

Daily Prayer Guide

January 2021



Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord!

- Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)

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January 1 - 2

1 FRIDAY: JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

“We’ve decided to postpone the start of our HADIME discipleship program until June. We are planning and preparing to be COVID safe, and as we are praying that God would provide the students for this program, we are talking with numerous probable candidates. I will also be moving to live on campus at the Matthew Training Center in early February. Please pray for me regarding this change and for adapting to a new role and responsibilities. Pray for all of us as a team to learn to work well together.”

The person who loves his life and pampers himself will miss true life! But the one who detaches his life from this world and abandons himself to me, will find true life and enjoy it forever! - John 12:25 (TPL)

2 SATURDAY: CECIL & TRACY RAMOS

THAILAND

“Upon reflecting on 2020 there’s a feeling of gratitude and thankfulness. We started off this year sharing with churches and small groups in North America about the faithfulness of Jesus and, although we ended up staying here longer than expected because of the pandemic, we have been able to have many conversations regarding racial injustice, politics, Jesus, and his kingdom. We look forward to returning to Thailand in 2021; may Jesus open the doors so we can return home and serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ.”

You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. - Acts 20:20

January 3 - 9

3 SUNDAY: PK

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Please pray for this worker, continuing to serve in various countries in Southeast Asia by mentoring pastors, church planters and other national leaders. Praise God that despite opposition the churches continue to grow, showing the love of God by clothing and feeding children, supporting agricultural projects and providing housing for college students where they can be discipled.

Feed the hungry and 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

4 MONDAY: MAXYM & ANYA OLIFEROVSKI

UKRAINE

“We are thankful that Johann Matthies came to visit in November to encourage local churches and ministries, and we are thankful to all who have been supporting church planting and compassion ministries here in Ukraine. We need your support! Please, join us to pray for the churches here to be flexible and creative in responding to the changing needs of people during the pandemic. May God’s spirit move mightily here to bring him even more glory!”

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. - Romans 11:36

5 TUESDAY: JON & BONNIE ESAU

THAILAND

“We are incredibly excited to proclaim God’s grace and power in healing Uncle Nong. He was proclaimed brain dead and, while in a coma, he stopped breathing and his heart stopped beating. Twenty minutes later, Chalorm laid his hands on him in prayer and God immediately re-started his heart and he began to breath! Uncle Nong is now talking and interacting with those that come to visit him. God is doing miracles in Thailand, and we yearn to be back there. Please pray for our daughter, Callie, as she is so incredibly homesick.”

Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. - Matthew 17:20

6 WEDNESDAY: EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA

PANAMA

Pray for this couple, working in Panama in partnership with the Colombian MB Conference, where they are discipling and training leaders among the Embera and Wounaan people groups in both Colombia and Panama. Praise God that they have recovered from COVID-19, and pray for the indigenous people that are being impacted by the pandemic.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? - 1 Corinthians 15:6

7 THURSDAY: TRAVIS JOST

BURUNDI

“In Burundi, there is a delicate relationship between business leaders and church leaders. Both sides have felt the sting of harmful experiences and fabricated stereotypes. Both sides approach one another with caution. Recently, eight small business dreamers participated in a development course

focused on Kingdom business. Pray for these business leaders as they grow their businesses and live out the teachings of the Bible.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

8 FRIDAY: BRAD & CASADI SCHROEDER THAILAND

“Please pray for friendships for our children. They have been making some friends here, through church connections and the orphanage, but please also pray for friends for them at school. Our desire is that Chonburi would feel like home for them. Pray that each of our kids would continue to hear from God daily, and that God would speak to them again and again of the call he has on their lives. Pray that each of the kids at ALH would sense God’s deep love for them and his calling on their lives.

God makes a home for the lonely; he leads out the prisoners into prosperity. - Psalm 68:6a

9 SATURDAY: ELEAZAR & SHAILA DIAZ-ORTIZ MEXICO

“Praise God for our new daughter, Elena Janelle! Please pray for us as new parents. Praise God that his Spirit continues to move in amazing ways. We started a Bible study group with the elders and their wives (and the worship leader) of the church where we are currently serving. That group has literally been the high point of every week, as we share what we read in our devotional and how God speaks to us, and study together the life of Jesus.”

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

January 10 - 16

10 SUNDAY: DEREK & TIFFANI PARENTEAU CANADA

Pray for this couple, serving First Nations communities in Ontario, Canada. Derek also trains and equips others to share the Good News with indigenous people groups globally.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. - Psalm 34:8

11 MONDAY: 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.

“As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me.” - John 9:4

12 TUESDAY: SEAN & JUDITH FAST THAILAND

“Praise God that we are meeting more neighbours in this time of lockdown than we did in the previous months. God is opening up doors in our own neighbourhood. While Pastor Isaiah was in lockdown on the coffee mountain for three months and unable to travel, he started a new church plant. This has quickly grown into our team’s biggest group! Please pray for outreach among the Naga people group.”

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. - Matthew 7:7-8

13 WEDNESDAY: SARAH REED AUSTRIA

“Praise God that I am now in Austria, and a few steps closer to getting my residence permit. Pray for the Steyr church to continue to be intentional about reaching out to each other and to the communities outside the church during lockdowns, and please pray for the Iranians in the church who have been feeling isolated.”

I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. - Psalm 121:1-2

14 THURSDAY: WALTER & INA REIMER GERMANY

Pray for this couple, living on mission in one of the most densely-populated and multi-cultural areas in Germany. Pray for their community outreach and ongoing work with refugees in their region.

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward. - Matthew 10:42

MIND THE EGGS

PORTUGAL | By Otto Ekk

Our Loures church has been celebrating stories of transformation, some of which did not look very promising in their early chapters. One of those stories involves a woman in her fifties named Lucena, a woman who had always been full of life, passion and love for the Lord. Until something happened that caused her past few years to be filled with agony and tears.

When Lucena's husband of over twenty years suddenly abandoned her and her teenage children, she was devastated. His claim to be a Christian only added to her hurt and humiliation. She struggled with anger and came before God begging him to supply her with work, to provide for her and not to leave her. She hung on to God's Word, trying to trust in his promises, but her financial situation continued to decline. The church helped as best it could, but the economy in Portugal is still in crisis, and people are all struggling to make ends meet.

There was one very low point when she looked in the refrigerator and saw not one single thing for her and her children to eat. "Oh God," she cried. "Not even one egg?" Mastering her fear and despair, she went to God

alone and spent time in prayer that afternoon, clinging to his goodness and his promises to take care of her. She told no one of her desperate need that day, but God alone. Then, later that afternoon, the doorbell rang. It was a couple who attended the Loures church.

"We felt God prompt us to come over to see you today," they explained, standing in the doorway with a big basket of food. "I hope you can use this!"

Lucena was shocked at how quickly God had responded to her prayers and overcome with gratitude. As she reached out to take the over-full basket, the gentleman cautioned her. "Mind the eggs." Lucena almost laughed out loud. No one but God had heard her earlier complaint! He had once again proved to her his faithfulness and shown his loving kindness through his people.

Pray for Lucena as she continues to seek to put her life into God's hands and trust him for provision, especially during this pandemic. Praise God that he continues to be at work in the lives of people here in Portugal!

WHAT NOW?

MYANMAR | By Louise Sinclair-Peters

From the day he announced that he would no longer follow Buddha, Ko Myo's family disowned him and his name was wiped off the village records and books. This meant that he was no longer a citizen of his village, and his children could no longer register for school. It was a painful rejection, and it was only the beginning.

Soon after, the slander began. Whenever something broke at the temple, it was deemed to be Ko Myo's fault. Town meetings were called to accuse him, and over time the animosity became so acute that Ko Myo was forced to live outside the village. And although he had been working with us at Lighthouse farm for some time, the threats that he received caused him to draw back. At the time, we thought that he had chosen to no longer work with us and discontinued the small stipend that he received. It was then that Ko Myo felt the lowest and loneliest in his life. Not only had he lost all his Buddhist friends and family, but he felt abandoned by his new Christian family as well.

"I would sit alone in the rice field," Ko Myo said, "and read my Bible

every day. It was a very difficult time. But God was there." In fact, it was during this time of isolation and persecution that God did something amazing for Ko Myo. "I got a phone call from the principal of the school," he shared. "He asked me to come to a town meeting. I thought, 'What now? What are they going to accuse me of?'"

At the meeting, the principal stood up and said, "Ko Myo, it is the new requirement of our government that the head of the school board must have a high school education. You are the only person in our village to do this. Before we pushed you out of our village, we also saw you volunteer your time to bring building supplies for the new school to our community. You are honest, educated and faithful, so we choose you to be president of the school board! Congratulations!"

Ko Myo was stunned, but humbly accepted the responsibility offered him. Since that day he has faithfully served our community, and encourages other believers to not give up, even in the face of rejection and persecution.

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15 FRIDAY: 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.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. - Matthew 13:44

16 SATURDAY: DORIS GOERTZ

JAPAN

“I’m thankful that I am able to teach my English classes in the church and that the students are eager to come. Toshio, a man in his 60’s who joined my class about four months ago, has been watching our service online. He says he feels at peace when he watches. Thank God for his openness and pray that he will come to faith in Jesus.”

In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. - Matthew 18:14

January 17 - 23

17 SUNDAY: DYLAN & MARY (D & M)

AUSTRIA

“We want to be totally real with you, and ask you to join us in praying for encouragement and purpose during this season. We are sure that you are experiencing similar feelings where you are as well, and so we pray for you, too. Our desire is to be joy-filled and positive in the midst of these uncertain times. We want to be an encouragement to those around us, to reassure them of the hope and security we have in Jesus, even when the world around us feels shaky.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

18 MONDAY: GEDAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE

LITHUANIA

Pray for this couple and their involvement with the Church in Lithuania, which is currently growing with an increasing number of first-generation Christians.

Pray for a new church plant planned in Kaunas, to be led by Justas and Kamile Serstkov.

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

19 TUESDAY: JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER

THAILAND

“We’ve just come through an incredibly busy and fruitful Christmas outreach season here in central Thailand. Hundreds of Myanmar migrant workers have heard the Gospel and responded. Now comes the hard part, as our team follows up with everyone and establishes discipleship relationships. Please pray for us and our leaders as we connect new believers with church families! Pray for new vision for this new year, as we continue to recover from the realities of COVID-19. Pray for us as a family to find margin in the busy schedule.”

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

20 WEDNESDAY: JOHN ERVIN

WORLDWIDE

“God continues to teach me as I seek to serve him in many different ways during this time. Pray for me as I help others to record their training videos, which will be used for our new global workers. Please continue to lift us up as we seek to live on mission in our own neighborhood.”

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

21 THURSDAY: D & S

SOUTH ASIA

Pray for this couple, based in North America and resourcing emerging church networks, justice organizations and the MB Conference in South Asia. They also serve to resource church plants in and around a large refugee camp in Southeast Africa. Pray for a new initiative planned among the Punjabi diaspora in Canada.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9

22 FRIDAY: KATIE MOUNT

THAILAND

Recently Katie made an emergency trip back to the US, as her dad suffered two strokes and a heart attack. He passed away in December; please pray for healing for Katie and her family as they process this loss.

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

23 SATURDAY: JOHANN MATTHIES

GERMANY

Continue to pray for Johann in his role as the director of European mission development. Pray that God will give him wisdom and guidance to relate to churches in Europe, and to help nurture their mission and vision. Pray especially for his role in resourcing the churches to respond to the ongoing refugee crisis in Germany.

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

January 24 - 30

24 SUNDAY: MT

EUROPE

“Last year was not easy for us, as I am sure it was not easy for you. As this new year starts, please pray that God continues to show us, as a family, the steps of faith we have to take and the different decisions we have to make. God had spoken to me on different occasions through Psalm 121, encouraging me to lift my eyes from our situation, and fix my eyes on him, from where my help comes from! He has been our help, and still is, so I encourage you to lift your eyes to him. He is faithful!”

I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. - Psalm 121:1-2

25 MONDAY: RICHARD & HAZEL FUNK

AUSTRIA

“2020 has been filled with the unknown. We are so thankful that our loving Father knew it all. He knew that many of our plans would be cancelled. We grieved, but always felt a deep peace. God kept working in the lives of new believers during challenging times. 2021 is the year that we both celebrate our

70th birthday! It is also the year that we will leave this country that has become home. It will be a year of goodbyes to Austria and hello to our new life in Canada. Our Father goes with us. He knows our plans and we trust his leading.”

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

26 TUESDAY: NICK & KATELYNN BATEMAN

CANADA

“The year 2020 has been much more active than most. It brought us home early from our TREK assignment in Winnipeg. We transitioned back to Ottawa, starting a new job and looking ahead to FOCUS training. And then as suddenly as we came home, we had the opportunity to move to Manitoulin Island, Ontario (our long-term ministry assignment) in a way that we never expected.

We give thanks to God who has worked in a very unexpected way to bring us here. Please pray as we set down roots and get to know both the Anishabek people and fellow settlers.”

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

27 WEDNESDAY: BOB & CHRIS DAVIS

THAILAND

“When we left Thailand in November 2019, our plan was to return again after four months in the US. Instead, it was more than a year! Please join us in praying that the global workers that have been unable to leave North America will soon be able to travel again.”

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 63:6-7

28 THURSDAY: R & M S

EUROPE

“Pray for us to leverage the power of media, especially using satellite TV, to act as a catalyst for church planting and making disciples among specific least reached tribal groups of North Africa. Although there are several Christian channels broadcasting into the region, this will be the only one broadcasting in the heart languages of these people groups.”

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. - Psalm 108:5

“Here is my hope for 2021 - to not dwell on the past, and to return to Thailand to serve! Please pray for God’s will, not my will, to be done. Please continue to pray for Phon Phisai church, for protection for all the new believers and for the church to grow.”

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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 43:18-19

“We celebrate forty years of marriage and thirty years as global workers! Praise God for this beautiful journey he has led us on! We are grateful for these many years to learn resilience and to learn to see opportunity in both easy and difficult circumstances. 2020 was a year of opportunity, and with joy and gratitude we are releasing leadership to a gifted team who will carry on the ministry here. Our hopes for 2021 is to joyfully seize the opportunities that God will open up to us as we transition back to life in Canada.”

And he will be the stability of your times, a wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is his treasure. - Isaiah 33:6

January 31

“We are grateful for our growing team. Johanna and Davina are now settled in Dortmund. Pray that as a team, we would grow in unity. Pray for Walter Reimer, our team leader and pastor, for wisdom as he shepherds this new burgeoning community.”

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

Spotlight on Burundi

After over 400 years of conflict between the Tutsi and Hutu tribes, a treaty between them in 2000 has yielded much hope for Burundi. However, Burundi remains one of the world’s poorest nations with the vast majority of people living below the poverty line. Multiply workers in Burundi are working with the Batwa people – a Pygmy group that is socially marginalized and oppressed – by sharing the Good News and meeting practical needs.



Pray:

- > For those impacted by COVID-19 and the economic crisis
- > For a move of God’s Spirit in the churches in Burundi
- > For strong connections between Multiply workers and local leaders
- > That communities would experience transformation as believers share God’s love in word and deed, especially during the pandemic

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