

Daily Prayer Guide

September 2019



If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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To ensure their safety, we are using the initials of long-term workers serving in restricted areas. Also, the names of their contacts in country are routinely changed. Please pray for their protection. Ask the Lord of the harvest to continue to show them favor as he works through them to transform communities among the least reached.

September 1 - 7

1 SUNDAY: JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

“Praise God for the international community God has brought together to serve at Matthew Training Centre for this fall. Praise God for two young bi-cultural couples and for a young man from Mozambique. Pray for us as we care for the property and the rental groups, and for me as I help promote and prepare for HADIME 2020.”

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

2 MONDAY: TYLER & CHERYL SCHULZ

BURUNDI

These workers have now finished their term with Multiply. Please pray for their time of transition, and continue to pray for workers in Burundi, serving to see this country transformed through training, teaching, discipleship and church planting.

The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever! – Psalm 22:26

3 TUESDAY: CECIL & TRACY RAMOS

THAILAND

“We are excited to see more people from our community come to fellowship with us, and some have given their life to Christ! Pray with us as we seek to raise up leaders that could make disciples who then in turn can make more disciples. We are thankful for Jesus’ faithfulness to us and to our boys in this season.”

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? - Psalm 27:1

4 WEDNESDAY: PK

RESTRICTED

Please pray for this worker, serving in various countries in Southeast Asia by mentoring pastors, church planters and other national leaders. Pray for comfort as he continues to process the recent death of his wife.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. – Matthew 5:4

5 THURSDAY: MAXYM & ANYA OLIFEROVSKI

UKRAINE

Pray for this couple as they provide leadership to Multiply in Ukraine, seeking to bring the image of God into communities that are experiencing war, displacement and poverty. Pray for their work as directors of New Hope Center, ministering to youth at risk and to families in crisis.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. – Isaiah 61:1a

6 FRIDAY: DORIS GOERTZ

JAPAN

“Praise God for the four people that were baptized on July 28 in Amagasaki church. Pray that the roots of their faith will grow down deep into the soil of God’s love as they are disciplined. Pray that they will become mature and active members of the church. Pray that more of my English students will draw near to God, as he draws near to them.”

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. – Colossians 2:6-7

7 SATURDAY: JON & BONNIE ESAU

THAILAND

“Pray for the province of Nan, an eastern section of Northern Thailand that is totally unreached. Our Khmu leaders have had this area on their hearts for a long time and are finally able to do outreach there. Pray for open hearts to the Gospel as they begin sharing about the hope of Jesus. We are boldly asking God to do something big in Nan!”

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

September 8 - 14

8 SUNDAY: K & K

AUSTRIA

Pray for this couple, working with a local Mennonite Brethren church in Austria with the vision of reaching Muslim refugees and catalyzing other church planting initiatives. K is also part of Multiply’s Global Media Team, utilizing his skills of photography and videography.

Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren you did it to me. - Matthew 25:40

9 MONDAY: EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA

PANAMA

Pray for this couple, working in partnership with the Colombian Mennonite Brethren Conference, where they are discipling and training leaders among the Embera and Wounaan people groups in Colombia and Panama.

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. –John 16:33

10 TUESDAY: HEINRICH & ANNIE REMPEL

GERMANY

Pray for Heinrich in his role as the Director of Operations in Multiply's European office, and for his ongoing work in project development, administration and assistance in the areas of training and mobilizing local churches for world mission.

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)

11 WEDNESDAY: JUNJI & HITOMI NUKAGA

THAILAND

Please pray for this couple, serving among the Thai and Khmu peoples of Southeast Asia in the areas of church planting, leadership training and community development. Junji and his wife are based at the Changed Life Center in Thailand, where future leaders are being trained and equipped to reach out to tribal groups.

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

12 THURSDAY: TRAVIS JOST

BURUNDI

Travis is serving as a FOCUS apprentice on a team that is partnering with a network of established churches to see Burundi transformed through the multiplication of healthy disciples and leaders who have a vision for mission. Travis is currently learning the language and culture as he explores opportunities for service.

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

13 FRIDAY: 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.

I cry to you, Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. – Psalm 142:5

14 SATURDAY (14): A & R

CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for this couple, planting churches in Central Asia with a vision 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.

Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. - Isaiah 58:12 (NKJV)

September 15 - 21

15 SUNDAY: ALEX & CARLA SUDERMAN

GERMANY

This couple is serving as apprentices on Multiply's church-planting team in Dortmund, Germany. Praise God for a home set in a strategic location for ministry, where they are currently using space in their upstairs living room for beginning a house church.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. – Psalm 145:15-16

16 MONDAY: JOHN & JENN JOHNSTONE

CANADA

John serves as Multiply's Ambassador to First Peoples in Western Canada. In this role, John and his wife Jenn seek to build relationships between First Peoples and the Church through education, prayer and the facilitation of bridge-building encounters. John and Jen are engaged with several different nations within BC, with urban aboriginals, and with at-risk youth in Vancouver, where they serve as cultural liaisons. Pray for favor as they seek to share the Gospel in these contexts.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you

THE GIFTING

FIRST NATIONS | by John Johnstone

We listened to the elder drumming the heartbeat of his land, and felt moved to pray for him. In keeping with our tradition as Kwantlen First Peoples, we gathered around a blanket.

We stood in a circle, each one of us holding a corner or a hem of the blanket, and began to pray. Then we wrapped the blanket around the elder for whom we were praying, as a symbol of our unity. “Blanketing” someone in this way is powerful. The elder knew this, and it was very meaningful to him. Then, to our surprise, he then walked out of the building still wearing it. That was definitely not part of our tradition!

Later, we realized that God was speaking to us through this event. From that day on, we decide we would gift a blanket to each visitor, as a way of honoring them. As we talked about this, some of those in our gathering who were of a Mennonite Brethren ethnic background had an idea.

“What if we gifted a quilt to the Kwantlen chief?” one person proposed. “Quilt-making is a part of our Church culture. Such a blanket could be a symbol of community and friendship between us and the Kwantlen people.” And so we made a quilt, incorporating First Nation symbols such as a wolf, rays

of the sun, a feather and the word “friendship” in Halkomalem. There was also a white hand and a brown hand, clasped together in unity.

We called to arrange a time to gift the blanket to Chief Marilyn Gabriel, and then received a return call from the band office. Would we be open to gifting the quilt during a Truth and Reconciliation ceremony? It felt perfect.

The day of the ceremony found us in a canoe, waiting for them to drum us to shore. Once the chief and elders finished speaking, we were invited to explain the significance of the quilt and gift it to Chief Marilyn. I then folded the quilt and gave it to her. The quilt was not only received with thanks, it was put in a place of honor at the Kwantlen Cultural Center among other sacred artifacts and objects, where it remains to this day. God desires that his children all be ready to “blanket” one another in this way, with humility and respect.



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HEAVEN IN A HANDBAG

KENYA | by Travis Jost

I recently had the opportunity to travel and meet several entrepreneurs in Kenya. These are motivated, hard-working, focused, inventive individuals intent upon making Jesus known in their country. Everyday folks with a passion to grow their business in order to impact lives for the Kingdom. Folks who, even with all the pressure and hard work, choose to embrace a role of being on mission wherever they are. They are bringing ministry into the marketplace.

This got me to thinking. Do I see ALL parts of my life as ministry? When did I start to separate my secular and spiritual lives? Better yet, why?

One Kenyan entrepreneur named Grace started a business designing, manufacturing, and selling handbags. Jeilo Collections is a Kenyan fashion accessories company that seeks to integrate Christian principles. For Grace, this means profit is not the ultimate goal. Instead, it is about building community and promoting the name of Jesus through ethical, compassionate business practices, and the creation of a product whose excellence and beauty would reflect the excellence and beauty of God. I refer to it as “heaven in a handbag.”

Grace also ministers the Gospel through her employment practices. She is intentional about hiring those from within her community that might otherwise be overlooked: youth groups

to create recycled brass ornamentation for the African print and leather bags, and rural Maasai tribeswomen to do beading. These workers are offered an affordable eight-week training course that equips them with the

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skills and materials they need to move towards self-employment. Those who show interest and aptitude are offered further training in the areas of entrepreneurship and business planning.

Grace is passionate about the spiritual well-being of her employees, meeting daily with her staff to share a morning devotional. Not all of her employees are Christians, but she prays for each of them by name and has seen significant transformation in their lives, including some making a commitment to Christ.

I am inspired by Grace and her obedience. As a business leader there are many demands and distractions, but she is focused on Christ’s command to “go and make disciples.” Her example reminds me to be on mission wherever I am, whatever I am doing. Right now, here in Burundi.

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rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart... – Matthew 11:28-29a

17 TUESDAY: D & M

AUSTRIA

Pray for this couple as they serve the church in Austria, as well as continue to travel to Central Asia to raise awareness of the ministry and encourage believers there.

Build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. – Haggai 1:8b

18 WEDNESDAY: 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. As they seek to minister in teaching, prayer and ministry of the Bible, pray for them to overcome the distrust and resistance often shown to religious groups.

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. – Psalm 33:20-21

19 THURSDAY: JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER

THAILAND

"Praise God we are back home in Thailand serving with the team and family we love, after a long season of visiting supporters in North America! Pray for us as we try to balance ministry with raising a family and language study. October is going to be incredibly busy! Please pray with us that the Lord would send out more workers into the harvest here; things are growing so rapidly!"

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

20 FRIDAY: JOHN ERVIN

WORLDWIDE

"I just returned from leading two video workshops in Peru, and the one common denominator again was trusting God to move. As I look back, what was accomplished was only done because the Holy Spirit did it. Praise God for eight people in Peru who were trained and disciplined in how to tell God's stories through video! Pray for the workshop that I am now leading in Mongolia."

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

21 SATURDAY: D & S

RESTRICTED

"This month we are in Southeast Asia doing training with the Northern Chonburi church planting network. Both of us will be teaching, and S will hold a biblical trauma healing group for our long-term partners there. We will be travelling a lot this month; please pray for safe travels and pray that the Holy Spirit enables us to teach in ways that bring transformation."

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. – Acts 4:30

September 22 - 28

22 SUNDAY: KATIE MOUNT

THAILAND

"I am feeling so thankful to be back in Thailand, after a wonderful time visiting supporters in North America. Please be praying for Zion Church, and specifically for our new believers: Dadi, Jaa and Teoy. Pray that God would take them to deep places of intimacy with the Father, for their relatives to accept Christ and for their children to know and love God."

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream... – Jeremiah 17:7-8a

23 MONDAY: OASIS

RESTRICTED

"Please pray for believing families that resisted pressure to participate in a recent Muslim holy festival. Pray for them to have wisdom, to know how to respond to family and friends that question this decision. Pray for open doors to share the Gospel."

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. – Acts 4:29

24 TUESDAY (24): 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. Pray especially for his role in resourcing churches to respond to the ongoing refugee crisis in Germany.

As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. - Psalm 18:30

25 WEDNESDAY: MT

RESTRICTED

MT works to catalyze spiritual growth, leadership development, and holistic church planting among the Arabic-speaking population in Europe. Pray for her work with immigrants, many of whom have never before heard about Jesus.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. - Psalm 57:11

26 THURSDAY: RICHARD & HAZEL FUNK

AUSTRIA

“One of our encouragements in ministry are visits of friends from supporting churches, people who have deeply invested in prayer and financial support in our lives over the past thirty-two years. This month we are welcoming two couples from Montana, USA. Praise God with us for all who pray and give, so that Multiply can send out workers.”

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

27 FRIDAY: BOB DAVIS

THAILAND

“We are back in Thailand! God has clearly invited us to invest in the work at the Changed Life Center in Northern Thailand, and in other Multiply ministries in Southeast Asia. Please pray for us as we re-engage with people and places familiar to us, and step into new opportunities to serve God and love people with the Good News! Since coming in July we have made new friends here. Pray for the work of the Spirit in their lives, bringing them into relationship with Jesus.”

As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” - Romans 10:15

28 SATURDAY: R & M S

RESTRICTED

Pray for this couple in Europe, involved in evangelism, leadership development, media training, and church planting using media and the arts. Pray for their ongoing role in Multiply's Global Media Network.

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

September 29 - 30

29 SUNDAY: SOMDY & CHANH JUSSE

THAILAND

“Please pray for our church here in Phon Phisai, for growth and protection. Pray also for our training program for church planters in a neighboring country. Pray for me and my family as our daughter goes back to school. Thank you!”

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. - Luke 6: 38

30 MONDAY: TREVER & JOAN GODARD

MEXICO

“Pray for our HADIME students as they transition back to their countries and put into practice new habits of spiritual discipline. Pray for Tomas and Melody and Ele and Shaila, two new couples coming to join our Matthew Training Centre staff. Pray as they take the FOCUS training with Multiply this fall. Pray for us as we continue to meet with supporting friends and churches until the end of this month.”

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. - Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)

Spotlight on Japan

Less than one half percent of the people in Japan would call themselves Christians. Conversion is rare; because loyalty is one of their core values, Japanese see leaving their traditional Buddhism and Shintoism as a family betrayal. There is often a pervasive hopelessness here, and Japan has one of the highest suicide rates in the world. Despite being one of the most advanced and secularized nations in the world, economic recession has left the country in crisis, and a high rate of earthquakes, typhoons, tsunamis and other natural disasters all contribute to a hopeless fatalism. Multiply workers in Japan are determined to change that.

Pray

- > Pray for more of God's people to respond to the call to bring hope to this country.
- > Pray for the English class ministry employed as a primary and effective means of connecting with the local community, and for other creative ways to introduce the Gospel.
- > *Pray for the partnership between the Japan Mennonite Brethren Conference and Multiply to be strong, as we work together to train and send out global workers from Japan to other nations.*

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