

Daily Prayer Guide

— January 2022 —



The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer.

1 Peter 3:12

Thank you for praying!

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January 1

1 SATURDAY: JOHN ERVIN

WORLDWIDE

“Praise God for Cullen Klassen, who will begin his role as Multiply’s new video producer this month. This is an answer to many prayers! Continue to pray for Pablo and Maricela Chavez and their family, the first Hispanic family that Multiply has mobilized from California in fifteen years. Pray for them to be able to launch into ministry in Peru this coming May. Pray that I can tell their story well, in video form.”

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

January 2-8

2 SUNDAY: JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

“God has provided us with some amazing volunteers for the next six months! Giraldo, one of our Colombian students from last year, decided he wanted to return and bring his parents. We are blown away with all their skills in maintaining equipment, preparing for, and receiving rental groups, and handling our social media. Praise God also for a solid and diverse group of students that will begin discipleship training in February. Pray for the details of their finances, flights, and visas.”

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

3 MONDAY: CECIL & TRACY RAMOS

THAILAND

“The new year is bringing new adventures and new challenges; praise Jesus for all of it! By March we will officially launch our first MB church here in Phan Thong, Chonburi! Tracy and I have been with Multiply for nearly a decade, and in Thailand for eight years, and this has been a dream of ours. Now we are walking into this next chapter of our lives and ministry. Please pray for our family, the Thai leaders we work with, and the believers worshipping in our home each week.”

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. - Matthew 16:19

4 TUESDAY: WENDY EROS

JAPAN

“I pray that all you and your families had a blessed Christmas. Please join me in praying that 2022 will be a better year for us all! Pray that my visa applications will go through smoothly for my return to Japan by the end of March. Pray also for the Fujigaoka Christ Church and the Komaki Hope Chapel English students, that their hearts would be open to receiving Jesus. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support.”

*May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.
- Psalm 33:22*

5 WEDNESDAY: PABLO & MARICELA CHAVEZ

PERU

“We have said our initial goodbyes to our jobs, coworkers, and home church. *Iglesia El Buen Pastor* was home for our family for eighteen years, and we pastored there for sixteen years. We came back from our vision trip to Peru on December 11; please pray for us to be able to return there by May to serve long-term.”

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him. - Psalm 37:23

6 THURSDAY: MAXYM & ANYA OLIFEROVSKI

UKRAINE

“Praise God for keeping us safe and not allowing the war here to escalate! We thank him for continued opportunities to serve those with profound physical and spiritual needs, as New Hope Center reaches many new families in crisis. Please pray for the church plants in Dnipro and Zaporozhye to grow and produce mature disciples.”

I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. - Psalm 34:2

7 FRIDAY: JON & BONNIE ESAU

THAILAND

“This is our last month with Multiply, as we move into the next chapter of life and ministry. As of February 1, Jon will begin his new role as National Leader of Intercultural Ministries with Connecting Streams at Power to Change. Thank you to everyone who has supported us over these past ten years with financial and prayer support, and with many timely words of encouragement. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and thankfulness for each and every one of you!”

You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me. - Luke 22:28-29

For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end. - Psalm 48:14

8 SATURDAY: AURÉLIE HIRSCHLER

BURUNDI

“Please pray for Burundi. There is a shortage of fuel here, drastically impacting the country. Praise God for the times I can spend with my neighbors, in our church house group, and sharing the Word of God in church. Pray for the 500 students of Karubabi Harvest School, and that God would renew the strength of the staff and give them wisdom to do well. I would also like to learn Kirundi with more effort!”

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

January 9-15

9 SUNDAY: BRAD & CASADI SCHROEDER

THAILAND

“We are super grateful to meet and be a part of the lives of the people living on Monkey Mountain, and for the honor of learning from and being a part of the Zion church team. Praise God for being able to play even the tiniest part of showing God’s love to Thailand and thank you for your prayers and support that help make it possible for us to serve here.”

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

10 MONDAY: TRAVIS JOST

BURUNDI

“For me, January means doing the ‘good-bye thing’ again as I head back to Burundi. I reflect on my last few months here in the US with sincere gratitude. When I left here three years ago, I knew that reunions would be all the more sweet, and God has certainly delivered on that. Sitting in the same space with family and friends has been rewarding as we were able to learn, proclaim, laugh, cry, and rejoice together. We can’t tell the story if we don’t go. Let’s do it again. Let’s go.”

11 TUESDAY: ELEAZAR & SHAILA DIAZ-ORTIZ

MEXICO

Pray for this couple as they help equip young adults for mission through the HADIME discipleship program at the Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara. Eleazar also oversees the Aquila and Priscila Bible program, offering theological training online to the local churches of Mexico.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. - Colossians 3:16

12 WEDNESDAY: 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.

For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything... And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. - Hebrews 3:4, 6

13 THURSDAY: SEAN & JUDITH FAST

LITHUANIA

“Pray for us as Sean works to complete all his assignments this semester, and Judy meets with LCC university students and runs events. Continue to pray for Myanmar, that many people would come to know Jesus despite all that is going on there. Pray for peace to reign in the land, and for the breaking of the oppressive and violent yolk that has held that country for so long.”

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. - 1 Timothy 1:12

14 FRIDAY: KYLA SINCLAIR-PETERS

CANADA

Pray for this worker as she cares for marginalized individuals and ministers to immigrants from an unreached Buddhist people group in Toronto. Pray for this group to encounter Jesus in ways that would birth a disciple-making movement within their own cultural context.

When Everything Goes Wrong

THAILAND | By Louise Sinclair-Peters

It was over two years ago that God gave us a vision for the Beautiful Butterfly Project, a vision to teach young Buddhist women in Myanmar how to sew. Making marketable goods would not only provide them with a sustainable income, but also provide us with a platform for sharing the Gospel. As we prepared to launch this program in Yangon, we were full of faith.

Then everything that could go wrong, did go wrong.

The pandemic forced us, along with so many global workers, to leave the mission field. Then a military coup took place, making a return to Myanmar impossible for the foreseeable future. It was discouraging.

When we were finally able to return to Southeast Asia, we settled in Mae Sot in western Thailand. Bordering Myanmar, Mae Sot had a large population of refugees fleeing military oppression, internal displacement camps, and extreme poverty. Seeing so many young Buddhist women in need of help and hope, we realized that we could bring both by launching the Beautiful Butterfly project in this city. Again, everything went wrong. The national pastor leading us was hospitalized. The shipment of cloth from Canada ended up at the wrong

port. Our sewing instructor quit. I wondered; did we even hear from God at all? Then one of the young Myanmar women told us earnestly, "Please don't give up." We prayed even more earnestly for the vision that God gave us to reach these young women.

And everything that could go well, did go well.

Within days we met a sewing teacher, fluent in Thai and with great influence in the community. Not only did she introduce us to many Buddhist women eager to learn to sew, but she brought six of them to church! When we began our classes I saw right away how open these women were to the Gospel.

"God created the world," I told them, "and he created you!" Contemplating this, one girl said, "Then I must be special!" Yes, I told her, you are. In that moment I felt so grateful that we had not given up when everything was going wrong.

"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised ... we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved." Hebrews 10:36, 39

Slowly, Very Slowly

WEST AFRICA | By Denisa

"It has gone very, very slowly," said Izi, reflecting on his last two years spent building relationships and sharing the Gospel in a new region. "It feels like hard ground."

Izi had been pastoring a local church in his village in West Africa for some years when he sensed God calling him to plant a new church in a nearby city. In preparation for leaving, he spent time discipling a leadership intern to take on his pastoral role, and a local church sponsored this intern to attend Bible school until he was fully equipped and ready for the position. Then, confident that the church would be in good hands, Izi and his wife left the village and prepared to start all over.

"It took two years of living and working in the new community," Izi said, "before people began to trust us." The time was well spent. Recently, Izi and his wife approached the governing authorities to ask permission for a showing of the Jesus Film. They were thrilled to be given approval for the event. When, on the night of the showing, the local police showed up unexpectedly, it was not to shut down the show, but to offer their protection during the event!

Likewise, Izi's wife spent many months integrating herself into the local community of women in order to gain their acceptance. Because she is not free to speak openly about faith in Jesus in this Muslim context, she was determined to display God's love in her behavior and in tangible acts of simple kindness. Again, time well spent. Now, several women have told her secretly that they do want to follow Jesus but feel that, for now, they must hide their decision from their husbands and Muslim community to avoid persecution. She respects their dilemma and continues to offer a friendship that demonstrates the Good News without words. "Slowly, very slowly" is an effective strategy for Truth in Love in this global context, and it is bearing fruit.

"People here are beginning to accept us," Izi said. "Their hearts are softening." Along with softening hearts, Izi and his wife are planning to soften the land itself, looking to launch a small agricultural business that will allow them to become self-supporting in ministry. It will be backbreaking work, but then, they are used to hard ground.

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I know whom I have believed and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. - 2 Timothy 1:12

15 SATURDAY: SARAH REED

AUSTRIA

“Pray for the early stages and formation of a Bible study group on the university campus here. Pray for unity in the Steyr church; in times of COVID-19 controversies, may love and peace rule over the fear in our hearts. Pray for good relationships and connections to form between Austrian and Persian believers within the local churches.”

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” - Ephesians 4:2

January 16-22

16 SUNDAY: A & R

CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving together to plant churches in Central Asia. Their vision is to rebuild and restore the church where historically it once flourished. Praise God for the transformed lives of disciples who are learning to walk in faith and maturity, experiencing freedom from bondage through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. - Galatians 5:1

17 MONDAY: MULTIPLY

USA/CANADA

Pray for the Multiply Board as our search for a general director continues. Praise God for more clarity being reached in defining our vision, mission, and values. Pray for continued transparency and humility.

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes, take the free gift of the water of life. - Revelation 22:17

18 TUESDAY: DYLAN & MARY

AUSTRIA

“The New Year brings a sense of anticipation. Please pray for a fresh excitement in our personal lives, various ministries, and church in Linz. May

God wipe away the exhaustion and confusion of the past year and bring new vision. Pray for a new yearning in the hearts of refugees in Austria, and that they will recognize this yearning as a call to give their lives to Jesus. Pray for our churches in Central Asia, that a new wave of the Holy Spirit would sweep through them.”

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

19 WEDNESDAY: GEDIMINAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE

LITHUANIA

Pray for this couple as they are church planting in Vilnius, a city that is experiencing an increasing number of first-generation Christians despite the distrust often shown to new religious groups. They are evangelizing and discipling others through Alpha courses, Bible studies, marriage classes, and discipleship training.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10

20 THURSDAY: JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER

THAILAND

“God is good! Praise him for the thousands of Myanmar people who heard the hope of Jesus during Christmas outreach, and for the hundreds who put their faith in him. Pray for our team as they follow up with new believers, invite them into church community, and begin discipling them. Pray for our leaders to be refreshed after a long season of busyness. Pray for the year ahead to bring many new church planting apprentices to come and serve.”

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. - Hebrews 12: 1

21 FRIDAY: LS

EAST ASIA

“Please pray that our team would soon be able to return and continue the work set out for us to do in East Asia. Pray also that, until then, we would see and take full advantage of what this season is meant to be for us.”

For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. - Philippians 1:8

22 SATURDAY: DORIS GOERTZ

JAPAN

“Praise God that we have been able to have English classes in person since October. Pray that this can continue. Pray for Ritsuko, an 80-year-old woman who was my student a number of years ago. She has been attending a house church group with her daughter, who came to faith through our English class program. Ritsuko has recently started studying the Bible with eagerness to learn. Praise God! Pray that she will give her life to Jesus.”

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Ephesians 2:10

January 22-28

23 SUNDAY: DAVID & SARAH

SOUTH ASIA

Pray for this couple as they resource the MB Conference and emerging church networks in South Asia. Sarah also trains others in trauma healing in various global contexts and provides leadership for a mission initiative in Canada among immigrants from a South Asian people group. David serves as Multiply's Regional Team Leader for South Asia.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. - John 17:18

24 MONDAY: KATIE MOUNT

THAILAND

“A new year always seems really exciting to me, especially as we start this year with two new kids at the Abundant Life Home. These children would otherwise be without family, safety, or the love of Jesus. God has done so many miracles this past year in the lives of the kids, the moms, and the women who have been rescued from the sex trade. Please pray for this holistic ministry that is making disciples and reaching far beyond our little community.”

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. - James 1:27

25 TUESDAY: JOHANN MATTHIES

EUROPE

Pray for Johann, in his role as Multiply's Regional Team Leader for Europe and Central Asia. Pray for his partnership with ICOMB (International Community of Mennonite Brethren), mobilizing European partners, churches, and schools

for world mission, and resourcing Multiply workers and projects within this combined region.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. - Psalm 84:11

26 WEDNESDAY: MARCELA & DAVID

FRANCE

“Praise God for the new house group, which meets in our home with two other families and two single women (N, whom I disciple, is one of them). Praise God for this answer to prayer - being able to have a more intimate gathering in which to share and learn together about him! Please pray for this group, that we could get to know God and each other better, and that it would be a blessing for everyone who attends!”

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

27 THURSDAY: NICK & KATELYNN BATEMAN

CANADA

“We continue to work through a difficult season, serving God and others as best we can. With recent outbreaks among this First Nations group, anxieties are high. Pray that we may bring peace and practical help. Pray for Nick's family as they grieve the death of his grandmother.”

For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. - 2 Corinthians 1:5

28 FRIDAY: BOB & CHRIS DAVIS

THAILAND

“As well as being a Regional Team Leader with Multiply, Bob now represents ICOMB (the International Community of MB's) in the US. His main work will be connecting with USMB leaders, churches, and members, and facilitating their relationships with our global family of churches. Please pray for Bob as he steps into this new role, and for opportunities to open up for his national and international travel.”

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. - Colossians 4:5

29 SATURDAY: R & M

FRANCE

“Praise God that *StoryChannel* started broadcasting into North Africa and the Middle East on December 3, after over two years of effort and numerous obstacles. We are broadcasting in tribal languages spoken by several unreached people groups, a total of about 30 million people. May God use this channel and what little we have to offer for his glory, and may we see many become followers of Jesus and be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.”

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. - Revelation 15:4

January 30-31

30 SUNDAY: SOMDY & CHANH JUSSE

THAILAND

Pray for this couple, serving part-time among the Lao and Thai people groups of Thailand in the areas of church planting, discipleship and leadership development. They also serve part-time among the Thai community in Ontario.

And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” - Revelation 7: 10

31 MONDAY: TREVER & JOAN GODARD

LATIN AMERICA

“With mountains sliding down in torrential rains, farmland flooding, roads washed out, and new COVID-19 variants appearing, British Columbians seem to be entering 2022 with their certainties and securities shaken. In our little town, I hear people saying, ‘How much more can we take?’ As God’s image-bearers, it’s more important than ever that God’s word and presence in us carry light, hope, courage, and grace, as we live among our family, neighbors, and strangers here. That is our prayer for 2022.”

Keep constant watch over your soul and pray for the courage and grace to prevail over these things that are destined to occur. - Luke 21:36 (TPT)

Spotlight: Canada First Nations

Multiply is partnering with local churches to serve among First Nations (Native) people groups of Canada. Our global workers are involved in the proclamation and celebration of the Gospel of Jesus through an open acknowledgement of historical injustice and the abuse of First Nations peoples, education of non-indigenous peoples regarding First Nations history, building relationships of mutuality, and engaging in respectful social action when invited to do so.



Pray

- For healing from the trauma of recent discoveries of the bones of children, buried in unmarked graves on historic residential school properties
- For the team overseeing this sensitive ministry in Ontario and BC
- For relational bridges to be built that increase trust
- For wisdom to respectfully help with social and spiritual needs
- Give thanks for the land in which you live, and for the indigenous people groups that historically were placed there to be its stewards

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