

Daily Prayer Guide

April 2020



The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you...

- Psalm 145:14-15a

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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.

April 1 - 4

1 WEDNESDAY: EDD & INGRID RUSSELL THAILAND

We are visiting friends and supporting churches in California and looking forward to our return to Thailand on April 16. This date is uncertain because of the COVID-19 virus going around, so please pray. Ingrid is thankful that recovery from her concussion is progressing. She continues to work on improving balance. Pray for complete recovery. With the worldwide impact of COVID-19, please pray for us and the believers in Thailand to not be overcome by fear.”

*From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people.
– Psalm 3:8*

2 THURSDAY: TONY & SARAH BROWN PANAMA

“Discipleship! The Wounaan church focuses on discipleship in small groups through a book on Biblical foundations. We are so keen to be in discipling relationships here, but there are many barriers and it can be discouraging. Please pray that God brings more young men into our lives that Tony can disciple. Please pray that truth makes its way into people’s hearts as they study God’s word. Pray that mature Wounaan believers disciple younger believers in everyday life.”

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. - Matthew 28:19-20

3 FRIDAY: S & D CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving in Central Asia. Pray that God would use them to transform hearts, strengthen new disciples and raise up national leaders to bring revival to this region.

Renew your work in the midst of the years. In the midst of the years make it known. In wrath, you remember mercy. – Habakkuk 3:2 (NHEV)

4 SATURDAY: TOMAS & MELODY VIDAL MEXICO

“Pray for our nine HADIME students to learn all that God has for them at this

time in their lives, and to grow in love and humility as they lead the SOAR team this month. Pray that we all may serve together in unity, rooted in love, and play a part in God’s work in Guadalajara.”

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. - Ephesians 3:17-18

April 5 - 11

5 SUNDAY: S & B RESTRICTED

“Please join me in prayer for the launch of a new initiative designed to help our regional team leaders, global workers, and national leaders in their work around economic and community development, peace and reconciliation, prayer, discipleship strategies and other ministries.”

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

6 MONDAY: SANDRA FENDER THAILAND

Pray for Sandra, who is in Chiang Mai, ministering to girls in a Juvenile Detention Center through teaching English and Bible classes. She is also a part of the Freedom Textiles discipleship program for girls who have completed their sentences and want to grow in their faith and learn new job skills.

*The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his deeds. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.
- Psalm 145:17-18 (NASB)*

7 TUESDAY: AKZ CENTRAL ASIA

“I have been here now for a year, focusing on language and culture learning. I have now also started to learn some basics in the second language used here. Pray that this will be successful. Recently I was struck by the thought that there must have been something about the prayer life of Jesus that the disciples also wanted, and this has now also become my request. I want to grow in my prayer life.”

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

8 WEDNESDAY: ISRAEL & SANDRA CHAVEZ MEXICO

"We continue to work at balancing our ministry of leadership in the HADIME discipleship program as well as pastoring our church RETO Pinar. In April we host a SOAR team of sixty-eight people from the USA and Canada that we will be connecting to our local churches here. Pray that we would see long-lasting fruit in the lives of participants as well as in our church communities."

So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day. We view our slight, short-lived troubles in the light of eternity. We see our difficulties as the substance that produces for us an eternal, weighty glory far beyond all comparison. – 2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (TPT)

9 THURSDAY: RICKY & KAREN SANCHEZ THAILAND

"We are asking God for joy, protection and provision during our hot season. The COVID-19 virus has everyone anxious but has resulted in Thai people being more open to spiritual conversations. Please pray for the HIV children and adults we serve during this time. Pray for a man named Guy, the dad of one of our church members, for him to give his life to Christ."

We who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. – Hebrews 6:18b – 19

10 FRIDAY: K & D WEST AFRICA

"Please continue praying for peace in West Africa and for courage for believers. Attacks continue almost daily against Christians in this region. Many are fleeing their villages and countries, having seen and experienced horrific things. In the midst of this displacement and fear, our ministry partner is preaching on forgiving those who harm you. This is an impossible expectation to follow without the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Intercede with us for these believers."

But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. – Luke 6:27-28

11 SATURDAY: ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN MEXICO

"Anne is helping lead the language learning for ten Mexican missionary candidates over the next nine months. At the same time, she is developing local leadership within *Sin Fronteras* to take ownership of this training. We both will be mentoring these candidates through a rigorous process of examining the nature of healthy indigenous churches, and pushing them to flesh out the giving up of self (culture) that Jesus modelled."

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant... – Phil 2:5-7

April 12 - 18

12 SUNDAY: MB RESTRICTED

MB is serving on Multiply's Mobilization Team in Canada and is involved with the Global Media Network. Pray for his work training missional leaders and supporting church plants in regions of Central Asia.

"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

13 MONDAY: ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG MONGOLIA

"With the COVID-19 virus here, Marlene is unable to return to Mongolia from Canada for an indefinite period of time. I am alone keeping things going here. This is definitely not how we imagined our year to play out! We had a number of groups planning to come this spring and that is looking unlikely. Pray for wisdom, peace, joy and hope for us and for our community here."

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. – Psalm 118:24

14 TUESDAY: MOTOHIRO & MARIYA HAMANA THAILAND

"Praise the Lord that we had English-speaking volunteers come several times this year. Please pray that the Lord would send new missionaries to our ministries and that the children here would love Jesus more and more. Please

also pray for our teammates - Pastor Ozz, Teacher Ann, Gup, Som, Chompuu and other Thai volunteers.”

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. – Matthew 9:38

15 WEDNESDAY: G & N CENTRAL ASIA

“We are challenged every day by the sight of refugees, the fear and the pain of the war looming by our borders. People are scared, people need answers, but more than that they really need Christ. Please pray for spiritual and physical care for our refugees. Pray for boldness as we approach, enquire and connect with them and local believers. Pray for divine intervention in this war.”

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knows those who take refuge in him. - Nahum 1:7

16 THURSDAY: OTTO & MARJORIE EKK PORTUGAL

This couple provides oversight to several church plants, social ministries, evangelism efforts, and leadership development and mentorship initiatives. Please pray for them and for the church in Portugal, seeking to respond to the unemployment and financial instability of the country through practical demonstrations of love.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. – Isaiah 61:1a

17 FRIDAY: P & S EUROPE

“God is good! We are thankful for Gaetan and Babeth, two young adults in our local church who are taking steps toward long-term mission. We are busy preparing for Easter weekend, with big invitational events at church and with our neighborhood kid’s club. Pray for wisdom, for freedom in inviting our neighbors and for them to be open to receive the incredible love of Jesus. We are also praying for work situations to allow two other Multiply workers to join us here.”

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

18 SATURDAY: REBECCA HIEBERT THAILAND

“Pray for Boom, a new Christian at Bethel church, and for Paa Yong, Nat and Net, who are in need of God’s healing touch here in Bang Krachet. Praise God for a great trip home for Pastor Naat and her family as they had opportunities to share the gospel with their relatives and see reconciliation between family members. Praise God for Care, who recently prayed to receive Christ. She is excited to start attending church now that she has finished university classes. Pray that she will grow and be confident in her identity as a child of God.”

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

April 19 - 25

19 SUNDAY: J & M SOUTH ASIA

Please pray for these Paraguayan Mennonite Brethren Conference workers as they serve with Multiply in South Asia. Praise God for how they create, apply and assess a training program designed for Christian teachers engaged with children of the people groups in their region.

Feed the hungry, help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. - Isaiah 58:1

20 MONDAY: JOANNA CHAPA PERU

“Praise God for the recent annual assembly of churches in the Peruvian MB conference, and their desire to see God’s kingdom expanded in Peru. Pray for continued unity. Pray for the new group of *Casa Caminata* girls that arrived in March. Pray for guidance and peace as I seek to intentionally follow the Spirit’s leading with this year’s projected ministry goals.”

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. - 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

21 TUESDAY: JOANNA PHARAZYN PORTUGAL

“Pray with us for the people of Portugal to have eyes to see the truth, that Jesus rose from the dead! Our hope is for sure! And his presence is to be enjoyed even now, in the middle of any trial. Celebrate, rejoice, our God is alive!”

A LIVING SIGNPOST

JAPAN | By Cory & Masami Giesbrecht

“Do you need money?” a passerby asked me. I shook my head with a smile. His was only one of the many questions I had been asked that day, as I stood on a street corner in downtown Osaka, holding up my sign.

Recently God has led me to do evangelism as a living signpost. In Japan, Buddhist monks have a tradition of standing at a busy place in their town or city and chanting, while people passing by stop to give them donations. It is a common enough sight, and so I have been using a similar means of spreading the Good News and starting conversations about Jesus.

My sign is painted in calligraphy on Japanese washi paper. It asks the question, “Is Jesus Christ a foreigner?” I do this, hoping that the question will provoke meaningful interactions. In Japan, there can be a pronounced aversion to foreigners, and certainly the sight of me – a white foreigner standing in the street holding up a sign – has provoked stares.

Why am I doing this? I have often imagined Jesus stretching out his hand toward me with that “Let’s go have an adventure!” look in his eye, asking me to step out on the water and take a risk. And so, sensing that Jesus was challenging me to spread my net wider and evangelize in this unorthodox way, I had a sign painted

and took up my post on the streets of Osaka. Needless to say, this activity has led to a wide variety of reactions. I have been offered money, bowed to, photographed, posted online, and a few have actually referred to me as Jesus Christ. Perhaps they thought that was my name!

Risk is never easy. When we sense Jesus asking us to do something outside of our comfort zone, there are thoughts like “But surely Jesus wouldn’t ask me to do that!” These thoughts are like soldiers defending our safety, our opinions and our worldview. We must get past them in order to make a decision.

I said yes. Will you?



SO PROVE IT!

CENTRAL ASIA | BY G & N

During one of our prayer walks through our neighborhood, we noticed a small and obviously deserted Orthodox church. The rusted iron gates were locked and the yard unkept; proof that no one had looked after it for a long time. Curious, we asked a passer-by for details. This is how we met Tabib.

Tabib had lived most of his life in this neighborhood. He told us that this little church was one of the oldest functioning Orthodox churches in the region, dedicated to Saint Nikolas.

“Fewer and fewer people attended as the years went by,” he told us. “Then fifteen years ago the local authorities finally locked it up for good.”

Tabib seemed very friendly, so we asked him about his own spirituality. Like many people in this region, he grew up in a non-practicing Muslim family. He did not consider himself a Muslim, however. “I am a seeker,” he said. “For me, God is a supreme, distant power, probably not at all like how any of our religions depict him.”

Sensing his openness, we began to tell him about Jesus. He interrupted us abruptly. “You say you are a

Christian? That your beliefs about God are the right ones? So, prove it to me!” he demanded. “Show me this Jesus that you are talking about!”

I did not hesitate for a single second. “To do that, I must pray for you,” I answered, with equal boldness. And so right then, right there in front of the rusty iron gates of the abandoned church, I began to pray that Jesus would make himself known to this man. At first, he just listened, but then after a few moments his eyes began to well up with tears.

**You say you are a Christian?
That your beliefs about God
are the right ones? So, prove
it to me!**

“What is this?” he asked, bewildered. “Something is moving inside my heart. What is this?”

“This is the real God,” I told him. “His name is Jesus.”

We met that day as strangers, but we departed as friends. Since then, we have spoken often, and Tabib is now seeking after this Jesus and wanting to know more about the one true God. Would you please pray with us - for Tabib and for the millions of others like him who are in this country? May God’s presence move inside their hearts.

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And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. - 1 Corinthians 15:14,20

22 WEDNESDAY: JOHANNA NEUDORF GERMANY

“Praise God for our Kid’s Bible Week, where children came to know the truth about our amazing God! Pray that they would come back and continue to learn about Jesus and his love for them. Also pray for me as I head home to Paraguay during April to discuss with my sending church the work I am doing here.”

And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them unless someone sends him? - Romans 10:14b-15a

23 THURSDAY: VR UKRAINE

Pray for this worker, who has joined the Multiply team in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. Pray for meaningful relational encounters as he learns the language and the culture of this country. Pray for his ongoing ministry excursions to restricted regions of Central Asia.

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

24 FRIDAY: DOUG & DEANNA HIEBERT BURUNDI

“Pray for us as we have opportunity to preach and teach this month. Pray for breakthrough as we hope to gather church leaders in neighboring Congo, contending for forgiveness, unity and a vision for what could be! Pray for our new missionary, Aurelie, and for her role at Karubabi Harvest School. Pray for unity for Harvest, that manages the school, as they go through certain growing pains. Pray for a gathering of leaders in Uganda where we’ll be offering training. Pray for openness and revelation.”

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45

25 SATURDAY: DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS THAILAND

“Father God, we declare that you are a good, good Father! Holy Spirit, thank you for your anointing and powerful love. We ask for your Spirit to be poured

out on all our supporting churches as we visit them from April to July. We thank you for our new team of eight who are working alongside our Myanmar church planters in Thailand and Myanmar. Help us to equip the saints and plant more churches this year than we have ever planted before!”

Build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord. – Haggai 1:8b

April 26 - 30

26 SUNDAY: STACY KUHN PERU

Stacy is serving with the resourcing team in Piura, Peru. Pray for Casa Caminata, a women’s discipleship house run by Stacy and her teammates. Pray for wisdom and grace to disciple these young women.

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. – 1Peter 1:3

27 MONDAY: CYNTHIA FRIESEN THAILAND

Cynthia is a part of the Chiang Mai team, serving by providing assistance at the Thailand Mennonite Brethren Foundation office. Pray for her involvement in a local ministry with women incarcerated at a Juvenile Detention Centre. She is currently in North America visiting family and supporting churches.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. – Psalm 62:5-6

28 TUESDAY: CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT JAPAN

“Praise God for three young adults – Hayato, Nana and Yoshiwaki – that participated on this year’s SOAR Heartland team. Pray for our servant leaders Minamino and pastor Funahashi to have much faith and courage to follow Jesus in their calling.”

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. - Ephesians 4:1

29 WEDNESDAY: ANDY & CARMEN OWEN

THAILAND

“Pray for those who are most impacted by the COVID-19 virus and for opportunities to share the hope we have in Jesus. Also pray as we take precautions both against the virus and the severe air pollution during this season. Praise God for several young ladies from the Juvenile Hall as they prepare to commit their lives to Jesus through baptism. Pray for more workers to join our discipleship and vocational programs inside and outside the prisons.”

*There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism
- Ephesians 4:6 (ESV)*

30 THURSDAY: M & V

SOUTH ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving in South Asia through work in children’s homes and a holistic ministry initiative that employs and empowers local artisans. They are also serving the national church, providing resources and support for church planting and the mobilization of short- and long-term global workers.

All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent. - Isaiah 28:29

Spotlight on Panama

In Panama, our team works primarily among two indigenous people groups: the Wounaan and the Embera. Less than one percent of these people groups would testify to a living relationship with Jesus. In these small churches, there is a need for leadership training and for discipleship among the younger believers.



Pray:

- > That the church leaders will continue to lead with humility and wisdom
- > For our workers at the Yaviza camp who are training and discipling leaders among the Embera and Wounaan indigenous people groups
- > For unity between the different indigenous groups, that together they may proclaim Christ and open doors to the hearts and lives of others in their communities

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