

Daily Prayer Guide

— October 2022 —



Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

~ 1 Chronicles 16:11

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October 1

[1 SATURDAY: MULTIPLY \(BRUCE ENNS\)](#) [GLOBAL](#)

“Pray for our Multiply board, made up of faithful and passionate women and men from both the US and Canada who are giving us strategic direction and accountability. The board is meeting October 2-4 at a retreat center; pray that our eyes will be lifted up to see more of what God is doing in the world and that we would discern his invitation into that work.”

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. ~ Psalms 121:1-2 (NIV)

October 2 - 8

[2 SUNDAY: ISRAEL & SANDRA CHAVEZ-PLETT](#) [MEXICO](#)

“We are thrilled to have some new families attending our church plant *Punto Vida* (LifePoint) where we run our thrift store. Pray with us for transformed hearts and minds as the Holy Spirit speaks to each one. Pray that our different workshops will connect people in meaningful community. Pray for our church's October event, ‘Celebration of Light’, counteracting so many celebrations of darkness that happen in the month of October. Pray also for our Bolivian intern Emilia as she serves with us in *Punto Vida*.”

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. ~ Colossians 1:28, 29

[3 MONDAY: NASSER AL'QAHTANI](#) [NORTH AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST](#)

Please pray for a couple in North Africa who have been our faithful partners in the Gospel for years now and have a fruitful ministry. They are facing opposition and are in danger of being deported. Pray for God's protection, wisdom, provision.”

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

[4 TUESDAY: B & C](#) [CENTRAL ASIA](#)

“In these days the Lord is teaching us that it is good to have vision and to dream, but that it is not helpful to always live ‘in the future’. We had fallen

into that, almost forgetting to live in the present. Jesus is inviting us to live in the ‘now’, with a future that is completely uncertain for us. Pray that we would love today, serve today, and follow him today, yet still strategize with our mission agency and local churches to launch into our target region.”

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. ~ Psalm 100:5

[5 WEDNESDAY: KYLE & DANAE SCHMIDT](#) [UGANDA](#)

“October is the first month of our new assignment with King's Kid Ministry in Uganda. We are settling into a new city, meeting new friends, learning a new language and culture, and exploring new opportunities to serve. Pray for us during this transition: for an adventurous spirit to learn and engage in new ways, for friendship with locals to develop, and for the Spirit to lead us into how he wants us to serve this community.”

I focus on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. ~ Phil 3: 13-14 (NLT)

[6 THURSDAY: WENDY EROS](#) [JAPAN](#)

“We have so much to be thankful for, and I'll be sharing that on Canadian Thanksgiving with the English students here. Please pray for ears to hear and hearts to receive the message of God's unfailing love. Pray for wisdom for me, as there is sometimes miscommunication. I praise the Lord for good health, but please pray for my knees. There doesn't really seem to be much improvement and sometimes I feel discouraged.”

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ~ Isaiah 55:11

[7 FRIDAY: ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN](#) [CANADA](#)

Robert and Anne Thiessen are involved in the training and mentoring of new global workers affiliated with Multiply and are discerning ministry among First Nations (indigenous) people in North America.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. ~ 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

8 SATURDAY: SEAN & SANDRA

EAST ASIA

Pray for this couple, developing translation resources and training Bible translators online. They envision a center for Bible translation to be established in East Asia that will reach the many minority people groups there that do not currently have the scriptures in their own language.

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

October 9 - 15

9 SUNDAY: CHRIS WRIGHT

CANADA

Please remember Chris Wright (MHOP Director) and his family as they mourn the recent loss of several close family members; four deaths over the past few months. Pray for God's comfort, that the seeds of the Gospel would bear good fruit in the hearts of hearers, that service in Christ's name would bring him glory, and that the Lord would awaken all who are careless about eternal things.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ~ Hebrews 10:23

10 MONDAY: BENNI & FRANZI HERMANN

GERMANY

Benni and Franzi are serving on our church-planting team in Dortmund, Germany, where every third person in the city is a new immigrant. Their vision is for the church there to become a community for everyone, and a family for those without any family.

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ~ 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

11 TUESDAY: LAVERN PRATT

PANAMA

"Praise God that the new perimeter fence is complete, providing a greater measure of security for the residents and visitors of *Casa Del Sembrador*. Pray for our small community here who are meeting weekly for study and fellowship; it is a highlight of the week. I am thankful for this amazing group of people with whom I live and work at *Casa Del Sembrador*. We truly feel like a family."

Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. ~ Psalm 5:11

12 WEDNESDAY: ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG

MONGOLIA

"One of the biggest challenges in Mongolia is the lack of trust in their culture. Unfortunately, for most people that trust is broken in key family relationships during the most formative years. This then carries into many relationships, even within the church. Pray for pastors and leaders to be trustworthy. Pray that God will bring about healing in the lives of many and that they would be willing to be vulnerable and to trust."

A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence. ~ Proverbs 11:13 (NLT)

13 THURSDAY: G & N

CENTRAL ASIA

"Our country continues to suffer economically. As people are growing poorer and more desperate every day, pray for our new outreach strategies, inviting the curious to have tea and ask questions about Christianity. Pray also as we continue to help churches in Romania and Moldova minister to Ukrainian refugees."

Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. ~ James 1:27 (BSB)

14 FRIDAY: REBECCA HIEBERT

THAILAND

"Pray for the church in Thailand to be a bold witness to Jesus. There are still many people who have never heard the Gospel. Pray for unity among the churches, that we would strive for holiness, and that comparison and jealousy would have no place here."

...so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever. ~ Joshua 4:24 (ESV)

15 SATURDAY: JOANNA CHAPA

PERU

The Multiply Midwest U.S. team welcomes Joanna into the role of Mission Mobilizer, a role similar to the one she held prior to serving in Peru. Please pray for her as she transitions into this new reality. She is still on a journey of discovery with her health and is finding South Texas to be home for this current season.

The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." ~ Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

Burnout

COLOMBIA | By Jorge Morales

Pastors, I thought, are those who take care of others. But who was taking care of the pastors?

In Colombia, our MB pastors work hard, often with little recognition for the sacrifices they must make in order to care for their church members.

Many are bi-vocational, holding down other jobs in order to provide for their families, while devoting themselves heart and soul to their ministry. As conference minister, I also experienced this stress; I simply accepted it as being normal, part of the calling.

Then, suddenly, one of our pastors was in crisis.

Victor had been pastoring for over eighteen years, faithful and uncomplaining. The only vacation he ever took was a few days each year to take his family to the beach. His church was rural, a congregation largely made up of local farmers and miners, many with serious health issues because of the chemicals they used to fertilize the soil or to extract gold from the mines. It was not an affluent church; their resources did not allow for Victor to draw much salary, so he also worked in the mines.

The day came when sickness, depression and exhaustion made it impossible for him to function. When he called me, I recognized the symptoms of burnout, but I did not know what to do. During this time, God led our MB conference of Colombia to form a partnership with the conference

of Brazil. The Brazilian churches were healthy, thriving. I asked their conference leaders, how do you do it? They told me, “You must pastor your pastors!” It was a moment of revelation. Such an obvious truth, how had I missed this?



Jorge Morales leads the MB conference of Colombia

I called Victor and told him, “You are taking a sabbatical.” He had no idea what that meant; we had never used this word before! Our conference enabled Victor to take six months from his role as a pastor to seek God, and to care for his family and for his own physical and spiritual health. Victor found rest for his body, mind, and soul; he returned to the ministry refreshed. His congregation was told, “Don’t just look to your pastor to help you. Pray for him, watch over him, take care of him!”

Our partnership with the Brazilian conference has been a great blessing, showing us how we can all learn from one another in this global MB family.

Abdullah

By Louise Sinclair-Peters

During the recent summit of the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB) in Brazil, we met and were inspired by a man named Abdullah. This is his story.

Born in Lebanon to a devout Muslim family, Abdullah has been educated to become a Jihadist. “By the time I was a teenager,” Abdullah said, “I was ready to be a suicide bomber, and receive an eternal reward. So men attached bombs to my body and sent me into a Jewish neighborhood.” There, he shouted in Arabic, “God is great!” and pressed the button, but the bombs would not detonate. He tried again and again, but nothing happened. Later, he found out that the bombs were fake, and that his Jihadist teachers were videotaping the event as a recruiting tool.

As Abdullah got older, he became involved in the drug trade. He made a lot of money, but he also made enemies, and ended up in Colombia working for the drug lord, Pablo Escobar. “I had money and power,” Abdullah said. “I still prayed five times a day, fasted and read the Qur’an, but I was also addicted to cocaine, and desperate for release. I wanted to die. One day I called out to God, ‘If you are real, save me!’”

Five days later, a man drove into his neighborhood who was known to be

a Christian. At first, Abdullah thought to steal the car and kill the man, but when he approached, the man said, “God has sent me to you to tell you that Jesus loves you.”

One day I called out to God, ‘If you are real, save me!’

Brandishing his gun, Abdullah hesitated. Something touched his heart, and he turned to his gang members and said, “I am leaving with this man.” With help, Abdullah entered a drug treatment center and was delivered from his addiction. His experience of the mercy and kindness of God led him to put his faith in Jesus Christ and join a local church, where he was disciplined for several years

Back in Lebanon, his family heard of his conversion and sent his brother to kill him. While shooting bullets into Abdullah’s house, the brother was arrested, but Abdullah asked the police to release him. After that, most of Abdullah’s enemies decided to leave him alone. Today, Abdullah shares his story and helps other addicts to find freedom in Jesus. He has become like the man who once said to him, “God has sent me to you.”

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October 16 - 22

16 SUNDAY: JOANNA & JONATHAN GUTIERREZ PORTUGAL

“This October we are beginning a series with our church families on the essentials of our identity as Jesus-followers. Please pray for our families, that the Holy Spirit would create ever deeper roots and stir a greater fire in our hearts to see others come to believe and obey Jesus Christ.”

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. ~ Ephesians 1:18

17 MONDAY: JOHANNA NEUDORF GERMANY

“We are super excited to start an Alpha Course at our church this month. This will be a project where everyone is involved - inviting, sharing, cooking, praying and running the evenings over the next three months. Pray that church members will take advantage of this opportunity to reach out to people in their daily life, and for the Spirit to work in those who are being invited. We want to see people come with their questions of faith, find a place to express them and have a life-changing encounter with Jesus.”

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

18 TUESDAY: EDD & INGRID RUSSELL THAILAND

“Our ministry has become more focused on youth. Pray for our youth here; a few participate in church with some regularity, but others come and go. The challenge is finding things that will interest them, make them think, and help them to grow in their relationship with God. Praise God for our co-worker Moe, who is closer in age to the youth and able to strategize how to reach them.”

He commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ~ Psalm 78:5, 6

19 WEDNESDAY: TOMAS & MELODY VIDAL MEXICO

“Pray for Tomas and his family, grieving the recent loss of his sister. We flew to Colombia in July to be with them, and we are still here, trying yet again to get a Mexican resident visa and praying that this time we will find favor! While in Colombia, we are also visiting some of our HADIME discipleship program participants. Pray for the Hernandez family, called to serve near the Mexico-U.S. border. Pray for God's calling and transforming work in and through them, and that they would be prepared for their future ministry.”

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

20 THURSDAY: CYNTHIA FRIESEN THAILAND

Pray for Cynthia, ministering to young women in a Juvenile Detention Centre in Chiang Mai who struggle with addiction, poverty, and abuse. She runs Freedom Trades, a discipleship and vocational training program for those released from detention, and also serves to support a national leader at Naomi House, a community church plant and small business center serving marginalized women.

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

21 FRIDAY: CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT JAPAN

“We have been back in Japan since late August, after a time of visiting supporting North American churches. We thank God for the fun we had with family and friends, the encouraging times with churches, and for safety as we drove across three provinces. Pray for Joshua as he now starts his last school year in Japan, and for Noah as he starts grade 10 in a new school. Pray for God to send out his workers into his harvest fields of Japan and to bring those who need him to the Ishibashi MB Church and Roses Church in the park.”

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. ~ Job 33:4

22 SATURDAY: CARMEN OWEN THAILAND

“My daughter JJ and I are traveling in Thailand to introduce business partners to the culture and ministries of the Naomi House community. We are also meeting with a vision team from some west coast and central US churches. Join us in praying for God's will to be done as we spend time sharing our lives and

our testimonies of God's greatness. May many be impacted by the love that is experienced through partnership!"

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. ~ Ecclesiastes 11:6

October 23 - 29

23 SUNDAY: DOUG HIEBERT SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Pray for Doug as he provides leadership to the Sub-Saharan Africa team and serves as the Regional Team Leader for this region. He also serves on Multiply's Global Lead Team. He and his wife Deanna are based in North America.

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. ~ 1Peter 1:3

24 MONDAY: A & A CANADA

This couple have been sent to Canada from their home church in South Asia, on mission to facilitate the development of a church-planting movement among the Punjabi diaspora in Canada. Pray for the multiplication of home fellowships that can provide a safe place for those who would not otherwise enter a Western church.

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. ~ 1 Peter 2:6

25 TUESDAY: DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS THAILAND

Louise serves on the Global Lead Team as Regional Leader for Myanmar and Central Thailand, and Dave serves as Church Planting Coach for global workers throughout Southeast Asia. Pray for them as they are mentoring and training Thai and Myanmar pastors and evangelists, planting churches, and resourcing churches in Thailand and neighboring countries to become self-sustaining through small Kingdom business initiatives.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ~ 1 Peter 2:9

26 WEDNESDAY: VR

UKRAINE

Pray for this worker, who has joined the Multiply team in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. Pray for meaningful relational encounters as he learns the language and the culture of this country. Pray for safety and effective outreach in the midst of the war.

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this. ~ Ps. 37:3-5

27 THURSDAY: EMERSON CARDOSO

BRAZIL

Pray for Emerson as he serves as Multiply's Regional Director for Latin and Central America, supporting and training church leaders and global workers. Pray for ongoing outreach among the indigenous people groups along the Amazon River in Brazil.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ~ Romans 10:14

28 FRIDAY: STACY KUHNS

PERU

Pray for Stacy, who was serving with the resourcing team in Piura, Peru. She and her teammates ran *Casa Caminata*, a residential discipleship house that discipled young women in an informal learning environment that fosters the building of strong character, and passionate love for God and others. Pray for this ministry, currently on hold since the pandemic, and pray for the young women who have been discipled to continue their walk with Jesus.

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

29 SATURDAY: SANDRA FENDER

THAILAND

Pray for Sandra, using her hospitality gifts in the northern city of Chiang Mai. She ministers to young women incarcerated at a Juvenile Detention Center, teaching English and life skills. In addition, she partners with a local couple who foster children and helps them with a weekly children's outreach in their community.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. ~ Psalm 33:20-22

October 30 - 31

30 SUNDAY: M & V

SOUTH ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving in South Asia through work in children's homes and a holistic ministry initiative that employs and empowers local artisans. They are also serving the national church, providing resources and support for church planting and the mobilization of short- and long-term global workers.

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

31 MONDAY: JONATHAN MITCHELL

CANADA

Pray for Jonathan as he oversees the 604 Network, a movement of youth and campus ministries in Metro Vancouver supporting holistic student discipleship through the local church.

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

Spotlight Region: 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 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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