

Daily Prayer Guide

June 2018



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5

Thank you for praying!

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June 1-2

FRIDAY (1): EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

"We are thankful for the small groups which have recently been launched through the Multiplying Disciples program. Please pray that a committed core group will persevere and eventually multiply. Pray for three elderly new believers from a nearby village where there is no church, that they would be willing to have other believers meet with them and disciple them. Pray that they will hold firm and will see God at work in their lives. Please pray for Somdy Jusse as he and his family return to Thailand for the summer, at the end of June."

Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are also capable of teaching others. - 2 Timothy 2:2 (CEB)

SATURDAY (2): TONY & SARAH BROWN

PANAMA

"In this rainy season it is shocking how fast plants grow and change with the rain. I've been reflecting on our lives, and how an excessive amount of challenge can, like rain, bring huge growth. We are amazed and grateful for all that God has done in us since we moved to Panama. Pray for the Wounaan church as they face various challenges; what some would call limitations. But God is not limited, he is stirring hearts here to advance his kingdom. Pray that during this rainy season, we would all grow in our discipleship journey with God."

As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish ... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11

June 3-9

SUNDAY (3): S & D

RESTRICTED

"It has been a busy season of adjustments, learning and setup in our new country. We are so thankful for the love and support we have felt from friends near and far. Specifically we are truly encouraged by the unity we have felt as a family, and the unity that we have seen exhibited among the few believers in this country. Please pray that unity and love among the believers here would continue and grow. We also ask that you would join us in praying for Muslims around the world as they celebrate Ramadan. Pray that they would come to know the love and power of Jesus."

But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands. -Psalm 31:14-15 (NKJV)

MONDAY (4): ANDY & CARMEN OWEN

THAILAND

"June begins with the graduation of our oldest son Connor from high school! Praise God for his faithfulness to our family since coming out to Thailand, when we first carried seven-month old Connor in our arms. On June 11 we will travel to a missionary transition conference as a family. This conference is so timely, as we prepare to head back to the US this fall to visit friends and supporting churches. We will be trusting God through all of the travels and transitions, and we covet your prayers!"

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

TUESDAY (5): SANDRA PLETT

MEXICO

"We thank God for a recent week of teaching here at MTC. Pastor Carlos Ortega taught on good stewardship, his personal passion, while his wife Karla taught about the heart of worship. Pray as we take nine of our HADIME students on a cultural immersion experience in an indigenous Pame community this month. Pray for them to learn to model Christ in a new culture. When they return we will wrap up HADIME with some debrief, preparing them to return to their different cultural and ministerial contexts."

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. - Psalm 84:5

WEDNESDAY (6): RICKY & KAREN HUEBERT-SANCHEZ

THAILAND

"Pray for P'Nok, a forty-six-year-old man who came to Christ last month. He had been searching for peace, found Jesus and feels for the first time in his life that he is not alone! Seeing Thai men come to faith and stick with Jesus is a rare thing in Thailand, and we are praising God for P'Nok and the joy he brings to our Zion church plant. Pray for the ACTION team coming soon to help us do evangelism and door-to-door visits in the village of Monkey Mountain. Pray for much fruit and many new believers through their time with us!"

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

THURSDAY (7): ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN

MEXICO

"Pray for these busy months of travel, flying out for our children's graduation ceremonies, our son's wedding, and various family celebrations and visits with friends and churches. Praise God for the *Sin Fronteras* missionary training group we partner with, continuing to grow and extend into

unreached villages in Guerrero. Keep our catechist friends from Lachixio in your prayers. We won't see them for a couple months, but as soon as we get back we want to visit and see what is going on. I have several good reasons to go there, as I am called in to fix the sawmill and other equipment."

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him. – Psalm 37:23

FRIDAY (8): VR

UKRAINE

"I continue with the challenge of evangelizing in this industrial city, living in a communal dormitory where I am more easily able to make relationships with others who live there. My ministry focuses on the hostel and the large market around it. Please pray as this month I am helping with the Vienna church's retreat, a church which has helped me very much in prayer and partnership."

"The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. – Colossians 1:6b

SATURDAY (9): MELVIN & GUDRUN WARKENTIN

PARAGUAY

"Pray that our indigenous students would persevere in their studies, as the Spanish language is a real hurdle for them. We are concluding our first semester. Pray for those students with wives who are pregnant. Although they receive good care here, they are distant from family. Praise God for an abundant bean harvest, and the willingness of the students to harvest it. Praise God for the positive experiences gained by our students as they served as counselors during various local evangelistic outreaches."

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. – Hebrews 12: 2

June 10–16

SUNDAY (10): P & S

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"We have received a clear invitation to Western Europe, and an affirmation from MB Mission to move forward. It's hard to describe the joy before us and the awesome privilege it is to serve the global church and collaborate together to see God reconciling all nations to himself. Pray for our final push to mobilize by late August. In our new home base we will also be discerning how to best leverage our proximity to that region of the world where many peace camps initiatives take place, in which we hope to participate."

They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven. – Psalm 107:30

MONDAY (11): PHIL & CAROL BERGEN

BURKINA FASO

"May God bless the new leaders from the Nanerigé churches who have finished two out of three years of pastor's training and are currently doing internships. They are: Boukary, with his wife and baby in Kodona (Northern Silorola), Joseph and his bride in Zanfara and Nyimé with his wife and children in N'Dorola. May God grant them good health during these months. May this be a special time of building new relationships for these families in places they've not lived before. May their confidence be in power from on high and not in their natural gifting."

For it is God who is effectively at work in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. – Philippians 2:13 (Amplified Bible)

TUESDAY (12): REBECCA HIEBERT

THAILAND

"Praise God for how he is moving in Chachoengsao! We see both Bethel and Hope Center churches reaching out to the people around them in surrounding communities. Pray for the believers in Chachoengsao as they share the gospel. Ask God to tear down the barriers that are holding people back from receiving the salvation and hope that come from Him. Pray also for Bank and Ching as they pastor the new Phrakhun Church."

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

WEDNESDAY (13): JILL RAMER

THAILAND

"Pray for Jane and Jareun in the village of Laem Pradu. They have been believers for many years, and desire to see a church planted in their village. Pastor Naat travels there each week to encourage and disciple, and to do home visits with other believers. We are excited as we anticipate all that God is wanting to do, and hopeful for the transformation that will come as the Lordship of Jesus Christ is lifted high. But we are also aware that the enemy is at work. This village is in spiritual darkness and chains of addictions still hold many captive. Will you join us in praying that the captives will be set free?"

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains. – Psalm 107: 13-14

THURSDAY (14): J & F

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"Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit over the relationships we have with many Buddhist young people. Pray that the Holy Spirit would break off the bonds that are keeping them from stepping into the light. Pray that we would have wisdom, courage, power, authority and love as we disciple them. Pray for all the guides, employees and customers of our company to

be touched by the love and power of Jesus during this tour season. May the Father bring great blessing and transformation through this business, and multiply the loaves and fishes we offer him."

But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. – John 6:50, 51a

FRIDAY (15): JOANNA CHAPA

PERU

"Praise God for our recent Women's Encounter, where we had thirty women representing fourteen different established and emerging MB churches! Pray that they would continue to be empowered women that care for themselves and others so that the Church can continue to be the kingdom-bringing agent in Peru! Pray that this would encourage the women of the Peruvian MB churches to continue to get to know each other and care for one another."

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. – John 13:35-36

SATURDAY (16): OTTO & MARJORIE EKK

PORTUGAL

"Please pray for a women's retreat we will be having today. We will be inviting women that have become our friends through the second-hand store that we operate. The store has been a great way to meet people from the community that normally would not walk into church. We pray for open hearts to receive the message of Jesus' love."

But certainly God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. – Psalm 66:19

June 17–23

SUNDAY (17): JOHANNA NEUDORF

GERMANY

"Praise God for bringing people to us that truly seek him with all their heart. Pray for J, a young Syrian woman, that she would meet Jesus as she reads the Bible and seeks to answer questions that she has because of her Catholic background. Pray also for A, a young Afghan man who has become a devoted follower of Jesus, that a godly man could be found to mentor him in his own language and that he would experience God's leading in his life. Pray for guidance and strength as I prepare to leave for my first home assignment, from July to September."

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you

pray, I will listen. You will find me when you seek me, if you look for me in earnest. – Jeremiah 29:11-13

MONDAY (18): WENDY EROS

JAPAN

"Pray for the ACTION team coming to Japan this summer. Every year these young people have such a huge impact on the churches and the students. Pray for my student Mitsue, who had foot surgery in May, that healing will be quick. Mitsue has been a huge help to me, interpreting during my many doctor/surgeon appointments. Pray that she will come to know Jesus as her personal Saviour! Pray too for my left knee, requiring the same replacement surgery that I had done with my right knee. It would be such a blessing to have both knees done and pain-free by the end of this year!"

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. – Proverbs 3:3-4

TUESDAY (19): DOUG & DEANNA HIEBERT

BURUNDI

"Pray for Burundi. Pray for peace. Pray for God's glory to be shown through the results of the constitutional referendum held in May, and that the Church will be strong and a beacon of hope and peace. Pray for new churches being planted in Muyinga and Muramvya, as well as in Uvira, Congo. We're praying that these would be model churches with strong leadership and vision. We are thankful for health! Thank you for keeping our family in your prayers."

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. –John 16:33

WEDNESDAY (20): DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS

THAILAND

"Praise God that our church at the Lighthouse Farm is growing! Praise him also that, for the first time ever, a foreigner (Louise) was granted permission by the police to go up the mountain to Nga Kone. This village, where we have a new intern and new church plant, has been on our prayer radar for two years! It was so wonderful to finally meet the believers we have prayed for! The opportunity to worship Jesus with them, celebrate their first baptisms and encourage the church was a taste of heaven!"

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." – John 20:21

THURSDAY (21): C & F

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"We had planned to return to the U.S. in August of 2019, but due to some factors pertaining to both of our children's educational future we need to

return this August. We are exploring ways in which we can continue in our outreach, mobilization and equipping ministry while back in North America, and also resource the work here. We continue in our sense of call to mission and to the equipping of new generations. Please pray for us in this transition. We have been reminded that it is in these times that God can teach us and do some very big things."

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him. – Psalm 37:23

FRIDAY (22): CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT JAPAN

"We have enjoyed our spring here in Japan, with cherry blossoms and some camping. Our prayer requests for June are for guidance and inspiration as we prepare for the summer ACTION program, and for the fall when we return to North America for a time of visiting with friends and supporting churches. Pray for wisdom as we choose which things to focus on, as our first term winds up."

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. - Job 33:4

SATURDAY (23): AK RESTRICTED

"This month TREK teams return from their eight month trips overseas. Please pray for their two-week debrief, as participants reflect on what God has shown them during their year away. Pray for those of us who will listen, encourage and commission these young adults into the next season of life. As summer is approaching we are getting ready for peace camps in the Middle East and in France. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our preparation, equipping our teams for the weeks ahead and preparing the hearts of those we will meet. We are excited to see how our God will move!"

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

June 24–30

SUNDAY (24): JOANNA PHARAZYN PORTUGAL

"Praise God that the recent Festival of Hope with Franklin Graham had a good turnout. Pray for the follow-up and for protection of the seeds planted in the hundreds who made decisions to follow Jesus. Continue to pray for the unity of the Church in Portugal, that God's people would walk in forgiveness and love. Pray for the leaders of our church families. Exhaustion is real. Pray for true rest and refreshment of their minds, bodies, and spirits. Pray this for me, also!"

"Continue steadfast in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving" - Colossians 4:2

MONDAY (25): ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG MONGOLIA

"June is our busy season for planting, transplanting, watering and working out on our land. Please pray for our summer crew of workers: for protection, unity, joy and a mutual encouragement of each other as we work together daily. Pray that in the everyday work we can be salt and light to those around us."

"Your lives light up the world. Let others see your light from a distance, for how can you hide a city that stands on a hilltop? Matthew 5:14

TUESDAY (26): CYNTHIA FRIESEN THAILAND

"There is a lot of transitioning happening this month, as my teammates leave for a year and another missionary comes to join us. Pray for Maceo and I as we adjust to this loss. Pray for continued wisdom, energy and creativity for me, for the two new girls we sense God is asking us to pursue to be discipled through Freedom Textiles, for our small discipleship and training team, and for even more favour in the community to help both the new girls and our graduated girls sell their products to support themselves and their families. It has become clear that I will not be able to come to North America to visit friends and supporting churches until next April. Even though we are very sad about this I have a deep peace in waiting for God's perfect timing."

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! - Isaiah 23:26

WEDNESDAY (27): SANDRA FENDER THAILAND

"I have returned to Thailand after visiting with supporting friends and churches. My time in North America was filled with sickness, snowstorms and cancellations! I am sorry I was only able to connect with some of you as the remaining time was very limited! Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and partnership! Please pray for my next adventure, as I transition to Chiang Mai in northern Thailand for the next year. I will join the ministry at the juvenile detention center for girls and help with the Freedom Textiles discipleship program. I will also be caring for the Owen's home and using it like a guest house to host national workers, missionaries and STM teams."

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. - Romans 12:12-13 (NLT)

THURSDAY (28): J & M

RESTRICTED

“Really it has been a very tough time. When we think the trial is gone, a new one comes. In the last couple of years we both were diagnosed with cancer, we both were operated on, I went through chemo and our daughter had a surgery on her knee with a very painful recovery through physiotherapy. Now we are facing financial troubles and uncertainties about work. But we see many ministry opportunities and doors that open. Thanks to God, we have opportunities to serve with training teachers in an underprivileged school, and with a local pastor in planting a church. We want to stay here, and we are fighting to achieve it.”

“They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. – Jeremiah 1:19

FRIDAY (29): MOTOHIRO & MARIYA HAMANA

THAILAND

Please pray for this couple, focused on planting new churches in northern Chonburi. The Hamanas are primarily supported through the Japan MB Conference.

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. - Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

SATURDAY (30): M & R

RESTRICTED

“We are so thankful for our amazing friends and family in Saskatoon that we were able to reconnect with in April. It felt like home. Please pray that we would know how to journey well with a new TREK group over the next eight months. Pray also for our family as we continue to prepare to join a peace camp initiative this summer!”

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. – Deuteronomy 31:8

Spotlight on Peru

With nearly fifty indigenous ethnic groups, Peru is a nation of vibrant and rich cultural diversity. MB Mission is excited to see the growing maturity of the MB Conference in Peru. Members from various congregations are planting daughter churches and starting ministries of their own among the marginalized. MB Mission workers are partnering with the MB Conference in Peru by supporting and training leaders for ministry.



Pray:

- That God would continue to raise up Peruvian leaders to pastor local churches that are in need of solid leadership
- For unity and love among pastors and leaders of the MB churches in Peru
- For spiritual maturity and growth in new believers

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