

Daily Prayer Guide

February 2018



The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to you. - Psalm 145:14-15a

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 the initials of 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 1-3

THURSDAY (1): WENDY EROS

JAPAN

“Praise the Lord that my former student Kinue Kondo was baptized on January 14, and that one of my present students, Shinsuke, will be baptized at Easter! The Lord is moving in amazing ways this term. Please pray that more students will find a personal relationship with Jesus in the coming months. Praise God that my knee replacement surgery went very well in December; please pray for continued healing as I go through physio.”

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

FRIDAY (2): ANDY & CARMEN OWEN

THAILAND

“Pray for Andy as he prepares for a discipleship training conference and leadership meetings for March. Pray for the right leaders to be identified, trained, and multiplied. Pray for Carmen as she works with her team to launch two young women from Juvenile Hall into their own careers as Freedom Textiles interns. Pray they will continue to follow Jesus and produce fruit in their lives. Pray for our oldest son Connor as he makes decisions regarding attending college later this year, and for our family as we work through the logistics of coming back to the US to visit our supporters.”

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. – Galatians 5:1a

SATURDAY (3): TONY & SARAH BROWN

PANAMA

“We are so thankful for the new home God has provided! Please pray for our transition at the end of February to a small town forty-five minutes outside of Panama City. This places us within walking distance of one of the churches we serve, and closer to many Wounaan families, which will help us to become more integrated with the language and culture of this people group. Pray that God keeps deepening our relationships here, as we enter our second year.”

And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith. – Hebrews 11:9a

February 4–10

SUNDAY (4): S & D

RESTRICTED

“We are in the midst of transition, as recent problems in returning overseas have caused us to look for a different ministry field. Please pray with and for us, as we discern what work the Father has prepared beforehand for us to do. Also

pray for our children as they continue to process the enormity of these changes, and all of the instability that goes along with that. Despite these unexpected changes, we remain joyful and so hopeful about the Lord’s plans for our lives.”

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. – Isaiah 58:11

MONDAY (5): CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT

JAPAN

“February and March mark the end of school year in Japan, and we say good-byes to some of our dear friends. Pray for our friend Charmaine, who has been a part of our Bible study, as she goes back to Singapore. Pray that her heart will be overflowing with the love of Jesus. Pray also for our son Sola’s friend A and his family, moving back to a South Asian country. Also, please pray for Sola as he says good-bye to his best friend.”

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. – Philippians 1:4-6

TUESDAY (6): S & B

RESTRICTED

“Please pray for us as we continue to discern next steps in ministry. Our time in California has been about laying a foundation for the peace camp initiative, and it has been fruitful. Please pray for our son, as he applies to colleges, and for S’s father as he deals with Alzheimer’s and dementia. Pray for the five peace camps that will be held this summer in California, Colombia, Southeast Asia and the Middle East.”

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. – 2 Corinthians 2:14

WEDNESDAY (7): SANDRA PLETT

MEXICO

“Please pray for our HADIME students as they adjust to community life, discipleship, and ministry at the Matthew Training Center. In February we are receiving a team of twenty Koreans coming to do medical ministry in La Ferro, a low-income neighborhood of mostly indigenous people who came to Guadalajara looking for work. Pray for us as we lead this very international group of missionaries, bringing physical, emotional and spiritual healing to the people of La Ferro.”

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. – Acts 4:30

THURSDAY (8): C & F

RESTRICTED

“Pray for our intensive English outreach, February 19 to 23. Pray that both new and old participants would have a great time connecting with us and with the Bible stories that we will be teaching. Pray for open minds and open hearts to receive the loving truth of Jesus. Pray also that we would be able to connect these participants to our community, through meals and other outreach initiatives.”

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.” – Matthew 13:52

FRIDAY (9): CYNTHIA FRIESEN

THAILAND

“As a result of military rule there have been many different challenges for our team. Not being able to go to the Juvenile Detention Centre consistently has made it harder to break through and gain trust with some of the girls. One new rule does not allow any books or writing material in the communal bedrooms. In the past the girls read the Bibles we gave them and wrote in their journals, and we saw incredible fruit. Please pray that this rule will be removed.”

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. – Psalm 119:9

SATURDAY (10): ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN

MEXICO

“Pray for the finishing of the Spanish translation of *The Church in Mission*. Praise God for the upcoming dedication of the Metlatonoc Mixtec translation of the New Testament. Pray also for the pastors mentoring network, an upcoming visit with Peruvian MB leaders and for Anne’s ongoing Master’s studies.”

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. – Hebrews 4: 12

February 11-17

SUNDAY (11): RICKY & KAREN HUEBERT-SANCHEZ

THAILAND

“We are blessed in February to host a tour of supporters from North America, and show them our many different ministry sites in Thailand and her neighboring countries. Pray for our time together as we listen to the Holy Spirit. Pray for our Valentine’s Day outreach for Cambodian construction workers, that the evangelist will give a powerful message and many will come

to Christ! Please pray for our Zion church plant to have favor with the head of our village, allowing us to start more cell groups in the area.”

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. – Isaiah 11:10

MONDAY (12): S & S

RESTRICTED

“We are so grateful for the city churches that are becoming more involved in outreach to our target people group. One of these churches became involved almost by accident, when kitchen staff working at a guest facility became interested in meetings we were holding in their village. One man was healed of a long term illness, and committed his life to Christ. The church began sending others to encourage him, and now ten more of this people group have committed themselves to Christ and begun meeting together. We are super encouraged by this; pray for challenges and opportunities we now face.”

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. – Ephesians 4:16

TUESDAY (13): MELVIN & GUDRUN WARKENTIN

PARAGUAY

“Our school year at the Indigenous Bible Institute begins on February 9. Pray for a good number of students, representative of the many ethnic communities. Praise God for providing the needed finances for corrective bone surgery for José, a young son of one of our graduates. Pray for complete recuperation and that he would walk normally. Pray for God’s leading and a smooth transition for new leaders in our school board.”

But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. – Acts 26:16 (RSV)

WEDNESDAY (14): M & R

RESTRICTED

“Praise God for his many blessings this past year, as we settled back in Canada. We have moved into a home of our own, the first in many years! Please pray for our children as they return to school, that they would continue to make friends and flourish, and that God would continue to lead us into what he has for us this coming year, individually and as a family. Pray also for our TREK participants returning from their assignments, that they finish well!”

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. – Psalm 91:1

THURSDAY (15): ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG MONGOLIA

“The reality of poverty is all around us. In this past year, with the instability of the economics here, poverty has increased to thirty percent of the population. Pray with us for the many families who are struggling to feed and clothe their children, and pray with us that we will know how to walk with the poor.”

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.” – Luke 4:18-19

FRIDAY (16): MOTOHIRO & MARIYA HAMANA THAILAND

“Please pray for us, for more co-workers and volunteers. We especially need more English teachers. We have started new worship service since December, so please pray that many people will come to this service and believe in Jesus. Pray also that our Japanese class students would come to know Jesus more.”

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

SATURDAY (17): OTTO & MARJORIE EKK PORTUGAL

“The five churches here have gone through some very tough times, but trusting God and allowing Jesus to speak into our lives has allowed the leadership team to deepen its commitment even in the face of dire financial situations. Pray for pastor Moises and his wife Maria, as they work to restore the Amadora church, most of whose congregants moved to France because of the economic crisis here.”

You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me. – Luke 22:28-29

February 18–24

SUNDAY (18): P & S RESTRICTED

“We are back from a vision trip, looking at a region where we might mobilize as a family to serve and share the gospel. God has opened the doors for us and generated relationship and favor with many locals there already, and we are following up with a church connection made while serving with C4. There has been much prayer and preparation leading up to this, but we are requesting prayer to ask the right (and challenging) questions, and experience clarity from God.”

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. – Isaiah 43:19

MONDAY (19): PHIL & CAROL BERGEN BURKINA FASO

“We thank God for a wonderful time visiting friends, family and church supporters in North America. We enjoyed a visit from Pastor Madou and our friend and colleague Pastor Siaka Traore. Praise God that they were able to share about their ministry in several churches in both Canada and the US.”

Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. – 1 Kings 8:23

TUESDAY (20): REBECCA HIEBERT THAILAND

“When a local university student recently found herself in some scary situations outside of her control, she remembered how a believer had told her that if she called out to God in prayer, he would answer her. She prayed, and God answered - both times. She then contacted the believer to learn how to become a Christian! I am asking God for more people to have personal experiences with God that lead them to receive Christ and to become disciples of Jesus.”

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” – John 8:31-32

WEDNESDAY (21): J & M RESTRICTED

“We have been almost six years in this country, and now we see promises starting to be fulfilled. We are going to start the process of designing the curriculum for a teacher training center that prepares teachers to help children become who God created them to be. God also showed us that he wants a pioneering work among the local “cousins”. This has taken a lot of transformation and learning, but we feel it is now about to start.”

That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. – 1 Timothy 4:10

THURSDAY (22): JILL RAMER THAILAND

“Pray for Gift and her children, who are no longer staying with us in Chachoengsao. Pray for their safety, and for God’s provision. Pray that Gift comes to know the love of God in deep ways, that she will find a Christian community and that she will surrender her life to God. Pray that my friends Wirot, Panee, P Jin, P Gohp, Tam, and P Taay will come to know Jesus in 2018.”

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.
– Jeremiah 24:7

FRIDAY (23): J & F

RESTRICTED

“Please pray for our close local brother. He is struggling with making some very important decisions. Pray for his heart to be soft to the Holy Spirit and that he would desire to seek first the kingdom of God. Pray for God’s protection over him from the evil one who wants to lead him astray. Pray for the fear of the Lord to be impressed upon his heart.”

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. – Proverbs 3:5-6

SATURDAY (24): DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS

THAILAND

“Thank you Father for giving us so many opportunities to make church planting in Myanmar self-sustainable through Kingdom businesses. We ask for wisdom from heaven as we train our workers to grow different crops and start small businesses. We pray that all of our workers would maximize this opportunity for discipleship in the work place so that the love of Jesus would touch every Buddhist who needs our services.”

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. – Colossians 2:2-3

February 25–28

SUNDAY (25): JOANNA PHARAZYN

PORTUGAL

“We see God opening incredible opportunities for growth of young adults, to broaden their view of the global church, to encourage them that they are not alone in their daily, sometimes difficult walk with Jesus, to stretch and exhort them in their relationship with God and to further equip them for ministry and evangelism. We are in a battle; simple things like documents are a real challenge. Pray that documents will be released.”

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.
– Ephesians 1:17

MONDAY (26): JOHANNA NEUDORF

GERMANY

“Praise God for showing us opportunities to be his light during the Christmas season. I am thankful for a slower pace now, and look forward to spending some time away with God. Please pray for our team to pull together as we welcome a team of Canadian Bible students to our ministry in February. May there be divine appointments, refreshed motivation and people touched by the Spirit as we work together to build his Kingdom in Neuwied.”

But if we hope for what we don't see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. – Romans 8:25

TUESDAY (27): EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

“We are thankful for several baptisms that took place, and are praying for these young folks and adults that they will continue to grow in their walk with God and their love for him. We pray that they will stand firm in the face of pressures from peers and family, especially as several of the kids enter high school later this spring. Pray for wisdom for us as we learn together what it means to follow God’s ways. May our lives be positive examples and honor his name.”

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative- that is the Holy Spirit- he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. – John 14:26 (NLT)

WEDNESDAY (28): DOUG & DEANNA HIEBERT

BURUNDI

“As this year gets going, we are asking ourselves what greater surrender to Jesus looks like. We’re also asking how to better foster a healthy family and disciple our girls. We value your prayers in these things. Pray for a group of Burundians who are responding to God’s call to be on mission. We will be meeting with these candidates to further discern their calling. How exciting!”

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. – Matthew 16:24-25

Spotlight on Lithuania

The church in Lithuania is growing with more and more first-generation Christians. There is an urgent need for teaching, prayer, and ministry of the Bible. A network of young Lithuanian churches officially became part of the International Community of MB in 2014. Within Lithuanian society, there is still some resistance to new religious groups, such as the new churches being planted. The churches are often perceived as a sect that cannot be trusted.



Pray

- For young leaders to grow in their faith, in prayer, and in hunger for the word of God.
- For gifted leaders and teachers who can resource training centers like Lithuania Christian College and the Evangelical Bible Institute.
- That believers will impact the spiritual and social transformation of their local communities.

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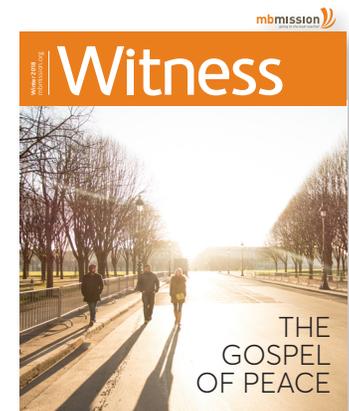
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