# **Daily Prayer Guide**

— MARCH 2024 —



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16



### Thank you for praying!

Prayer is the foundation of our ministry, which means that you play a vital role in the transformation of lives in mission.

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#### March 1 - 2

#### **1 FRIDAY: MULTIPLY (BRUCE ENNS)**

**GLOBAL** 

"Pray for the Multiply Board and for our organization as a whole to have continued unity and vision as we send disciple makers, equip missional leaders and strengthen global partnerships together, that the world would know Jesus."

And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ~ 2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

#### **2 SATURDAY: JEN SCHMIDT**

**MEXICO** 

"Pray for wisdom for us as leaders as we oversee the HADIME discipleship program which is underway for the next six months at the Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara. Pray for young leaders who are equipped to share the Gospel and for joy for the leaders in hosting the program."

Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ~ 1 John 5:14

#### March 3 - 9

#### **3 SUNDAY: CECIL & TRACY RAMOS**

**THAILAND** 

"After four months in North America, we are back in Thailand. Please pray for us for a smooth transition back into our ministry. Pray for our teammates in Phan Thong to be renewed by God's presence and joy and that they would grow deeper in their understanding of and devotion to Jesus. Pray that many people will be ready to follow Jesus in this next season."

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap. ~ Isaiah 55:12

#### **4 MONDAY: JOHN & JENN JOHNSTONE**

CANADA

Pray for this couple, serving to build and strengthen relationships between First Nations people groups and the Church through education, prayer, and the facilitation of bridge-building encounters. They are currently engaging with several different indigenous people groups within BC, and also serve as cultural liaisons with a youth initiative in Vancouver.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16

#### **5 TUESDAY: PABLO & MARICELA CHAVEZ**

**PERU** 

"The church at Almiratne Grau held a thanksgiving service for our one-year anniversary and invited the other MB churches in the area. We spent the day with two families, enjoying fellowship around the table and eating. Pray for the monthly pastors' breakfast that has started and is providing a space for pastors to be vulnerable and transparent. The new addition to our family is Nina, our hunting cat, who takes care of all the mice and rats! We praise God that none of us have been stung by the sixty-three scorpions to date found in our house. Pray also for safety as the increase in violence in the country is near us and around us."

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and fortress, my God, in whom I trust. ~ Psalm 91:1-2

#### **6 WEDNESDAY: MAXYM & ANYA OLIFEROVSKI**

**UKRAINE** 

"Father, we pray for victory for Ukraine. We pray for physical and emotional strength for people and for growing churches to receive and provide good care for the new believers. We ask for wisdom, strength and rest for church leaders as you, God, continue to send harvesters into the fields. God, we ask for victory over all evil. Help us to be good examples of resilience and faith in spite of hard circumstances."

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

#### 7 THURSDAY: RICK & KAREN SAWATZKY

LITHUANIA

"Please pray for the Lithuanian church conference in March, where all nine of our churches will gather to discuss unity and ways to reach the community. Pray that God uses the seminar I (Rick) am presenting there for his glory. Please pray that many would come to faith in Christ despite the challenges of a secular, former communist country. The rates of drug abuse and suicide are high. Pray for a softening of hearts where spiritual seeds can take root."

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains righteousness on you. ~ Hosea 10:12

"Please pray for Ozz, who is working on his Masters in Christian Ministry, after receiving his Bachelor's of Theology degree from Bangkok Bible Seminary in November 2023. Pray for God's peace for our boys as they adjust to another new school, and for me, Sara, as I have been appointed as a non-salaried grade nine English teacher at the school. Praise God for Naam, the Christian teacher at Huaykaew School, who brought twelve boarding school children to the Christmas outreach at RimKhan Fellowship Church. All twelve students raised their hands to respond to the Gospel message!"

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~ Matthew 19:14

#### 9 SATURDAY: AURÉLIE HIRSCHLER

BURUNDI

"Pray that I would be a light for Christ amidst the challenge of shortages and rising food and fuel prices. Poverty leads students into quitting school and to committing crimes like robbery. Pray for Jesus to intervene and for this destructive cycle to be broken, and pray for wisdom for school leadership to know how best to care for these students."

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. ~John 12:46

#### March 10 - 16

#### 10 SUNDAY: SEAN & AMY HILDEBRAND

**UGANDA** 

"Since arriving in Mityana in early January, Sean has been spending time at the Life and Aid Bible School, where he will be working. Please pray for the opportunities that have been proposed to further expand their vision for the school. I (Amy) am looking forward to connecting with a local nursing school. Praise God for safe travels, finding a house and good initial connections with the team. Please pray that God would grow an ever increasing love in us for Uganda and her people. Pray also that we find a reliable vehicle to purchase so that we have our own transportation."

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:7

"Please pray with us for God's direction in mentoring the Wounaan leaders, especially the men who are kind, but hesitant to open their hearts. Pray for the unreached children and how best to minister to those who are vulnerable. Pray also for us to be sensitive to the voice of God and his direction for our lives and that he would give us a renewed vision for the work he wants us to do. Pray for new partners who want to participate with us in the ministry in Panama."

And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. ~ Isaiah 58:11

#### 12 TUESDAY: FRANZ WOLF

**BRAZIL** 

"The ESLA discipleship school will be held in the Amazon this month. We are blessed to have one Mexican young adult, two Colombians and a Costarican join in the school, as well as a diaspora of people within our region. Also in March, a group from Canada will join us in ministry among the indigenous peoples of the amazon; please pray for wisdom and inspiration from the Holy Spirit and for safe travels."

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. ~ Acts 1:8

#### 13 WEDNESDAY: TRAVIS JOST

**BURUNDI** 

"Recently, I recognized the protection we receive because of faithful prayers. It is a miracle that we travel safely, eat local foods without harm (most of the time), move in and out of social circles freely, and pass policial processes with grace. In Burundi–where witchcraft, curses, coup d'etat, poisons and gossip all are a part of daily life–there are battles we don't even see, but we are protected through the endless prayer of you, our supporters. Thank you for devoting a part of your day to ensuring we are secure, so that his promises may be known throughout the world."

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness in this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ~ Ephesians 6:11-13

## **Daily Prayer Guide**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Multiply (Bruce Enns) GLOBAL	<b>2</b> Jen Schmidt MEXICO
3 Cecil & Tracy Ramos THAILAND	4 John & Jenn Johnstone CANADA	<b>5</b> Pablo & Maricela Chavez PERU	6 Maxym & Anya Oliferovski UKRAINE	<b>7</b> Rick & Karen Sawatzky LITHUANIA	<b>8</b> Wanchai (Ozz) & Sara Fast Kumrod THAILAND	<b>9</b> Aurélie Hirschler BURUNDI
10 Sean & Amy Hildebrand UGANDA	11 Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga PANAMA	12 Franz Wolf BRAZIL	13 Travis Jost BURUNDI	14 Liam Bull CANADA	15 Eleazar & Shaila Diaz- Ortiz MEXICO	16 Junji & Hitomi Nukaga THAILAND
17 Heinrich Rempel	<b>18</b> Kyla Sinclair-Peters	<b>19</b> Sarah Reed	<b>20</b> Trever & Joan Godard	<b>21</b> A & R	<b>22</b> Doris Goertz	<b>23</b> D&M
GERMANY  24  Gediminas & Kristina	CANADA  25  Jeremy & Adrienne	AUSTRIA  26  Alex & Carla	CANADA  27  Johann Matthies	CENTRAL ASIA  28  Marcela & David (MT)	JAPAN  29  Nate and Kristin	30 Bob Davis
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R & M

**FRANCE** 

together that the world may know Jesus



## **Unexpected Visitor**

THAILAND | By Tracy Ramos

"Mom, there is a man waiting for us at the end of the driveway," my son said as I parked the car. Looking to where he pointed, I replied, "Okay, you unload the car and put the stuff in the house. I'll go and talk to him."

As I walked towards the stranger, I noticed he was just skin and bone. He must have been in his late sixties and he did not have many teeth, making it hard for me to understand him when he spoke. It was only when he motioned with his hand to his mouth that I understood. He was hungry.

There was a need I could fill. We had made 400 food packs to give away at a local temple school and we still had twenty packs left over. This reminded me of the story Jesus told in Matthew 22, when the master invites people to a wedding banquet. He sends all the invitations to the fancy people, but when none of them show up, the master says: "Go and invite the good and the bad."

Breathing a "thank you Jesus" prayer, I quickly went to retrieve a bag of food for the hungry visitor. Handing over the food I gently asked, addressing him with the accepted cultural form of respect, "Uncle, can I pray for you?" After allowing me to pray for him, he made his way home. Watching

him walk down the street, I noticed he went into the shack in the empty field across from our house. Later I learned his name. Uncle Lan.

This reclusive old man soon became our friend. He never stayed long when he came to worship with us, but we made sure he had a good meal before he went home. When our believers noticed that Uncle Lan did not have a rice cooker, they gave him a pot so that he could make his own rice on the stove. When it rains, his house floods, but now Uncle Lan knows to come to the church when he needs help.

I am so thankful that Uncle Lan came that day, an unexpected visitor who, through a gift of food and a prayer, became our friend. How about you? Is there someone at the end of your driveway, or across the street from your house, whom you could invite to come to the banquet Jesus offers? All are welcome.



Uncle Lan joins in worship

## In the Unseen Places

North America | by Kyla Sinclair-Peters

Summer is almost over, but this brings with it the excitement and expectancy of youth camp again. I trust that God will work in the hearts of these young lives, some who come because camp is a fun way to end the summer, while others come because they are curious to find answers to life's questions. Praying then that they would all come away having encountered Jesus, my heart is filled with fresh faith..

Our camp ministry is focused to reach young people from a minority group, and our theme this year is Worthy: we are all worthy to be called his children and Jesus is worthy of all our worship. Will this message fall, not only in the minds of the youth, but deep into their hearts? Crying out, I pray that God would give them each a hunger to know Jesus as Lord.

And so camp begins with days full of indoor and outdoor activities, meeting new people, making friends and gathering for teaching and meals together. Evenings are filled with fellowship, campfires, worship and prayer, and many late night dormroom discussions. There is much laughter and tears throughout as insights are shared, stories are told and testimonies unfold.

One boy shares honestly, "Heaven's going to be so boring. Only good

people will go there." Immediately another boy responds, "No, only people who believe in Jesus will be there." A girl responds to the story of the woman at the well, "Is this living water talking about Jesus? So, no matter what you do, Jesus will always forgive you. And no matter how much you sin, he will always love you!" Somebody shares, "Even though I thought I was being selfish and taking advantage of God, he never stopped wanting a relationship with me." And another says, "I've cried every time I've come for prayer this week, but I think I've needed it", and a boy shares, "I've been watching you Christians all for years, and I want what you have."

My faith grows as I witness God moving in mighty ways in the lives of these youth. I am reminded that he is always working in those unseen places of the human heart, slowly, quietly, powerfully changing lives from the inside out.

#### 14 THURSDAY: LIAM BULL

**CANADA** 

Liam is serving to reach out with the Gospel to new immigrants in Central Canada. Pray for him to continue to be led by the Holy Spirit in making good connections among diaspora communities in this region, and pray for the multiplication of even more house churches.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord. ~ Philippians 2: 10-11

#### **15 FRIDAY: ELEAZAR & SHAILA DIAZ-ORTIZ**

**MEXICO** 

Praise God for the safe arrival of baby Thiago Caleb. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they parent their daughter, Elena and new baby boy. Pray for them as a couple as they help equip young adults for mission through the HADIME discipleship program at the Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara, and for Eleazar who also oversees the Aquila and Priscila Bible program. Pray that God would give them fresh vision and joy as they serve him.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

~ Lamentations 3:22

#### 16 SATURDAY: JUNJI & HITOMI NUKAGA

**THAILAND** 

Please pray for this couple, serving among the Thai and Khmu peoples in the areas of church planting, leadership training and community development. Junji and Hitomi are walking alongside Thai evangelists and church planters in the Isaan, resourcing national leaders and making disciples in one of the least reached regions of Thailand.

The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. ~ Matthew 25:40

March 17 - 23

#### 17 SUNDAY: HEINRICH 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 it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

~ Ephesians 2:8-9

#### 18 MONDAY: 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 these new believers to be empowered to reach their own people with the Good News of Jesus and so impact the diaspora around the world. Pray for this group to encounter Jesus in ways that would birth a disciple-making movement within their own cultural context.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. ~ 1 Peter 3:15

#### 19 TUESDAY: SARAH REED

**AUSTRIA** 

This worker serves the church in Steyr, engaging in outreach to Muslim immigrants and refugees. Pray for her involvement in a Persian-speaking Bible study, and young adults Bible study. Sarah is also leading weekly church prayer times and engaging both Austrian and international students at the local university in meaningful Gospel conversations.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

~ Jeremiah 29:13

#### 20 WEDNESDAY: TREVER & JOAN GODARD

CANADA

"The whole month of March is an invitation to journey through Lent, and so we are praying to live the challenge of being Jesus' apprentices in how to dwell with him quietly, walk with him slowly, listen to him attentively, and do what he calls us to do. Our hope is to invite others around us to also keep learning these practices for life in this world that is increasingly more hostile toward his Kingdom culture."

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

~ Psalm 23:2-3

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.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  $\sim$  Isaiah 41:10

#### **22 FRIDAY: DORIS GOERTZ**

**JAPAN** 

**LITHUANIA** 

"March will be a busy month with the Kansai Christian Women's Conference on March 4, outings and events with students, and celebrating Easter, in addition to the usual schedule of English classes and small group meetings. Pray that in all these things Jesus will be glorified through our interactions and celebrations. Pray that as we focus our English class Bible times on the Easter message, the students would understand their need for a Savior and invite Jesus into their lives."

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. ~ 1 Peter 4:11

23 SATURDAY: D & M AUSTRIA

"Starting the last week in February, and continuing throughout March and April, we are running another Alpha program through our church. Currently we have both German- and English-speaking participants, so we will be offering two separate groups. Our previous two Alpha courses have been very positive, and we pray for another fruitful outcome. Please pray with us for those who have signed up that they would encounter the love of Christ."

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost, ~ Luke 19:10.

March 24 - 30

#### 24 SUNDAY: GEDIMINAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE

Pray for this couple, leading the church plant in Vilnius, a city that is experiencing an increasing number of first-generation Christians. Pray for their Bible studies, marriage classes, and discipleship training initiatives, and for the ongoing relief work among Ukrainian refugees in this country.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ~ John 15:8

"Hot season is in full swing, and so is the season of evangelism and follow-up. New leaders are moving into new locations to begin the work of disciple-making and forming groups that can stand strong as they worship together. Please pray for us as we resource and walk with our team, and as we look toward a big evangelism event in April, bringing together people from every location to experience the goodness of God. Please also be praying for our family as our second child, Jaelyn will be starting kindergarten this month!"

May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. ~ Psalm 115:14-15

#### 26 TUESDAY: D & S

**SOUTH ASIA** 

Pray for D, Multply's Regional Team Leader for South Asia, as he resources global MB conferences and emerging church networks through the Missional Leadership Training resource. Pray for S, who provides leadership for a mission initiative in Canada among immigrants from a South Asian people group.

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

#### **27 WEDNESDAY: 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.

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

#### 28 THURSDAY: MARCELA & DAVID

**FRANCE** 

"Please pray for a new group that we are starting at church every third Saturday of the month for new Christians from Muslim background, and for Muslims that are searching for the truth. God has been bringing them to our church through different ways (the coffee shop at our church, relationships, the Al Massira study group, etc.). Please pray that this group helps them to grow, and for them to feel at home with us, opening the door to connect with the rest of the church! Pray also for us as a family to find rest in this season, even in the busyness."

May the Lord make your love grow more and multiply for each other and for all people so that you will love others as we love you. ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:12

#### **29 FRIDAY: NATE AND KRISTIN**

**CANADA** 

"Please pray for renewed energy as many people will be struggling through these winter months. Pray also for our own mental, physical and spiritual health, as well as being sensitive to the Spirit to support others. We are thankful as Nate is enjoying his new job. Pray for building strong relationships at work. Pray for a good rhythm for us as a family in 2024."

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ~ Matthew 7:7

#### **30 SATURDAY: BOB DAVIS**

#### **SOUTHEAST & EAST ASIA**

"On the island of Palawan in the Philippines, God is creating opportunities for the local team to start a discipleship ministry in several local high schools. In January, a Disciple Making International team went to four schools and shared the Gospel. Over 2,000 students indicated that they wanted to follow Jesus! Please pray for Sam, our national leader, and Shown, our local campus and youth worker, and for the local churches as they pray about how best to disciple these new believers. Pray also for a gathering of Southeast Asia leaders in April 2024 as we seek God's presence, wisdom and guidance."

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

~ Jeremiah 29:13

#### March 31

#### 31 SUNDAY: R & M FRANCE

Pray for this couple, involved in evangelism, leadership development, and church planting using media, music, and the creative arts. Their film projects involve highlighting the testimonies of new believers within minority language people groups in North Africa, and they also have an ongoing role in Multiply's Global Media Network in the areas of media production and distribution.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts your thoughts. ~ Isaiah 55:9

#### REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT:

### **Sub-Saharan Africa**

Our teams are engaged in holistic ministries that transform communities among the least reached in this region, where poverty, drought, flooding, disease, and political instability are a constant challenge, and there can be opposition toward the Gospel. Multiply has Global Workers in Burundi involved in evangelism and community development among the marginalized Batwa people group, serving alongside one of our key national partners, Onesphore Manirakiza. Multiply also partners with MB churches,



Doug Hiebert Regional Team Leader

church planting movements, and projects in Uganda, D.R. Congo, Angola, and a growing MB conference of churches planted in the Dzaleka refugee camp in Malawi.

#### **Pray**

- For effective discipleship and spiritual maturity in the lives of new believers
- For leadership training and holistic ministry among the poor and marginalized
- > For multitudes impacted by violence, natural disasters, and disease
- > For Regional Team Leader Doug Hiebert, providing oversight for this region

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