

Daily Prayer Guide

— December 2021 —



I wait for the Lord; my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

- Psalm 130:5-6



Thank you for praying!

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December 1 - 4

1 WEDNESDAY: MULTIPLY

GLOBAL

"We are currently working together on our agency's Strategic Plan, which we trust will serve us for years to come. Pray that our global workers, staff, leadership teams, and Board will have unity of conviction and clarity of articulation. We want to listen well and discern God's ways for us in terms of his vision, mission, values, and principles."

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. - Matthew 18:19

2 THURSDAY: DOUG HIEBERT

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

"I will be traveling to Uganda at the beginning of this month to meet with a new partner and to teach at a pastor's conference. Pray with me for God's kingdom to be furthered through this time together. Pray for the situation in Ethiopia, where ongoing violence is threatening to destabilize the whole country. Praise God that Multiply has been able to intervene practically in a small way. Pray for peace, and that believers will seek the peace of this nation."

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. - Acts 4:29

3 FRIDAY: JUSTAS AND KAMILE SERSTKOV

LITHUANIA

"We lack clarity right now. We have been so loved and supported here at 180° Church, and we will soon complete our apprenticeship and hope to church plant in Kaunas. However, our parenting leave, job changes, and completing my seminary studies have all been very challenging. Please pray for us as a family - our children, and our marriage - and for opportunities to rest and to listen to God. Pray that he would lead us in our next steps."

Direct my footsteps according to your word. - Psalm 119:133a

4 SATURDAY: STACY KUHN

PERU

Pray for Stacy, who was serving with the resourcing team in Piura, Peru. She and her teammates ran Casa Caminata, a residential discipleship house that discipled young women in an informal learning environment that fosters the building of strong character, and passionate love for God and others. Pray for

this ministry, currently on hold during the pandemic, and pray for the young women who have been discipled to continue their walk with Jesus.

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

December 5-11

5 SUNDAY: SANDRA FENDER

THAILAND

"Christmas outreaches will look different once again because of the increase of COVID-19 in the Chiang Mai area. Pray for creativity, renewed strength, and endurance for our team. Pray that my house in Chiang Mai will continue to bless others as a guest house for missionaries and national leaders as I continue to work remotely from the US. Pray as I balance these responsibilities with being the sole caretaker of mother, whose health continues to decline."

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. - 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT)

6 MONDAY: ISRAEL & SANDRA CHAVEZ-PLETT

MEXICO

"We are wrapping up another season of our HADIME discipleship program. Pray for our students as they return home and continue to apply all they've learned. As a conference we look forward to a Christmas celebration with the Guadalajara MB churches; pray that it is a unifying time despite pandemic limitations, and that this season would bring the refreshing of the Holy Spirit as we remember the birth of Christ."

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

7 TUESDAY: NASSER AL'QAHTANI

NORTH AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST

Pray for Nasser, serving as Multiply's Regional Team Leader for North Africa and the Middle East. Pray for ongoing evangelistic initiatives, discipleship of new believers, and developing of faith communities in these regions.

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

8 WEDNESDAY: WENDY EROS

JAPAN

“This year has seen many of us having to change plans at the last moment due to unforeseen circumstances. I am thankful for the patience God has given me in this season of life, as I wait in Canada for COVID-19 restrictions to be lifted in Japan, and for direction and clarification on what to do next. Please continue to pray for my return to Japan in the near future.”

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. - Proverbs 19:21

9 THURSDAY: RICKY & KAREN SANCHEZ

THAILAND

“Praise God for the continuing passion for global mission in our North American MB churches. God is moving in Southeast Asia, as well as in our churches at home! Pray more young people in North America to respond to the call to pray, give, and go to the nations. In Thailand, pray that Oiy, Noon, and Pet - three youth at our orphanage - will continue to walk with Jesus.”

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

10 FRIDAY: B & C

CENTRAL ASIA

“As we prepare to launch into Central Asia by August of next year, please pray for us, our conference, and for our next steps with our Colombian missionary agency Heme Aquí. Pray for us to have wisdom as we continue to co-pastor our church here in Cali.”

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. - Psalm 119:105

11 SATURDAY: RENÉ & LISA NYLAND

CANADA

“Please join us in praying for growth and strength. There are several bible studies occurring locally and we are praying for leaders within these gatherings to grow and be strengthened within the groups. Please continue to pray with us in faith for five new house church gatherings to emerge in this season.”

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

December 12-18

12 SUNDAY: KAI & DENISA (K & D)

WEST AFRICA

“So many are starving and dying due to terrorism and natural disasters. Please pray for peace and provision. Thousands of villagers have fled their homes, as crops are destroyed, animals stolen, and village chiefs and believers hunted down. Many pastors and their families are on the run, or without basic necessities. Pray that God will sustain them, provide miraculously for them, and empower them to be a witness for Christ. Pray that God would provide food and emergency support for villagers who have been displaced and that they would see Jesus as the only answer.”

The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin. - Exodus 34:6b-7a

13 MONDAY: EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

“Praise God for a recent retreat with other Multiply workers in Thailand. December brings opportunities to share about Jesus; please pray for pastor Nat's team from Hope Center as they do a Christmas outreach in her hometown. Pray that the new believers in our church would share the gospel with their neighbors during this time. Pray that hearts would be receptive to the Good News, and that lives would be changed.”

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. - 1 Corinthians 15:58

14 TUESDAY: VR

UKRAINE

“Pray for my daily personal evangelism, for wisdom, boldness, and love for the people in this country. There are days when I speak with three people, other days with ten. Pray for travels to Austria for Christmas, and back through Moldova. Thank the Lord for the conversion of my nephew, and that the seed sown is now bearing much fruit!”

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. - 1 Timothy 6:12

LIKE THE WIND

WEST AFRICA | By Nikki White

“These people are nomadic, and that can make them very difficult to find,” the pastor explained, speaking of the challenging realities of trying to bring the Gospel to tribal groups living in areas of West Africa that are harsh, both environmentally and spiritually. “They come, and they go. You can be looking for a family that you saw yesterday, only to find that they have already moved on. A neighbor might tell you to look for them by such-and-such a well, or next to such-and-such a tree.”

“It’s a rough place,” he commented. “And the people? They are like the wind.”

There are few, if any, Christian churches in this region. Many of the people groups are warrior-like in nature. “It takes a lot of wisdom and courage to talk to such people about Jesus,” the pastor said, then added wryly, “Especially when they are wearing a saber!”

Even with these deterrents, a wave of evangelistic zeal has broken out in this region to reach a particular nomadic, tribal people group. Men and women bearing the truth of the Gospel are risking their lives and sacrificing their own comfort to follow those who, in turn, are following their

own flocks. While the nomads wander, ever in search of life-giving water, these evangelists hope to lead them to the Living Water that is found only in Jesus.

“We are not many,” said the pastor, “but we are faithful. We join hands and come together. The Bible tells us to take the Gospel from Jerusalem to Samaria to the ends of the earth, and that is what we will do. I thank God that the Gospel is now being shared here in our country! Still, there are many yet to be reached, and a great need for more workers.”

It is not an easy calling. Evangelists travel for miles every day in order to share the Word of God with nomads who are always on the move. Determined to bring the Good News, they travel by camel, donkey, or motorcycle; others make the three-hour daily trek on foot.

“Pray for more workers to be raised up and called here,” the pastor said earnestly. “Pray for strong and resilient families who will be willing to sacrifice much for the sake of our Savior, who sacrificed everything for us.”

MAKING THINGS POSSIBLE

GERMANY | By Johanna Neudorf

My friend Viki works at a kiosk next to the subway station here in Dortmund. One Tuesday after work, I spontaneously decided to stop by. She was pleased to see me, and in between tending to her customers we talked about this and that. I learned a bit about her work, and she shared hilarious stories about things that happen during her shifts.

We were interrupted often by those coming to buy tobacco, lottery tickets, and other goods. She greeted each one by name, involved them in friendly conversation, and brightened their day. Did Viki realize, I wondered, the impact she was making?

I thought back to an expression that our pastor uses, about being a person that “makes things possible”. In our church, he explained, we look for people who make things possible: men and women who want to change something in their world with the strength that God gives them.

I thought about the pastor in Paraguay who, with so little money and so many pandemic restrictions, takes time to pray for every individual. He is a person that makes things possible. Then, there is the technician at church doing live-streaming; because of him,

people hear the Gospel all over the world. There is the young mother who pays a babysitter so she can take time to counsel teenagers; the housewife putting her career on hold to be present for her family; the geriatric nurse giving her time to care for my grandmother. They are all making things possible for the people in their world.

Suddenly, the door closed behind the last customer and Viki turned to pick up our conversation. I talked about my job at the kindergarten, how exhausting it sometimes felt as I struggled to build relationships, inspire trust, and be creative. I told her how glad I was to finally be establishing good connections with the children.

“I am not surprised,” she commented. “Not everyone gets along with children; you are one of those people. How would the pastor say it? You are a person that makes things possible!”

I was blown away. Viki had only come to our church a few times, yet knew our pastor’s expression and had used it perfectly to encourage me. I left her shop that day understanding even better how God can use us all to make things possible in this world.

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15 WEDNESDAY: LAVERN PRATT **PANAMA**

“Please join me in prayer for the Wounaan churches as they reach out to evangelize, teach, and encourage isolated believers. Pray that I can develop significant and lasting relationships with partnership churches and individuals, strengthening the work in Panama and deepening our relationships with indigenous believers there. This work is impossible without prayer!”

Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. - 2 Corinthians 1:11

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

“December, January and February are the coldest three months in Mongolia. Pray for the many families that have inadequate housing and insufficient funds for the needed coal and wood to warm their houses. Almost 30% of this country is in poverty. Pray that they would cry out to the Lord and find his provision.”

But the Lord says, “Now I will arise! I will defend the poor, those who were plundered, the oppressed, and the needy who groan for help. I will spring into action to rescue and protect them!” - Psalm 12:5

17 FRIDAY: DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS **THAILAND**

“Pray for the Christmas outreaches in Thailand and Myanmar, as teams from the Lighthouse churches proclaim the story of Jesus in many new locations. Pray that our teams would serve with joy and that God would give them strength during the long days. Lord, we ask for special protection for the churches in Myanmar. Protect them from violence. Give them food to eat every day and give them great joy in proclaiming that Jesus is alive. Amen!”

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God and my rock, in whom I take refuge. - 1 Samuel 22:2-3

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

“Please pray with us for the local kids and families, as we share the real story of Christmas during the Fête de Noel. This will be our first Christmas event for our neighborhood since the beginning of COVID-19. May hearts be soft, minds be open, and lives be changed by Jesus, our Emmanuel!”

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. - Ephesians 6:14-15

December 19-25

19 SUNDAY: REBECCA HIEBERT **THAILAND**

“This is my first Christmas in Canada in nine years! Praise God for the opportunity to spend time with family over the holidays. Pray for the Christmas outreaches taking place in Thailand, and especially those in communities where we hope to see new cell groups forming over the next year.”

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. - Matthew 18:20

20 MONDAY: JOANNA CHAPA **PERU**

“Immanuel came to show us the power of presence, of being with us. And I’m excited to be back in Peru for a few weeks with our churches, as I hear what our Good Shepherd has brought them through, how he’s walked with them, and pray about how we can keep being the presence of Jesus to one other and to the world. Pray for our churches in Peru as they continue to process the presence of Jesus in and through their lives!”

My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. - Exodus 33:14b

21 TUESDAY: JOANNA & JONATHAN GUTIERREZ **PORTUGAL**

“Pray as we continue to seek God during a new season of leadership transitions. Pastor Marques asks for prayer to continue in the fear of the Lord, not of man, in the face of bringing forth changes. Pray that the leaders have vision, focus, accountability, vulnerability, and unity.”

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. - 2 Thessalonians 1:11

22 WEDNESDAY: JOHANNA NEUDORF GERMANY

“Thank the Lord for being the rock of our church here in Dortmund. As the community grows, so do the challenges. Pray for our team to have strength, wisdom, and more workers for the harvest. Pray for the children, as they are preparing a special Christmas play and starting their own separate program during Sunday services. Pray for our neighbors as we reach out to them with gifts and flyers inviting them to join us in celebrating Jesus’ birth.”

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

23 THURSDAY: ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN MEXICO

“Our transition to Canada continues, and we now have a small place that we are renting and working to furnish. We are closer to some family and friends, but further from our kids and Mexican friends. Transition also includes becoming involved in local church planting, indigenous church planting, and involvement in training. Pray for us to find avenues for continued fruitful ministry for Anne, as her gifting tends towards more formal situations.”

He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle. They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest... - Psalm 107:35-37

24 FRIDAY: G & N CENTRAL ASIA

“We continue our season of visiting supporting churches in North America. Praise God that G’s glaucoma seems to be stabilizing; please pray for complete healing. Pray for the political and economic crises in Central Asia. Pray also for Christians and foreign diplomats facing persecution and government control. Pray that God would provide for the most vulnerable: the orphans, elderly, widows and refugees.”

The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him - may your hearts live forever! - Psalm 22:26

25 SATURDAY: TOMAS & MELODY VIDAL MEXICO

“Praise God for volunteers that have arrived at the training center and will be staying for several months to help out in various ways. Our 2021 HADIME

discipleship program finishes this month; pray for the student’s transition home, and for encouragement and joy as they follow God through new challenges. Pray as we evaluate our first year as a new team and continue to learn how to work together.”

And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. - Colossians 3:14 (ESV)

December 26 - 31

26 SUNDAY: CYNTHIA FRIESEN THAILAND

“Praise God for the recovery of those Thai workers, staff, and families that were hospitalized and quarantined with COVID-19. Chiang Mai continues to have rising cases. Schools are still closed, and online schooling is challenging everyone, especially our moms at Naomi House. Pray for our Thai workers as they tirelessly juggle work, homeschooling, financial challenges, and spiritual battles in this hard season. Praise God that they all testify to God’s miracles, blessings, and faithfulness. Prayer has been their weapon and their lifeline.”

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

27 MONDAY: CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT JAPAN

“Please pray for guidance and provision as we translate and publish new ministry resources in Japanese. Pray also for Cory as he joins an evangelism mission to Nagoya. Pray for Roses Church in the park among the homeless, for challenging prison ministries, and for the English outreach through Ishibashi Church.”

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 6:19a

28 TUESDAY: ANDY & CARMEN OWEN THAILAND

“Thank you so much for faithfully praying for our family over our twenty years of serving in Thailand. Please pray for us this month as we make the transition to Wichita, Kansas, where Carmen will carry on in a half time role with Multiply, and Andy will begin serving as a pastor at Ridgepoint Church. Our location is changing, but our calling to follow Jesus and live on mission continues!”

That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.
- 1 Timothy 4:10

29 WEDNESDAY: SEAN & SANDRA (S & S) EAST ASIA

“We are really encouraged by the local believers in Asia who are part of a huge online weekly prayer meeting for cross-cultural missions! This has led to real opportunities for many people to learn about mission and lean into ministry with minority groups, starting with prayer. Please continue to pray for D, one of our translators who has been pulling away from her faith in Jesus.”

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- Hebrews 10:25

30 THURSDAY: EMERSON CARDOSO BRAZIL

Pray for Emerson in his many different roles: as Multiply’s Regional Director for Latin and Central America, supporting and training church leaders and global workers; on the board of the MB Conference of Churches in Brazil; and as chair of the executive committee of the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB).

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message ... - John 17:20

31 FRIDAY: 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.

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. - Luke 18:16

Regional Spotlight: Southeast Asia

Multiply Global Workers are serving in thriving church planting movements and holistic ministries in Thailand, Myanmar, the Philippines, and neighboring countries with a restricted communication protocol due to religious persecution. We partner with key national leaders in bringing the Gospel to remote villages, equipping bi-vocational pastors through small, self-sustainable business ventures, promoting community development projects, and discipling and training new believers for leadership in their context. Political unrest, economic struggles, disease, societal corruption, and a growing disillusionment with Buddhism and other traditional belief systems have resulted in unprecedented openness to the Gospel.



Pray

- > For effective and creative strategies for connecting with local and remote communities
- > For strength of national churches and church leaders
- > For courage for believers facing rejection and persecution in their communities
- > For workers to find favor with those in authority and be bold in their witness
- > For Regional Team Leaders Bob Davis and Louise Sinclair-Peters, overseeing outreach, holistic ministry, leadership development, and church planting in this region

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