

Daily Prayer Guide

— August 2021 —



Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Psalm 4:1 (ESV)



Thank you for praying!

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1 SUNDAY: MULTIPLY BOARD

USA/CANADA

“Pray for our Multiply Board as they discern God’s leading for the General Director role. Pray for continued unity and vision as they regroup with new members and a new interim chair (Wendi Thiessen). Praise God that amid many changes and uncertainties, our teams and supporters have remained focused on the mission. We are thankful to have finished the fiscal year with a surplus.”

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me... - Psalm 25:4, 5a

2 MONDAY: CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT

JAPAN

“Please pray for the children’s Bible Camp, starting August 2, and for the youth Bible Camp, starting August 7. Please pray that Joshua’s first summer job would be blessed by the Lord, and that the Lord would provide some vacation time for us together as a family. Pray that Jesus would continue bringing people to Roses Church in the park to be saved!”

So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:18

3 TUESDAY: ISRAEL & SANDRA CHAVEZ-PLETT

MEXICO

“Praise God for a month of discipleship and outreach with our HADIME students, and a weekend focused on inner healing. Pray that their lives would be transformed. Pray for a childrens program planned for LifePoint with these students; that seeds would be planted and grow through this new ministry. Pray for us in our adoption process, that God would prepare us for what is to come.”

...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 55:11

4 WEDNESDAY: NASSER AL'QAHTANI NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST

“Praise God for mission training event participants who are bold and on fire for Jesus. Please pray that each one would not only be fruitful in their evangelism among their friends and families, but that their hearts would grow deeper in

love with Jesus. They are among the next generation of leaders in the North African Church!”

When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. - Psalm 138:3

5 THURSDAY: EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

“We praise God for pastor Naat and her impact on the people of Kalasin. Pray for those who have made the decision to follow Jesus, that they would not be sidetracked by old habits. Praise God that the Phon Phisai church continues to grow. Pray for the leadership to humbly love and serve one another, and work together for the sake of the kingdom.”

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

6 FRIDAY: WENDY EROS

JAPAN

“Japan has been in a third wave of COVID-19, with most places still under severe restrictions despite hosting the Olympics. There is fear and anxiety among the Japanese, especially in Tokyo and Hokkaido. Please pray for peace to cover this nation. Pray for me here in Canada, as I continue to work toward returning to Japan for another term.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” - Isaiah 6:8

7 SATURDAY: RICKY & KAREN SANCHEZ

THAILAND

“After three years, we are now back in Canada to connect with family, friends, and supporters. Praise God for his recent healing of a young man who was on his death bed in hospital. Pray for his full recovery and return to his fourth year of Bible School. Pray for our other ALH kids and staff who are at Bible School, growing and serving: Pet, Big, Bang, Golf, Neet, and Duan.”

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

August 8 - 14

8 SUNDAY: 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.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- John 1:5

9 MONDAY: EMERSON CARDOSO

BRAZIL

Pray for Emerson's role as Multiply's Regional Director for South and Central America, supporting and training church leaders and global workers, and as chair of the executive committee of the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB). Pray for leadership training taking place in Dominican Republic.

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

10 TUESDAY: JUSTAS AND KAMILE SERSTKOV

LITHUANIA

This couple is leading a church plant in Kaunas, Lithuania. Pray for Justas as he is involved in translating various devotional materials from English, and for Kamile as she leads the ALPHA course and various Bible studies, and helps with worship, prayer, and Sunday school.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. - Revelation 21:6

11 WEDNESDAY: STACY KUHN

PERU

Stacy has been 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. Pray for those impacted by the pandemic in this country.

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:31-32

12 THURSDAY: SANDRA FENDER

THAILAND

"Please continue to pray that vaccines will become available to the general public in Thailand. I continue caring for my 95-year-old mother and serving the local church here in North America. The Lord has been clearly speaking; I will never be in control of my life circumstances, but I can relax and trust in his control. I am drawing near to him with a thankful heart, seeking to know him in greater depth, and follow his will fully."

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

13 FRIDAY: RENÉ & LISA NYLAND

CANADA

Pray for René and Lisa as they serve the First Nations in the Georgian Bay Region of Ontario, empowering First Nations leaders to plant house churches in their own communities. Pray for wisdom and grace to minister hope during this season of grieving, in light of the residential school graves recently discovered.

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

14 SATURDAY: KAI & DENISA (K & D)

WEST AFRICA

"Pray for the emerging leaders and youth engaged in discipleship courses, July through September. Pray that their eyes will be enlightened to the love of the Father and their hearts anchored in their identity in him. Pray that they will dedicate themselves fully to the kingdom of light, and that God will make clear his calling on their lives and equip them for his ministry."

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, and his incomparably great power for those who believe. - Ephesians 1:18-19

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15 SUNDAY: ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN

CANADA/MEXICO

"We are now in Ontario, beginning one year of transition out of full-time ministry in Mexico. We will be spending December back in Mexico and are

I SAW IT HAPPEN

BURUNDI | By Travis Jost

Their names are Josh, Maryn, Shanae, and Alex. They responded with faith to a call to fly thousands of miles from home during a pandemic and to live on mission in Africa. And boy, did they.

For three months our team here was blessed to share Burundi with this TREK team of four young people from Canada and the U.S. Their experience of Africa included meeting with national leaders and evangelists, living with local church members, dancing, tasting new foods, sharing stories, learning, struggling, doubting, and laughing together. They experienced the full richness of the united body of Christ. I saw it happen.

I saw a young lady from North America greeting, smiling, communicating, and honoring an elderly lady from a local marginalized people group. The scene from Revelation 7 played out in the Shammah Temple Fellowship church of Muramvya on Easter Sunday, with every tribe and tongue praising Jesus together. The Bride of Christ brought together a spectrum of his people—ambassadors of reconciliation—for his glory.

I saw these four young adults, armed with very little language skills, boldly

cross the language barrier to develop lifelong friendships. I saw it happen over and over again during their stay. I saw them bury their pride and reach out for connection despite awkwardness and misunderstanding. They touched the heart of the people. The fruit of the Spirit within this team was so visible to the people of Burundi that, by the end of their stay, a whole fleet of hotel staff turned out to wave furiously and with deep affection as they said goodbye.

I saw very real evidence of Paul's declaration in Ephesians 2: God's advanced preparation for our good works. I saw how God's incredible workmanship wove all things together for our good and for his glory, throughout those three months. I saw it happen!



TREK 2021 Burundi Team: Josh, Maryn, Shanae, and Alex

THREE IMPOSSIBLE THINGS

THAILAND | By Rebecca Hiebert

When Gunn was in his early teens, a short-term mission team from Canada came to his school and invited him to Bethel Church. Through the church's family camp, he prayed to receive Christ.

"That was the first impossible thing," Gunn said. "God changed me!"

That change was immediately evident. His family background was troubled, and it was not unusual for violence to be used to solve problems. "I used to act out, always wanting my own way, rebelling, not obeying my family. But when Jesus came into my life," he said, "he changed me from having a temper to being someone who listens and cares about others. Before, I was always picking on my sister. Now, I don't do this anymore."

Then he paused and smiled. "Or, at least, not as much!"

"A second impossible thing that God did," he related, "was that I met my mom! I never thought that would happen!"

Gunn's mother had left the family when Gunn was still quite young. He often grieved that his family was broken and incomplete. Reconnecting with his mother brought comfort and healing to Gunn's heart.

"The third impossible thing," Gunn went on, "was school."

After grade nine, Gunn expected to enter a trade school, where entrance exams were easy and there was little competition for enrollment. Yet when he prayed about this, he sensed God encouraging him to apply to a regular high school.

"I was afraid," he admitted. "That school has difficult entrance exams, and so many students want to get in there. But I obeyed what I thought God was saying and I applied."

Gunn had only two weeks to prepare for the exam, and virtually no time to study. He decided to invest what little time he did have in praying and just being with God. After taking the exam, he pushed his hopes aside. Later, he was completely taken aback when a friend's mother suggested he check the acceptance list online. "I thought it was a joke," Gunn recalled, "that she was taunting me. But I borrowed a computer to check, and there was my name!"

Gunn is serving in worship and other ministries at Bethel Church and Hope Center, believing God for even more impossible things. His favorite verse is Jeremiah 17:7: "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence."

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planning a two-month visit in late spring. Pray that we would find good medical care for Anne in Ontario. Pray for opportunities for ministry among First Nations people here.”

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

16 MONDAY: SEAN & SANDRA (S & S) **CANADA/EAST ASIA**

“Praise God for answering our prayers for more people to join the task of training up Bible translators. We recognize God’s hand is stirring people to get involved! Pray for sharp minds and soft hearts, and for creative ways of providing excellent training. Thank God for those who will soon have Bibles in their heart languages.”

When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves - praise the Lord! - Judges 5:2

17 TUESDAY: BENNI & FRANZI HERMANN **GERMANY**

Benni and Franzi are serving on our church-planting team in Dortmund, Germany. As they invite people to meet with them, they are praying for the prejudices that exist against the Church to be overcome and for many to come to know God in a personal and transformative way.

Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” - Luke 18:27

18 WEDNESDAY: LAVERN PRATT **PANAMA**

“Please pray for patience as I continue to work toward full-time ministry in Panama. Pray for me as I continue to serve, online, the church in Juan Diaz. Their property is prone to flooding, and I am helping to find permanent solutions to maintain dry housing and landscape places of peace and beauty that encourage praise and a deeper relationship with God.”

You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip. - Psalm 18:36 (NKJV)

19 THURSDAY: ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG **MONGOLIA**

“Please pray for the education system, the teachers, and the upcoming school year in Mongolia. COVID-19 has prevented in-school classes since December of

2019, and many children have no access to online classes. Pray that in-person classes will restart and that teachers would help children to catch up.”

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. - Mark 10:1

20 FRIDAY: G & N **CENTRAL ASIA**

“We are in North America connecting with friends and supporting churches. Pray for the church in Central Asia, rediscovering the joy of in-person fellowship after a period of dryness and closures. Pray for this transition, as for some it is difficult to adjust. Praise God that, despite restrictions, twelve people were baptized in June, and ten more in July!”

He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. - 1 Corinthians 1:8-9

21 SATURDAY: PAUL & SARA RAUGUST **FRANCE**

Pray for this couple as they work to catalyze spiritual growth, whole-life discipleship, leadership development, and holistic church planting among the Arabic-speaking population in Europe. They are working to raise up transformational peacemakers in conflict regions of the world, through an ongoing peace camp initiative.

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. - 2 Corinthians 5:18

August 22 - 28

22 SUNDAY: REBECCA HIEBERT **THAILAND**

“Praise God for the people who are turning to him for life and help in this season. He is our healer, and our ever-present help in trouble. Praise God for new interns, growing and developing their gifts. Please continue to pray for the board of Thai MB churches as they work to strengthen and support churches here and pray that we would love the people around us and lead them to God.”

For what nation is great enough to have a god as near to them as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call on him? - Deuteronomy 4:7 (NLT)

23 MONDAY: JOANNA CHAPA

PERU

Joanna has been serving in Peru, coming alongside the established Mennonite Brethren Conference of churches there with leadership support and discipleship strategies. Pray for the training and equipping of young leaders in Peru.

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel... - Ephesians 6:19

24 TUESDAY: JOHANNA NEUDORF

GERMANY

“Praise God for health and much-needed rest and time away during the summer for most of our team members. Pray for guidance and spirit-led decisions as we start a new season of church outreach to the neighborhood, youth events, and small groups. Pray for a healthy balance between my work at the kindergarten, the church plant, and time for my personal relationship with the Father.”

For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see. - Psalm 36:9

25 WEDNESDAY: DOUG HIEBERT CANADA/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

“This past May a volcano erupted in DR Congo. Homes were decimated, electricity and water supply destroyed, and many people have been displaced. Pray for shelter, daily sustenance, protection from diseases like cholera, and that missing children would be reunited with their families. Pray that, in this crisis, the love and power of God would be shown.”

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. - Psalm 33:20-22

26 THURSDAY: DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS THAILAND

“Father God, hear the cry of your people who are suffering in Myanmar without healthcare or justice in their land. Let them find their hope in you! For the over 100 churches that have lost pastors and leaders to COVID-19, comfort your people! Redeem this tragedy by raising up passionate, peace-loving followers of Jesus who will fearlessly proclaim your Word. Amen.”

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? - Matthew 6:26

27 FRIDAY: TOMAS & MELODY VIDAL

MEXICO

“Praise God with us for what he has been doing in the lives of our students here this past month! We pray God will protect them from the evil one and sanctify them by his truth, that they will share Christ with others and be a unified church. We appreciate continued prayer for our visa situation, as we don’t know the best way to move forward.”

May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. - John 17:23 (NLT)

28 SATURDAY: CYNTHIA FRIESEN

THAILAND

“We are back in Thailand, reconnecting with our dear Thai teammates and friends. Praise God Maceo’s cast is off, and he is relearning how to use his muscles. Pray for Thailand; it is still mostly unreached, and my heart is burdened to see just how many people have not heard about Jesus. Pray for believers to continue to be God’s light, revealing hope in this dark time.”

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. - John 1:5

August 29 - 31

29 SUNDAY: JOANNA & JONATHAN GUTIERREZ PORTUGAL

“Praise God for the birth of our first child! Pray for us, as we will be having some precious time transitioning to being parents before we make our way back to Portugal, Lord willing, in September. Pray that this month is used for God’s purposes to forward his Kingdom, and to realign us with his plans and purposes for ministry in Portugal.”

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. - Isaiah 12:4

30 MONDAY: CARMEN OWEN

USA/THAILAND

“Pray for our family as we transition to life and ministry in the US. Our boys will be settling into college, and our daughter will be starting home school as we begin our season of connecting with churches in North America. In January 2022, Carmen will continue serving half-time as a business and ministry liaison

for the Chiang Mai Freedom team, and Andy will begin serving as Pastor of Equipping and Multiplication at Ridgepoint Church in Wichita, Kansas.”

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

31 TUESDAY: 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.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. - Psalm 89:14

Spotlight on Middle East & North Africa

Multiply partners with national leaders in locations that require us to have restricted public communication. Although believers are sharing the Gospel, discipling new believers and developing faith communities in these regions, their witness is sometimes opposed, and following Jesus comes at great personal cost. Evangelism through social media reaches over 200,000 Muslims, radio ministry another 25,000, and a growing network of house churches is being planted. A school targeted at young adults offers online workshops on communication and stress management, then connects students with believers who build friendships, and introduce them to the Gospel. Our team disciples, resources, and equips new believers to be on mission in their own communities and become the next generation of national leaders in their country.



Regional Team Leader
Nasser al'Qahtani

Pray

- > For new believers experiencing rejection and persecution in these regions
- > For those who are producing Arabic-language evangelistic content that is tailored to specific audiences
- > For more workers to be called into ministry in this challenging context
- > For Regional Team Leader Nasser al'Qahtani, training up Christians in North America and beyond in effective outreach to Muslims

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