

# Daily Prayer Guide

— May 2022 —



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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## May 1-7

### 1 SUNDAY: MULTIPLY (VIC WIENS)

USA/CANADA

“Many of Multiply’s leaders (missionaries, staff, board) are preparing to gather in Brazil from May 17-22 for the ICOMB summit and a renewal event called *Despertar* (Awakening). Pray for open doors, Spirit-led presentations, encouraging friendships, a season of refreshing, and fruit that remains.”

*My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. - Psalm 57: 7-8*

### 2 MONDAY: JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

“In May, I’m excited to travel to Brazil to meet together with my MB brothers and sisters from around the world at the ICOMB conference. While in Brazil, I’m also planning to visit former students from the Matthew Training Center who are serving in Brazil with a Senegal community and hoping to launch into long-term mission in Africa. May I be used by God to be a source of hope and encouragement during my travels.”

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

### 3 TUESDAY: CECIL & TRACY RAMOS

THAILAND

Pray for this couple as they continue to study Thai and learn the Southeast Asian culture. Cecil and Tracy are part of a team with international and national partners, focused on bringing the Gospel to the community of Phan Thong (Chonburi).

*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*

### 4 WEDNESDAY: PK

SOUTHEAST ASIA

“The last six months were times of challenge for us. There was so much fear. But it was also an opportunity for the Gospel to be preached, and in the last few months we reached five provinces and ten new tribal groups in a Southeast Asian country with restricted communication protocol. Pray for our teams there to be strong, courageous and unified, and for the government to allow believers to have freedom of worship.”

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. - 1 John 3:18*

### 5 THURSDAY: PABLO & MARICELA CHAVEZ

PERU

“Please pray for us as we pack and surrender our material possessions in preparation for long-term ministry in Peru. Pray for physical, emotional and mental strength as we say goodbye to friends and family in the US and Mexico. Pray also for our sending church, *El Buen Pastor* as they continue in their transition process with a new pastor.”

*And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. - Matthew 19:29*

### 6 FRIDAY: MAXYM & ANYA OLIFEROVSKI

UKRAINE

“New Hope Center facility has now been remodeled into a shelter, with beds in our offices and a new shower cubicle. Pray for our remaining staff and volunteers as we care for refugees needing respite on their journey to the borders of Ukraine or abroad. We ask you to pray for the safety of these people, and please continue to pray for Ukraine.”

*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*

### 7 SATURDAY: WENDY EROS

JAPAN

“Praise the Lord that I have received my visa for Japan, and my flight is now scheduled for June 8! I’m excited to be able to return to Nagoya and continue with the ESL ministry. Thank you so much for your prayers and for partnering with me on this journey. God is so good and so faithful. Please pray that my granddaughters will keep reading their bibles and will one day invite Jesus into their hearts.”

*Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them!” - Psalm 126:2*

## May 8-14

### 8 SUNDAY: AURÉLIE HIRSCHLER

BURUNDI

“Praise God for healing me from malaria! I was very sick in March, but I have all my strength back now. Thanks be to God! I am thankful for time in Peru in April where the Karubabi Harvest School principals and myself were able to attend

a seminar with partnering Christian schools. It was rich to gather with other school leaders to share strategies and experiences.”

*Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. - Psalm 103: 1-5*

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## 9 MONDAY: EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA PANAMA

“In late 2021 we and a team of Wounaan believers from Panama made the trek through the jungle to contact the Wounaan in Colombia. Our strategy involved a focus on artisanal knowledge. Wood-carving was a skill that could be shared, and within a few short days the two groups were carving and became friends. Pray as we now plan a second, longer visit.”

*Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. - 1 Corinthians 9:22 (NLT)*

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## 10 TUESDAY: TRAVIS JOST BURUNDI

Travis is recovering his strength from a minor stroke and is back in Burundi. Pray for his ongoing language learning and for various ministry initiatives which include education, community development projects, health care, discipleship training, pastoral training, and small, sustainable business initiatives.

*But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. - Acts 26:16 (RSV)*

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## 11 WEDNESDAY: BRAD & CASADI SCHROEDER THAILAND

“We have completed our first term. Our hearts are grateful that Jesus can use us to shine his love and care for others even amidst our brokenness and struggling. Please pray for us during our time of visiting with family and supporters in North America for the next number of months. As Abundant Life Home will no longer be under Multiply, we would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and that we would hear clearly from God as we discern together our future ministry. Pray also that these transitions would result in greater fruitfulness for all.”

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. - James 1:5*

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## 12 THURSDAY: ELEAZAR & SHAILA DIAZ-ORTIZ MEXICO

“Please continue to pray for wisdom to have a healthy rhythm of resting, serving and family time. Pray that God continues to speak powerfully to our HADIME students, and that they experience his love and guidance. We continue to pray that God would help us discern our role in our local church. Pray for our daughter Elena; she has been continuously sick.”

*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. - Isaiah 41:10*

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## 13 FRIDAY: 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. Pray for his role in helping churches to welcome refugees from Ukraine.

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. - Matthew 5:7*

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## 14 SATURDAY: SEAN & JUDITH FAST LITHUANIA

“Tensions are high across Europe and the world right now. The LCC international Christian university has almost 200 students from the Ukraine this year, so the situation is having a heavy impact on the campus. Praise God for two Russian students who have joined the Ukrainian students in their relief initiative. Pray that we will be the hope of Christ to those around us, the peace of Christ in the midst of chaos, and the love of Christ to those who are broken and hurting.”

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:18*

# May 15-21

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## 15 SUNDAY: KYLA SINCLAIR-PETERS CANADA

“Pray for us as we prepare for outreach to youth from an unreached Buddhist people group here in Toronto. Please pray for the soccer league we will be starting up in June, and for preparations for the August summer camps, where in previous years many youth have encountered Jesus for the first time.”

*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*

# Starting Over

LITHUANIA | By Gediminas Dailyde

It is years since I left my previous marketing work in the cosmetics industry to become a pastor. Most of my clients and colleagues found my decision perplexing. Why would I leave a well-paying job to start a church? What a waste of skills.

But with God nothing is ever wasted.

In 2021, Lithuania began experiencing waves of immigration. People from Iraq, Congo, and Cameroon all came hoping for a better life. There has been a mixed reaction from Eastern European countries, but I felt clearly that God wanted me to do everything in my power - where I was, with whatever I had - to help people feel human, regardless of their race, beliefs, or politics.

As our city of Vilnius began preparing to open one of the largest refugee camps in Lithuania, I got in touch with the Red Cross and asked what kind of help they needed. Soon we had a team from our church cleaning and organizing warehouses in the camp. We wanted to do more. Workers from the Red Cross shared with us that many refugees would be leaving skilled professions and would want to work but lacked the means to do so. Also, they would not be allowed

to leave the facilities as all of their activity would need to be under surveillance. This limited their options greatly. Could our church help them?

I thought of these refugees, starting over as I had done, and knowing how hard that could be. "What kinds of professions did they have?" I asked.

"Well," a Red Cross worker responded, "quite a few are hairdressers."

I immediately contacted my former colleagues in the hair salon industry, and was gratified to see that, even though they still did not understand why I had become a pastor, I was not a stranger to them. They received my requests with warmth, and within a short time we were fully resourced with tools and supplies to help the refugees start several hairdressing businesses inside the camp.

Over time, our church built relationships with the refugees, and we had many opportunities to share the Gospel. Now, as teams from our church are involved in relief efforts and transportation of refugees from the borders of Ukraine, we are asking God to give us strategies to help them also, in their new lives.

# Drawing the Divine

GERMANY | By Johanna Neudorf

It was already half past six, and the basement was uncomfortably cool despite the heating being turned up. I shivered as people from church arrived for the Bible study, partly from the cold, partly from anticipation. We were going to draw the Divine.

They were a colorful mix, and we faced the challenge of reconciling rehearsed phrases of Christian rhetoric with the uncomprehending looks of new converts. Our topic was: Knowing God.

"I want us to think about our understanding of God," I told them. "Then, draw a picture of it." After some initial hesitation, everyone set to work with a pencil.

This same task had enriched my own relationship with God years ago, in my preparation for missionary work. I wanted this experience for my brothers and sisters here in Dortmund. I was aware that a drawing would leave a much greater impression and be much more revealing than a verbal description could ever be. The results were startling, revealing, and also very personal: a disinterested, floating being in the clouds; a bleeding, sad man on a cross; a judge with his finger raised to threaten sinners.

Over the next two months, we continued to meet, reading the Bible and talking about what God was really like. I wanted so much to change the false conceptions of God in the hearts and minds of the participants. At the end of those two months, huddled together again on couches in the chilly basement, I asked everyone the question: "What is your image of God now? What has changed?"

At first there was silence. The answers started coming slowly, then gained momentum and confidence: He is not angry anymore. He is not so sad. He is not far away now. He is interested in me.

I was deeply moved and found it hard not to burst into tears. I had also learned something new about God myself. I could feel a new closeness with him and see how he wanted to be in constant conversation with me. Beyond that, I was simply grateful that God had shown the believers in my church something new about himself, through his Word and his Spirit. They walked away from that class with a new image of the Divine, one that I know will only grow clearer and clearer until, finally, we see him face to face.

# Daily Prayer Guide

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Multiply (Vic Wiens) USA/CANADA	<b>2</b> Jen Schmidt MEXICO	<b>3</b> Cecil & Tracy Ramos THAILAND	<b>4</b> PK SOUTHEAST ASIA	<b>5</b> Pablo & Maricela Chavez PERU	<b>6</b> Maxym & Anya Oliferovski UKRAINE	<b>7</b> Wendy Eros JAPAN
<b>8</b> Aurélie Hirschler BURUNDI	<b>9</b> Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga PANAMA	<b>10</b> Travis Jost BURUNDI	<b>11</b> Brad & Casadi Schroeder THAILAND	<b>12</b> Eleazar & Shaila Diaz-Ortiz MEXICO	<b>13</b> Heinrich & Annie Rempel GERMANY	<b>14</b> Sean & Judith Fast LITHUANIA
<b>15</b> Kyla Sinclair-Peters CANADA	<b>16</b> Sarah Reed AUSTRIA	<b>17</b> A & R CENTRAL ASIA	<b>18</b> Doris Goertz JAPAN	<b>19</b> Dylan & Mary AUSTRIA	<b>20</b> Gediminas & Kristina Dailyde LITHUANIA	<b>21</b> Jeremy & Adrienne Penner THAILAND
<b>22</b> LS CANADA	<b>23</b> John Ervin WORLDWIDE	<b>24</b> Alex & Carla Suderman GERMANY	<b>25</b> Johann Matthies EUROPE	<b>26</b> Marcela & David FRANCE	<b>27</b> Nick & Katelynn Bateman CANADA	<b>28</b> Bob & Chris Davis THAILAND
<b>29</b> R & M FRANCE	<b>30</b> Somdy & Chanh Jusse THAILAND	<b>31</b> Trever & Joan Godard LATIN AMERICA				

## 16 MONDAY: 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.

*I will tell of the Lord's unfailing love; I praise him for all he has done for us.  
- Isaiah 63:7a*

## 17 TUESDAY: A & R

CENTRAL ASIA

“Many of our new believers are facing a lot of pressure from friends and family, and we ask that you continue to pray for them as they face the reality of losing relationships because of their decision to follow Christ. Please pray as we continue to press into our dream of having a coffee shop/study area and discipleship school for young people. This summer we are hoping to come back to North America for a season of visiting our supporting churches and friends.”

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. - Romans 15:5-6*

## 18 WEDNESDAY: DORIS GOERTZ

JAPAN

“Please pray that God would continue to direct people who are searching for him to join my English classes. Although other ministries in the church were put on hold due to the pandemic, the English class ministry has continued, and we are thankful.”

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.  
- Isaiah 26:4

## 19 THURSDAY: DYLAN & MARY

AUSTRIA

“Over the past two months we have been involved in helping our Ukrainian brothers and sisters by bringing supplies to the Hungary-Ukraine border. The generous response from our Austrian churches has blown us away; donating money, loaning out large vehicles, and volunteering as drivers. Pray for our trips to the border, and for Dianna, our contact who collects the supplies and brings them across to the Ukrainian pastors who distribute them as needed.”

*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*

## 20 FRIDAY: GEDIMINAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE

LITHUANIA

“I (Gediminas) was recently blessed to be formally ordained as pastor of the 180° church in Vilnius, Lithuania. Two days later, as part of a team with four vans, I was on my way into Ukraine. We continue to take the relief goods provided by our churches across the border and bring back refugees. Our church in Šiauliai is hosting thirty refugees in their building and have placed twenty more in private homes. They work together with other churches in Klaipeda, Šiauliai, and Vilnius, and we praise God for this unity and generosity.”

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!  
- Psalm 133:1*

## 21 SATURDAY: JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER

THAILAND

“We were so excited to have our first baptism party since early 2020, celebrating the baptisms of fourteen people! Please pray for these young believers. Please pray for the Bang Phli church as they launch into community outreach with a children's program, and pray for Aye San Dar and Aye Yar, called into full time ministry with a focus on a new community. We will be in North America in mid-June, beginning a season of visiting supporting churches and friends.”

*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*

# May 22-28

## 22 SUNDAY: LS

CANADA

Pray for this worker as she transitions into ministry to immigrants from an unreached Buddhist people group in Toronto. Pray for her recent move and settling into this new role. Pray for this group to encounter Jesus in ways that would birth a disciple-making movement within their own cultural context.

*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. - Psalm 107:35-36*

## 23 MONDAY: JOHN ERVIN

WORLDWIDE

“I know that the Lord is with me, especially when I experience curveballs that are thrown my way. One of my colleagues came down with COVID-19, and

another was not able to obtain a travel visa, so I had to travel alone to Uganda. While there, some important technology failed so I was not able to use a rented drone for photography. Yet God was there and gave me unexplainable peace despite the obstacles.”

*I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. - Psalm 16:7-8 (NLT)*

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## 24 TUESDAY: ALEX & CARLA SUDERMAN GERMANY

“In our city of Dortmund, there are already more than 4000 refugees from Ukraine trying to figure out how to continue with their lives. Pray for an end of this brutal war! Pray for protection for the lives of people threatened with violence. Pray for ongoing relief efforts, and for our churches here as we help with care and resettlement of refugees. We are excited to return to Canada for a season of visiting supporting churches and friends from June to August 8.”

*Now may the God of peace...equip you with every good thing to do his will. And may he accomplish in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. - Hebrews 13:20-21*

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## 25 WEDNESDAY: JOHANN MATTHIES EUROPE

Multiply Europe is leaning in to help with the Ukraine crisis on several fronts. Under the leadership of Johann and Heinrich Rempel, Multiply is serving MB churches in Germany that are mobilizing to help and host Ukrainian refugees. Please pray for this effort, and for safety for teams traveling to Moldova, Romania and Hungary to deliver supplies and pick up refugees from across the Ukraine border.

*Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed. - Psalm 82:3*

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## 26 THURSDAY: MARCELA & DAVID FRANCE

Marcela and her husband, David, work alongside a local French church, doing pre-evangelistic activities, evangelism, discipleship, and holistic church planting. They are primarily focused on immigrants coming from a North African and Turkish context.

*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*

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## 27 FRIDAY: NICK & KATELYNN BATEMAN CANADA

“These past months I (Nick) have found work very challenging and sometimes discouraging, but there have been moments where I have been given a glimpse of what God is doing. Recently, I have come up against what was described to us as a ‘community gatekeeper.’ The enemy seems to be using this person to drive us away from the FN community. Please pray for this situation, and for us to have greater love and perseverance.”

*We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And 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 5:3-5*

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## 28 SATURDAY: BOB & CHRIS DAVIS THAILAND

As part of the Global Lead Team, Bob serves as the Regional Team Leader for Southeast and East Asia. Pray for Bob and Chris as they serve several months of the year at the Changed Life Center in Chiang Rai, working to equip and empower national leaders in Thailand and in neighboring countries.

*It is written: “Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.” - Romans 15:21*

# May 29-31

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## 29 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.

*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 their hands. - Isaiah 55: 12*

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30 MONDAY: 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.

*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 3:22-23*

30 TUESDAY: TREVER & JOAN GODARD

LATIN AMERICA

The Godards are the founders of the Matthew Training Center in Mexico, and the HADIME discipleship-training program which equips others for mission through discipleship, specialized training and the coordination of short-term mission. Pray for Trever in his part-time role in the area of missional leadership training, and for Joan as she serves in Member Care for Latin America.

*In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. - Isaiah 11:10*

## 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 Islam and tribal religions oppose 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, church planting movements, and projects in West Africa, Uganda, D.R. Congo, Angola, and with the growing MB conference of churches planted in the Dzaleka refugee camp in Malawi, under national leader Safari Mutabesha.



### 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 the COVID-19 pandemic
- > For Regional Team Leader Doug Hiebert, providing oversight for this region

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