

Daily Prayer Guide

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Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

– John 4:14

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Thank you for praying!

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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.

February 1 - 2

FRIDAY (1): WENDY EROS

JAPAN

“Thank you for your prayers; they fill me with encouragement, hope and joy! This year please pray for the English students to draw nearer to our heavenly Father. Through weekly chapel times and one-on-one tea times outside of class, many students are learning how much they need God. Some have seen God answer my prayers for them - what a blessing! Pray for continued healing for my knees, and that the pain will be gone by spring. Pray also for Toyota Higashi Christ Church. We are going through some difficult times and need the Lord’s guidance and peace to unite us!”

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

SATURDAY (2): TONY & SARAH BROWN

PANAMA

“We are starting our third year in Panama with great hope! We are continuing to press in to deeper friendships and relationships with young leaders. Please pray that these relationships flourish, as they are key to our role of supporting the Wounaan church in ways that no book, curriculum, or teaching could offer. Pray for wisdom for Tony as he is learning the Wounaan language.”

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. -Romans 15:13

February 3 - 9

SUNDAY (3): S & D

RESTRICTED

“We have been forced to stop meeting together and are instead meeting in separate, small groups throughout the city. Pray that this would allow for greater unity and for people to hear the Good News in a comfortable, smaller setting. As we start to teach English one day a week to high school students in the town, pray that we build good relationships, teach them with integrity and that they would be open to hearing the Gospel. Pray for more short- and long-term workers to come to work here. Pray for spiritual protection for us and the young leaders we are discipling.”

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. - Ephesians 6:18

MONDAY (4): REBECCA HIEBERT

THAILAND

“I am currently travelling around Canada, sharing stories about what God is doing in Thailand. I am thankful for the opportunity to reconnect with family and supporters. Pray for Bethel Church and Hope Center Church as they are without a global worker while I am away. Pray that they will discover how strong they actually are. Pray for those attending *Simply the Story* training at Hope Center from February 18 to March 2, that they will become passionate about God’s Word and ready to share the Gospel and disciple other people.”

Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. - Psalm 86:11

TUESDAY (5): SANDRA PLETT

MEXICO

“Our students are settling into community life and we are getting to know them in their strengths, weaknesses and the particular call God has for each one of them. As we spend time in different teachings and ministry outreaches I want to be in tune for specific words that God has for them. Pray for deep love and joy in the discipleship process, as it requires wisdom and boldness to speak truth into their lives.”

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. - John 16:13

WEDNESDAY (6): OTTO & MARJORIE EKK

PORTUGAL

“We will be visiting through May, and we really look forward to seeing all of you soon. The healing for Otto’s torn retina has been slow but the specialist does say it is healing. We are very thankful for the five growing churches, and one more in the beginning stages. Pray for each of our leaders: Jose and Paula, Marques and Celma, Moises and Maria, Hendrik and Maggie, Sasha and Nadya, Walter and Nadya, Joanna, and Nadine.”

Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. - Isaiah 58:12 (NKJV)

THURSDAY (7): CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT

JAPAN

“We thank God for a smooth transition back to Japan for our second term. Pray for our new bi-weekly English Bible café that starts on February 8 at the Ishibashi Christ Church, that God will bring people who are seeking after him, that this group will be united in Christ and that his presence will fill the group. Pray that the Japan Mennonite Brethren group going to SOAR

Heartland in Winnipeg will go deeper with Jesus, will receive new vision from God, and be excited to be sent back to the harvest field of Japan.”

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. – Isaiah 58:10

FRIDAY (8): ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG

MONGOLIA

“We are awaiting the delivery of our Mongolian daughter Saikhnaa’s first baby. This can be a challenge in a country with a corrupt, sub-standard medical system where doctors often push for C-sections in order to earn more money. Pray for an honest doctor, for a safe delivery and for peace in the process. Along with this, pray for change in the medical system in this country, that corruption would be exposed and that a higher standard of care would be adopted.”

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6,7

SATURDAY (9): ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN

MEXICO

“We’ve made the move to Tlaxiaco, and are mostly moved in. My shop will take a while longer, but the two-bedroom apartment is cozy, all the art is hung up, and the kitchen is workable. We are enjoying settling in. We live right in a complex of *Sin Frontera* apartments, with students and field missionaries moving around and knocking on the door frequently. Anne says this is like living in a dorm again!”

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. –Psalm 23:2

February 10 - 16

SUNDAY (10): P & S

RESTRICTED

“After four months of observation, discernment and prayer, we are preparing to move forward in some areas of ministry in our city. Pray for a new English course we are starting this month, that it will be an avenue for outreach and service in our community. As our national leaders are entering a season of change, please pray for clear communication of goals and expectations, and for a smooth transition. We want to be a bold witness willing to speak truth and hope into the lives around us.”

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. - Lamentations 3:25-26

MONDAY (11): PHIL & CAROL BERGEN

BURKINA FASO

“Please pray for the forty people who will be baptized at the grand opening of the Kodona church in Easter, that their hearts would be thirsting for understanding as they learn about the Christian life in these next months. May they truly understand and appreciate their greatest treasure, and be compelled to share it with others.”

How great the Lord is! He always protects his people and gives them wisdom and knowledge. Their greatest treasure is their reverence for the Lord. - Isaiah 33:5-6

TUESDAY (12): S & B

RESTRICTED

“We are enjoying our sabbatical of renewal in North America, with time spent in the Word, in the presence of God and worshipping in community. Pray for our family during this time of transition, that our kids would make good friends who would grow with them, support and encourage them. Pray for discernment as we work with Multiply to discern our assignment in this new season.”

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. - Deuteronomy 28:12

WEDNESDAY (13): JILL RAMER

THAILAND

“I will officially end my time of service with Multiply, but I am excited to have returned to Thailand this February to volunteer with Cornerstone Counseling Foundation. I continue learning Thai language and culture, looking to use the gifts that God has given me and to continue to be a part of our Mennonite Brethren church plants in an informal capacity. Please pray for me as I follow Jesus in this new adventure.”

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. - Phil 3:13-14

THURSDAY (14): J & F

RESTRICTED

“We are amazed at how God led us years ago to begin building a business here. Its influence continues to grow and we are still full of faith that this company is destined to bring increasing kingdom transformation to our region. Due to

increasing nationalism and religious persecution here, we need to cease being in the employment of a religious organization, terminate our employment with Multiply and fully lean on our business for our financial needs. We're grateful for your prayers, especially at this time!"

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. – Philippians 4:12-13

FRIDAY (15): JOANNA CHAPA PERU

"Pray that the Spirit of Jesus may continue to lead the Peruvian Mennonite Brethren Conference Board, pastors, and churches as a whole. The entire Body needs to be about what Jesus is about! Pray for the many that were reached throughout the Christmas season, that this will result in children and entire families knowing that they are valued and welcomed in the kingdom of God! I am in North America now until May, visiting friends and supporting churches. I hope to see most, if not all of you soon!"

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. - 1 Thessalonians 3:11

SATURDAY (16): JOANNA PHARAZYN PORTUGAL

"Pray with us for those who are the Church in Portugal to have a deeper intimacy with Jesus. Pray that this intimacy would embolden his beloved ones to let their light shine. Pray that all those around would see the light and, as the following verses tell us, that all that has been hidden will be exposed, and thus people will experience real freedom."

No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. - Luke 8:16

February 17 - 23

SUNDAY (17): JOHANNA NEUDORF GERMANY

"Thank God for the conclusion of our year-long discipleship course with new believers, and praise God for a new group of women who have started the same course this year. Pray that the Spirit would teach their hearts as we talk about how to follow Jesus. Pray also for the upcoming process of appointing new elders and deacons in our church in Neuwied. May our young believers take an active part in this process and discern their calling and their God-given gifts, for the benefit of the whole body of Christ."

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. – 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

MONDAY (18): EDD & INGRID RUSSELL THAILAND

"We are thankful for the vision team from California which came for a short visit in January, taking time in their busy schedule to come see the work here in Nongkhai province. We were encouraged through their prayers for us as we shared our vision for this area. Please pray for the follow-up with those who believed in Jesus during our Christmas outreach. Several come from an area which currently has no church. Pray that they would grow in their faith and in their desire to know God more. We pray that this would develop into a new area of ministry as new disciples are trained to make disciples."

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, May give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better. - Ephesians 1: 17

TUESDAY (19): DOUG & DEANNA HIEBERT BURUNDI

"Thank you for praying for our new school staff. They are an amazing addition. Please continue to pray for all the staff as they continue to sacrifice their lives in a challenging situation. Pray for the medical clinic. It has the potential to touch many people's lives but at present, due to government restrictions, its impact is limited. Pray for wisdom and breakthrough. Pray for neighboring Congo. The situation there continues to deteriorate with increased fighting and the spread of ebola."

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. – Jeremiah 17:8

WEDNESDAY (20): DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS THAILAND

"Thank you for praying for courage and boldness for our house church in Ann, Rakhine State. In the face of persecution and fear, our new believers have not stopped sharing about their love for Jesus! Pastor Isaiah and Pastor Moe Aung were able to visit the new believers last month and rent them a house where they will have more privacy and protection when they gather for worship. Praise God, the most powerful witch doctor in the whole region is now a disciple of Jesus Christ!"

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

THURSDAY (21): VR

UKRAINE

“In April I will be moving to Odessa, please pray as I begin preparations for this and search for a new place to live, as well as a church where I may serve. I hope to find an opportunity to teach Spanish, and begin a Bible study. Pray that I would lead a life of prayer.”

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

FRIDAY (22): ANDY & CARMEN OWEN

THAILAND

“After eighteen years of full-time service, we are grateful to have begun our combined sabbatical and study leave in January. Our organization recognizes that in order for their workers to have long-term effectiveness in ministry, they must occasionally step back to rest, reflect, and refocus. This is not a vacation, but rather a structured time to replenish and regroup, with sabbatical coaches to encourage us towards future ministry. Please pray for us during this process.”

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

SATURDAY (23): M & R

RESTRICTED

“Please join us in praying for the ministry of our national leader here. Thank you for all of the support and prayers that you have sent our way regarding fostering. Please pray for us as we seek to love our foster children and their family well. M’s dad has been diagnosed with cancer, and is currently undergoing his first round of chemo. Please pray for healing, as well as for strength and joy for the whole family in the midst of this hard time.”

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. - Acts 4:30

February 24 - 28

SUNDAY (24): RICKY & KAREN HUEBERT-SANCHEZ

THAILAND

Ricky serves as president of the Thailand Mennonite Brethren Foundation and the Regional Mobilizer for Southeast Asia, and Karen is the Founder/Director of the Abundant Life Home for orphans. Pray for their involvement in leadership development, worker recruitment and church planting.

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of like and imitate their faith. - Hebrews 13:7

MONDAY (25): 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 Mennonite Brethren Conference.

Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. - Romans 5:5

TUESDAY (26): SANDRA FENDER

THAILAND

Pray for Sandra, who is using her hospitality and teaching gifts to support Thai national leaders and evangelists at the Hope Center in Chachoengsao and in Phan Thong, Chonburi. Pray also for her work assisting the Burmese leaders at the three Burmese church plants in Thailand.

For the foundations of the earth are the Lord’s; on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful servants. - 1 Samuel 2:8-9

WEDNESDAY (27): AK

RESTRICTED

Pray for this worker, based in North America and serving with the Multiply Mobilization team. Pray as she continues to work with an international peace initiative that takes place in various countries during the summer months.

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

THURSDAY (28): 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.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

- Colossians 4:5-6

SPOTLIGHT ON BURKINA FASO

Although over half the population of Burkina Faso follows Islam, Multiply workers and partners are seeing the fruit of many years of faithful work in Scripture translation. They are preaching the Gospel and planting churches among an unreached people group called the Nanerige. Many are coming to faith in Jesus and spreading the Good News among their own communities.



Pray

- For recent violent events that have resulted in several kidnappings and deaths
- For bold proclamation of the Gospel throughout the country
- For effective discipleship and spiritual maturity in the lives of new believers
- For strong leadership training and holistic ministry (community health, agricultural initiatives, literacy, etc.)

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