

Daily Prayer Guide

January 2018



Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. – Psalm 85:11 (KJV)

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.

January 1-6

MONDAY (1): JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

"Please pray for our HADIME program, beginning January 15! Currently we have nine confirmed students, a unique group that is half from Guadalajara and half from Colombia. Pray for a strong start as we disciple and train these young leaders for ministry among the nations. This will be the first time that Trever and Joan won't be a part of these first weeks, as Joan continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength and discernment for Sandra and myself as we lead this group."

*For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.
– John 17:19*

TUESDAY (2): TYLER & CHERYL SCHULZ

BURUNDI

"As other ex-pats are only now, slowly, beginning to take up the old posts which were abandoned during the 2015 crisis, the Burundians are saying, 'It seems like only the Christians stay when times get difficult. Why?' We still receive comments about how we were able to be a blessing to people just by staying when so many others fled. May our lives continue to be intriguing to the people around us."

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

WEDNESDAY (3): CECIL & TRACY RAMOS

THAILAND

"December was our fourth year anniversary in Thailand! We praise Jesus for his faithfulness, for his guidance, and for the family of God joining us in this opportunity to expand the kingdom of God in the nation of Thailand. Continue to pray as we seek to deepen our relationships with the men and women here. We desire to see many give their lives to our king Jesus Christ."

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. - Phil 1:19-20

THURSDAY (4): TREVER & JOAN GODARD

MEXICO

"January is a big month at MTC! Our HADIME programs start January 14, with five Colombians, four Mexicans, two Canadians and one Cambodian participating/volunteering full-time. This will be the first year that we ourselves will not be present, as Joan starts five weeks of radiation treatment in Canada. Please pray wisdom, creativity and energy for Sandra

and Jen as they carry that leadership role. Trever will go to Guadalajara for a couple of weeks at the end of January to teach on disciple making at MTC; please pray he would have a Spirit-led, life-transforming interaction with our students."

You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. – Psalm 16:11

FRIDAY (5): LIANA PENNER

PERU

"Recently I enjoyed some new directions and new contacts in Trujillo, keeping me busy as always. I am now back in Saskatoon, continuing with partnership building, before returning to Trujillo. Please pray that the process won't take too long, so I can be return soon."

Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. – Deuteronomy 4:9b

SATURDAY (6): G & G

RESTRICTED

"January is a busy month for us, teaching, correcting papers and completing classes while waiting to meet with the out-going president and new president of the South Asian Bible institute to discuss ongoing and future work. Please pray for safety in our travels and discernment in all our discussions with leadership. There are some complicated issues and decisions that need to be made. Thank God there is love and unity covering these discussions."

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. – Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)

January 7-13

SUNDAY (7): ALAN & COLLEEN FOSTER

PANAMA

"Women from the city churches coordinated their first ever women's retreat, with Girlsea invited as the guest speaker. There were over one hundred and fifty women that arrived from neighboring river communities and other city churches, travelling to Yaviza. It was a beautiful time of teaching, sharing, crying, hugging, and singing praises! Praise the Lord for their growing faithfulness and compassion to serve one another."

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

MONDAY (8): JON & BONNIE ESAU

THAILAND

“We’ve just returned to Chiang Mai after visiting our supporters in North America. It has been great to reconnect with our national leaders and Thai/ Khmu friends, and we look forward to seeing all that God will do in and through them this year! Please pray for our kids as they readjust to life here, and as Callie and Marek start school. Pray for relationships to be re-strengthened after time apart and that the Khmu churches would continue to grow for God’s kingdom purposes!”

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. –Ecclesiastes 11:6

TUESDAY (9): K & K

RESTRICTED

“This month we hope to start off a mother-child cafe at the church. Our goal is to provide a causal atmosphere where moms can meet, together with their little ones, and see how God leads the conversations. Pray for creativity as we plan and put the details together. Pray that the hearts of those visiting would be softened to the Spirit’s welcoming presence.”

One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love. - Psalm 62:11-12

WEDNESDAY (10): EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA

PANAMA

Pray for this couple, working in partnership with the Colombian MB Conference, where they are discipling and training leaders among the Embera and Wounaan people groups in Colombia and Panama.

May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands. - Psalm 90:16-17

THURSDAY (11): DORIS GOERTZ

JAPAN

“Praise God that Midori and her daughter Coco came to a church service together. Midori attended the service while Coco had a wonderful time in Sunday school. I continue to be amazed at how God is using a four year old child to draw Midori to himself. One of my English class helpers and I are doing a Bible study with Masako, one of my students. Pray that as she learns more about Jesus, she will open her heart to him.”

I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. – Matthew 11:25

FRIDAY (12): HEINRICH & ANNIE REMPEL

GERMANY

Pray for Heinrich in his role as the Director of Operations in the European office, and his ongoing work in project development, administration and assistance in the areas of training and mobilizing local churches for world mission.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. – Acts 4:12

SATURDAY (13): B & M

GERMANY

“We are thankful for the start of our neighborhood church plant. Please pray for continued unity in our gathering, that we would encounter Jesus and be transformed together, and that God would bring us those who are seeking. Pray also for us to find a permanent meeting place, preferably something that is on street level and easily accessible to the general public. B is also finishing a video story of a German TREK participant who served in Lithuania last year. Please pray for creativity, productivity, and God’s guidance in the final stages of post-production.”

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. – Matthew 18:19-20

January 14-20

SUNDAY (14): JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER

THAILAND

“God has opened up some amazing new doors this past month, and we are praising him for new breakthrough! In November, we joined with a team from Saskatchewan and with suitcases full of adjustable glasses and equipment we set up eye clinics in remote villages! What a gift those glasses were - a way to build relationship, help communities, and give people their sight back! Pray that their eyes would be opened to the truth of the gospel!”

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. – Ephesians 1:18

MONDAY (15): BADOUIN & MARIE-BRIGETTE NSULUNKA S. AFRICA

Badouin and Marie-Brigette are pastors of the Durban MB Church and are involved in teaching, training, and reaching out in the community there. Pray for their focus on ministry to youth and refugees in this city.

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. – 1Peter 2:6

TUESDAY (16): RICHARD & HAZEL FUNK

AUSTRIA

"We will be in Canada from December until the middle of May. We are looking forward to seeing many of our friends and families face to face. Thank you for praying that God will be glorified through all that we share! He is the one that has answered so many prayers and carried us through these past thirty years in Austria. Pray that we might pace ourselves well and find new strength for visiting our churches and supporters. Pray for protection as we travel many kilometers."

Now to him who is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. – Ephesians 3:20-21

WEDNESDAY (17): W & I

GERMANY

Pray for this couple, living on mission in one of the most densely-populated and multi-cultural areas in Germany. Pray for their community outreach and ongoing work with refugees in their region.

As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. – Acts 4:20

THURSDAY (18): JUNJI & HITOMI NUKAGA

THAILAND

Please pray for this couple, serving among the Thai and Khmu peoples of Southeast Asia in the areas of church planting, leadership training and community development. Junji and his wife are based at the Changed Life Center in Thailand, where future leaders are being trained and equipped to reach out to tribal groups.

I will also make you a light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. - Isaiah 49:6b

FRIDAY (19): D & M

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"We are stationed in Austria, and meet as an Austrian Team once a month to encourage each other and pray together, and to share our various projects and what we're involved in. D, along with a great team, continues to organize and raise funds and awareness for the ministry happening in Central Asia, and to travel there to encourage believers in that region."

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. – John 4:34-35

SATURDAY (20): GEDAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE

LITHUANIA

"Our new church meeting started December 17. We are now gathering a new team of young people to work together in the Alpha course. We really need prayer support, because spiritually it is very hard here. I left my job two months ago to be able to dedicate myself fully to the ministry. Please pray for me, and for the church in Lithuania."

Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send, accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me. – John 13:20

January 21–27

SUNDAY (21): A & R

RESTRICTED

"Our work visa has been approved! We are so happy we were approved. This is a huge answer to prayer, allowing us to stay in our target region here in Central Asia. This first step of getting the visa was huge. Thanks for all the prayers for us in this area."

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. – James 1:17

MONDAY (22): JOHN ERVIN

WORLDWIDE

"Praise God for what he did in the storying-telling/media workshop in Yaviza, Panama. Much was learned about audio, video, editing, storytelling, and photography, and much happened in the lives of the participants. A number of the group shared how they had been living 'far away' from God and that during the workshop the Holy Spirit brought them back close to Jesus again. Please pray as I will be taking a five month study leave starting this January, and ending in May."

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

TUESDAY (23): D & S

RESTRICTED

"Please pray for God to be present, bless and bring his healing to those in the Congo who are living in refugee camps. Many have experienced a long, protracted war, losing everything, and the women have experienced the horrors of rape. God's invitation is to trust in him with all our hearts, and not to lean or rely on our own understanding alone, but to submit to him in every way and he will make our paths straight."

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves

receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. – 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

WEDNESDAY (24): KATIE MOUNT

THAILAND

“Pray for connections with a key leader in the community, here on Monkey Mountain. We have been helping him with his soccer club, and we are asking God for a solid friendship to form with him and his family. Pray for all the children and moms at the Abundant Life Home; that they would each know and experience God’s love in an intimate and personal way.”

I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint. – Jeremiah 31:25

THURSDAY (25): OASIS

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Pray for S&L and KT as they serve on the Oasis Team, involved in the evangelism and ongoing discipleship of Arabic-speaking faith communities around the world. Pray for their outreach through radio, television, the internet, printed materials and the newly-established Welcome Center in Canada.

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him. – Psalm 22:27

FRIDAY (26): JOHANN MATTHIES

GERMANY

Continue to pray for Johann in his role as the director of European mission development. Pray that God will give him wisdom and guidance to relate to churches in Europe, and to help nurture their mission and vision. Pray especially for his role in resourcing churches to respond to the ongoing refugee crisis in Germany.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. – Colossians 1:28-29

SATURDAY (27): MT

RESTRICTED

MT serves on Team C4 (Colossians 4:2-6), a team which aims to catalyze spiritual growth, leadership development, and holistic church planting among the Arabic-speaking population in Europe and North Africa. Pray for their work with immigrants, many of whom have never before heard about Jesus.

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. - 2 Chronicles 16:9

January 28–31

SUNDAY (28): BARBARA BLOCK

INDIA

“As a new semester of school starts, we are winding up with wilderness weekend camps for older students, with a short outdoor service. For those who rarely go to church, this is a chance to share the Creator’s love as they sit under the trees, looking at the mountains and waterfalls, the world he gave us at its best. A few years back one senior listed it as one of her most significant memories. Pray that it touches hearts and opens minds this year, and that the leaders of each camp are able to make it meaningful.”

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” – Matthew 19:14

MONDAY (29): R & M S

RESTRICTED

“Pray for StoryChannel, a non-profit media production company that we launched a little over a year ago, giving voice to stories that need to be told and heard. Please pray for these first stages as we launch a website, YouTube channel and Vimeo channel, and offer our resources to other broadcast networks. Pray for StoryChannel’s Heritage Project, starting its first season with eight thirty-minute stories from the first five centuries after Jesus Christ.”

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. – Psalm 65:8

TUESDAY (30): BOB DAVIS

THAILAND

Pray for this worker, now stationed in the USA, as he continues to travel extensively and is actively engaged in resourcing church planters and leaders throughout Southeast Asia.

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

WEDNESDAY (31): SOMDY & CHANH JUSSE

THAILAND

“Please pray for continued provision for the work here, and for new believers in Thailand. I will be travelling to visit the Phonphisai community church on Jan 15. Please pray for this fellowship, and for my travels.”

How, then, can they call on the one they 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

Spotlight on Japan

Less than one half percent of the people in Japan would call themselves Christians. Conversion is rare; because loyalty is one of their core values, Japanese see leaving their traditional Buddhism and Shintoism as a family betrayal. There is often a pervasive hopelessness here, and Japan has one of the highest suicide rates in the world. Despite being one the most advanced and secularized nations in the world, economic recession has left the country in crisis, and a high rate of earthquakes, typhoons, tsunamis and other natural disasters all contribute to a hopeless fatalism. MB Mission workers in Japan are determined to change that.



Pray

- Pray for more of God's people to respond to the call to bring hope to this country.
- Pray for the English class ministry employed as a primary and effective means of connecting with the local community, and for other creative ways to introduce the Gospel.
- Pray for the partnership between the Japan MB Conference and MB Mission to be strong, as we work together to train and send out global workers from Japan to other nations.

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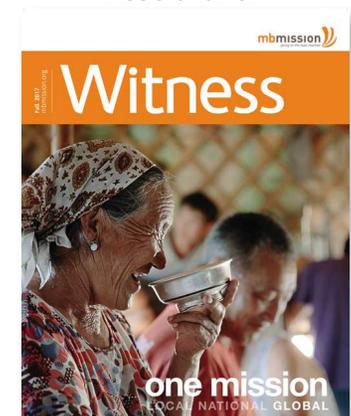
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