

Daily Prayer Guide

January 2019



When you said, “Seek my face,” my heart said to you,
“Your face, Lord, I will seek.”

Psalm 27:8

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January 1 - 5

TUESDAY (1): JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

“January brings the joy of returning back to Guadalajara after almost five months in Canada! I’m so grateful for God’s provision in these last months as I’ve travelled and shared in different settings. On January 17 we also begin our six-month HADIME discipleship program; pray that our team would be filled anew with the Spirit of God to lead, guide and direct these young people.”

When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. - Psalms 118:5

WEDNESDAY (2): CECIL & TRACY RAMOS

THAILAND

“We would ask for prayers for our home-church, as well as for the new families who have decided to follow Jesus. Please pray that we would create a strong Jesus community that is willing to make strong disciples. Also pray that we would have healthy rhythms for our family, as we seek to invest in our boys.”

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

THURSDAY (3): ALAN & COLLEEN FOSTER

PANAMA

“We praise the Lord as he continues to grow our team and strengthen relationships with others that have a heart for serving and loving the Wounaan and Emberá people groups. We praise Jesus for shared vision, unity, and open communication. We praise him for new, open doors. Please pray for vision, humility, and boldness in local leaders to confront and confess generational sin, which remains a foothold for evil and an impediment to healthy relationships and the flourishing of the church. Please pray for discernment in where our team should invest our time for the Kingdom, amidst so many opportunities to live and share the Gospel.”

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. - 1 Corinthians 1:10

FRIDAY (4): K & K

AUSTRIA

“Praise God for revealing himself in so many ways to our friend Zainab. Pray for wisdom for us and for the team of people at church who have come together to help her. Pray for Zainab’s parents and household of five, for them to come to faith in Jesus in their time of great need. Many of you have been asking about K’s current health status. In mid-September, she had a week of vertigo and other

symptoms. She was admitted to the hospital and spent a week there having tests run. Praise God for the good report that her brain is healthy, and in the end we were able to find out that she was suffering from a vertebral-basilar migraine.”

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. - John 15:5

SATURDAY (5): EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA

PANAMA

“In the month of January we again started our discipleship school, with twenty participants from Panama, Nicaragua and Colombia. Pray that they would be impacted, having a living experience of God every day. Pray also for the first inter-tribal encounter directed by our school, where we hope to create relationship between representatives from six tribes of Panama, and encourage them in their faith.”

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

January 6 - 12

SUNDAY (6): TRAVIS JOST

BURUNDI

“I flew out of Geneva, Switzerland to Bujumbura, Burundi on November 12. The families there have been working hard to ensure I have a smooth transition. They already secured a furnished apartment for me with a six-month lease. It is comforting to have a place to settle into as I search for options to further language learning, find a vehicle, and get to know the area.”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. - Mark 10: 29-30

MONDAY (7): A & R

RESTRICTED

“Please pray for new believers. We have had a young lady start coming to church, and she is bringing a lot of her friends from school, which is exciting. Pray for our new church plant. We had our official opening but there have been some significant difficulties, and we are praying for wisdom and clarity as things get sorted out. Please pray for us to be approved for our new visas. Once A has his new work visa the rest of us can apply to renew ours.”

Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. - Deuteronomy 31:7b\

TUESDAY (8): BARBARA BLOCK

INDIA

“As school begins again, please pray that I will have a clear vision for the second semester. January is the month when deadlines become very clear to the seniors, and challenges are significant. Pray for the hiking program I run for Grades 6-8, which culminates with a three-day camping and hiking weekend at the end of this month. With a major cyclone hitting Kodaikanal mid-November, we are still picking up the pieces. Between 700 and 1000 trees came down in residential areas. Trees are still being removed from roads and rooftops, with work that will continue for months. At least four staff houses and one dormitory had serious damage.”

Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching you have heard from me, with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. - 2 Timothy 1:13-14

WEDNESDAY (9): DORIS GOERTZ

JAPAN

“Praise God for the transformation he is working in the heart of Mr. T, one of my English students. Mr. T has been coming to church regularly for a few months. He has also joined a house church group and has started studying the Bible. Recently he has expressed interest in getting baptized. Pray that as he studies the Bible, he will understand more fully what it means to be a follower of Jesus.”

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. - Philippians 2:1-2

THURSDAY (10): GEDAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE

LITHUANIA

“This is an important season for the life of our young church. As we seek to be a community focused on Jesus and led by the Spirit, we sense that we have been invited into a season of waiting on the Lord. There are many areas in which we could be active participants in the city of Vilnius, but we are choosing not to be ‘busy’ before ‘being’. We desire to bear the fruit that comes from abiding in Jesus. Please pray for our church plant as we make space and time to listen, to pray and to worship.”

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. - John 15: 4-5

FRIDAY (11): JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER

THAILAND

“Pray for the many who responded to the Gospel during our Christmas outreach season. Pray for our Burmese pastors as they continue to reach into new areas, sharing the Gospel and making disciples wherever they go! Pray for the nine people who were recently baptized, that they would continue to grow strong in their faith. Pray for us as a family. This high-paced season of ministry and life with a new baby has us feeling quite exhausted. We need your prayers for strength and endurance. Pray as we begin to prepare for our upcoming time visiting supporters in North America this spring!”

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

SATURDAY (12): JOHN ERVIN

WORLDWIDE

“While in Central Thailand in November, my fever and pain became so great that I needed to see a doctor. After a CT scan, X-rays, blood tests and five days of IV antibiotics, the diagnosis was diverticulitis, an infection in my large colon. Somchai and Aun, the pastors of Promise Church in Phanat Nikhom, cared for me constantly. I never once experienced fear. We were able to complete the media workshop, even though the last training days happened in my hospital room. Praise God that five new contacts were made. I was released from the hospital to preach, and many came forward after the sermon and, later, four believers were baptized. God wanted more than just the workshop to be successful.”

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. - 1 Chronicles 16:11

January 13 - 19

SUNDAY (13): D & S

RESTRICTED

“Pray for continued boldness for the church planters in South Asia who face persecution as they proclaim the Gospel. They are an example and challenge to us all about persevering despite the cost. Please pray for healing in the lives of the leaders that S was counselling. We saw miracles taking place already. Please pray for fruit from our teaching, that lives will be transformed.”

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. – Hebrews 10:23

MONDAY (14): KATIE MOUNT

THAILAND

“December in Thailand went by in a whirl, filled with evangelistic outreaches, lots of Christmas cookies, caroling, and - by God’s grace - more people saying ‘yes’ to Jesus. Please pray as we enter the New Year that it would be a year of harvest in the community on Monkey Mountain. Praise God for the amazing TREK team and for all the favor and relationships they are building in this community.”

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

TUESDAY (15): RICHARD & HAZEL FUNK

AUSTRIA

“It has been such a joy for us to work with the Open Hearts Ministry, here in Austria. The ministry reaches out to wounded people in their journey of healing. In January and February we, along with our Upper Austrian team, will be offering this course. Pray with us that people will be ready to tell their stories and begin a journey of healing.”

Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” - John 10:10

WEDNESDAY (16): BOB & CHRIS DAVIS

SOUTHEAST ASIA

“Please pray as I travel, preach and share in churches in North America and connect with national leaders in Southeast Asia. Pray for Chris, as she serves in our home church, and locally through intercession, mentoring and caring for family members. Pray for the Mekong Team and Christian Life Center, for unity, common vision and resources to continue the work. Pray for national church leaders in Thailand, the Philippines and neighboring countries with restricted access. Pray for grace, courage, passion, and wisdom in making disciples and leading churches.”

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. – 2 Corinthians 4:5

THURSDAY (17): G & G

RESTRICTED

“Pray for G; in the New Year he will be facilitating an online morning devotional and class for the graduate school with which we work, while another instructor is on-site in South Asia. Please pray that the technology would be consistent and helpful, that the on-site instructor would have a good personal connection with the students while there and that this course would be beneficial to each student in their ministries, both now and in the future.”

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

FRIDAY (18): SOMDY & CHANH JUSSE

THAILAND

“A challenge for us has been figuring out a way for our daughter, Sarah, to continue her education. We finally found an international school with reasonable tuition in a neighboring country. However, it means that Sarah and Chanh spend the weeks there and only return to Phon Phisai on the weekend. Praise God for two people recently baptized, and for how believers were encouraged at the recent Anabaptist Conference.”

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble... – Psalm 147:5-6a

SATURDAY (19): MT

RESTRICTED

“Praise God with us for our home group that faithfully get together twice a month, thirsty to learn the Word and apply it to everyday life! Praise God also that I reconnected with M, who used to go to English class. She is open to talk about spiritual matters, and we are meeting weekly! Pray for B, who is really interested in learning how to study the Bible. Pray also for her husband M, who has some health problems. Pray for our meetings, and for open doors to share about Jesus.”

It is written: “Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.” - Romans 15:21

January 20 - 26

SUNDAY (20): TREVER & JOAN GODARD

MEXICO

“Today we welcome a new group of students to the HADIME discipleship and missions training program. Please pray that each one will learn to love and know God intimately, become radically obedient followers of Jesus and live as the Church in the places that God calls them to in this world. We value your prayers for us as a team, that the Spirit of wisdom and revelation would guide us in each of our roles. Please pray that God would provide volunteers for the kitchen and maintenance for each month of our program.”

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. – Colossians 2:6-7

MONDAY (21): D & M

AUSTRIA

“Recently we witnessed the baptism of a young man who had fled his homeland to escape the horror taking place there. He and his family saw things that no human should have to see, and lived in fear and terror. Listening to his testimony and seeing the glowing expression on his face as he explained that he had found Jesus and was now able to live in freedom - nothing can compare to the beauty of that moment. There are many more like him. Pray for these hurt and broken souls to find Jesus, and praise God for the amazing opportunities he has given us to meet these people, and to simply love them!”

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 (22): JON & BONNIE ESAU

THAILAND

“Praise God for the many lay leaders he has been building up in our Khmu churches. Please pray that as they serve more and more and are reaching out into their communities, God would continue to equip them with all that they need. Please also pray that the outreaches we held last month for Christmas would bear much fruit in this New Year.”

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. – Matthew 7:24

WEDNESDAY (23): PK & C

RESTRICTED

Please pray for this couple serving in Southeast Asia, and for the many pastors and church planters that they mentor. Praise God that the churches there continue to grow despite opposition to the Gospel, and pray for wisdom for those that provide training and resources for national leaders.

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. - 1Thessalonians 5:18

THURSDAY (24): TYLER & CHERYL SCHULZ

BURUNDI

Please pray for these workers who are partnering with a network of established churches to see Burundi transformed through training, teaching, discipleship and church planting. Their goal is to multiply healthy disciples and leaders who have a vision for mission.

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. - Colossians 3:17

FRIDAY (25): 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.

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. - Philippians 2:2 (ESV)

SATURDAY (26): R & M

RESTRICTED

Pray for this couple in Europe, involved in evangelism, leadership development, media training, and church planting using media and the arts. Pray for their ongoing role in MB Mission’s Global Media Network.

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

January 27 - 31

SUNDAY (27): 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.

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 (28): WALTER & INA REIMER

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.

You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. – Acts 20:20

TUESDAY (29): OASIS

RESTRICTED

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.

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

WEDNESDAY (30): 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.

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. - Psalm 36:5

THURSDAY (31): S & S

RESTRICTED

Pray for this couple as they build relationships with expat coworkers and with local churches to reach out to a people group in a restricted area of East Asia.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. – Hebrews 12:1

Spotlight on Austria

There is a deep spiritual hunger in Austria and people are searching for a more personal faith experience. Churches are small and few in number, and their congregations are in need of pastors. The vision for our Austrian MB churches is to see strong, motivated and spiritually-vibrant national leaders rise up to serve.



Pray

- For health in Austrian congregations and in the lives of believers
- For openness to the Gospel among immigrant people groups that have made Austria their new home
- That MB Mission workers will effectively train and disciple nationals to be strong leaders in their own country

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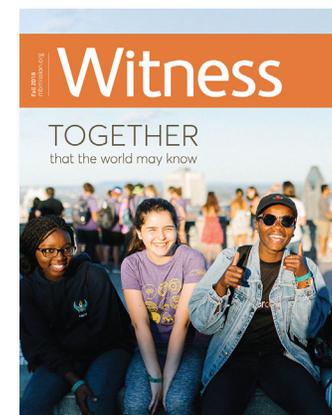
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