for others to come, question, and grow nearer to our Holy Father."

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. - Acts 17:27

17 THURSDAY: REBECCA HIEBERT

THAILAND

"I am currently visiting friends and supporters in North America. Please pray for me as I reconnect with churches and individuals. Praise God for the many people in Southeast Asia who heard the message of the Gospel this Christmas. Pray for wisdom for Naat and her team as they follow up with those who prayed and invited Jesus into their hearts."

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:6b

18 FRIDAY: JOANNA & JONATHAN GUTIERREZ

PORTUGAL

"At the end of this month Carnival begins here. Pray for a turning of hearts in repentance, guarding people from the evils of this holiday. Pray that in the lent season that follows this nation will truly prepare to see and return to Jesus, only Jesus!"

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. - John 10:27-28

19 SATURDAY: JOHANNA NEUDORF

GERMANY

"I was sick through Christmas and well into the New Year, but praise God for his unconditional and unfailing love to us, and to this world. Pray for new strength to give leadership and to inspire other workers to join our children's ministry, and for an open door to reach children in our neighborhood. Pray for our new believers to understand their calling and to make disciples through the power of the Spirit in them."

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." - 2 Corinthians 12:9a

February 20-26

20 SUNDAY: EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

"We are thankful for the opportunities over Christmas to share about the reason for Jesus' birth. Praise God for a Buddhist lady from an outlying village, who brought fourteen kids to one Christmas celebration and decided to follow Jesus! Pray for Tao, struggling with alcoholism. He agreed to live with and be discipled by a Thai pastor who is familiar with the struggles he faces."

May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ. - 2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NLT)

21 MONDAY: DOUG HIEBERT

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

"Praise God for churches planted by Congolese immigrants in Ohio. Some meet in low-income neighborhoods where there is incredible potential to make a difference, being salt and light to the people found right outside their doors. These immigrants are uniquely equipped for this opportunity: unafraid of poverty, and familiar with dysfunction and danger. Pray for Jesus to transform this community and use this fledgling church of newcomers to steward this transformation."

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:18

22 TUESDAY: DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS THAILAND

Louise serves on the Global Lead Team as Regional Leader for Myanmar and Central Thailand, and Dave serves as Church Planting Coach for global workers throughout Southeast Asia. Pray for them as they are mentoring and training Thai and Myanmar pastors and evangelists, planting churches, and resourcing churches in Thailand and neighboring countries to become self-sustaining through small Kingdom business initiatives.

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. - 1 John 1:3

23 WEDNESDAY: TOMAS & MELODY VIDAL

MEXICO

"Pray for our HADIME six-month discipleship program, starting again this month. Pray for teachers of the Aquila & Priscilla Bible Institute, being trained this month for the second module. In March we will apply for our temporary resident visas again; pray that this time it is successful, and that we will have sufficient income to qualify."

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:19

24 THURSDAY: CYNTHIA FRIESEN

THAILAND

"Praise God that Meley, one of the interns at Naomi House, was able to return to her village and see her four-year-old son and mom, who she hadn't seen since her arrest three years ago. Meley now loves Jesus and was able to tell her mom about him and lead her to receive Christ. Pray for Meley's mom; there are very few believers in this village and prevalent drug use and physical abuse. Pray also for Meley's son, often forced to sleep outside under the trees because his grandpa is addicted to drugs and very abusive."

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. - 2 Timothy 1:12

25 FRIDAY: CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT

JAPAN

"We are preparing for a time in North America of visiting with friends and supporters, and thankful to have been provided with a car, a house, and a school for the boys. Please pray that God will show us new ways to connect with churches and individuals during this time. Pray that Jesus will provide others to work in our place in spreading the Good News, discipling and encouraging others while we are away from Japan. Praise the Lord!

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. - 1 Timothy 1:12

26 SATURDAY: CARMEN OWEN

THAILAND

"Praise God for ongoing business partnerships for Naomi House, allowing Siriwan to hire more women and empower them out of poverty. Praise God for a weekly community group where many are discipled and sent out. Pray for Shalom Farm, where Siriwan and Wichian are practicing sustainable agricultural practices to bless the community through holistic ministry."

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Thessalonians 1:3

February 27-28

27 SUNDAY: M & V

SOUTH ASIA

"Please pray for our marketplace ministry venture here, as we have many big decisions to discern. Please also pray for our adoption. We're being told that our names are near the top of the queue. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your incredible love and support of our work. May the Lord bless you immensely. We appreciate you dearly."

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer. - 1 Peter 3:12

28 MONDAY: RENÉ & LISA NYLAND

CANADA

Pray for this couple as they serve among the First Nations peoples in the Georgian Bay Region of Ontario. They seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ in holistic and indigenous ways while empowering First Nations leaders to plant house churches in their own communities.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. - Revelation 15:4

Regional Spotlight: Central & South America

With hundreds of distinct ethnic groups coming from a variety of vibrant and rich cultural ancestries, Central and South America is one of the most diverse regions in the world. Most countries within this region, however, have struggled historically with corruption, violence, drug cartels, and human rights violations. They also share a common heritage of



religiosity, impacting their traditions and culture. Our Multiply Global Workers are ministering in Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Paraguay, and beyond. They are working to encourage a much-needed unity between churches, training and discipling young leaders, and serving in holistic ministry among indigenous people groups and among the marginalized of urban society.

Pray

- > For countries ravaged by violent political conflict and drug wars
- > For those impacted severely by the COVID-19 pandemic
- > For unity to be built between the churches in each MB conference
- For young leaders to be identified and discipled for evangelism and church-planting
- For Regional Team Leader Emerson Cardoso, as he works to inspire, unify, and equip the Church in this region

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