

# Daily Prayer Guide

September 2020



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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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 - 5

### 1 TUESDAY: R & M S

### EUROPE

“Please pray for a global servant who is trying to come out here to help for a year. He is wanting to be here by the end of this month. Pray that he receives his visa, application approval, references, and support – and all this during a pandemic! These are big challenges, but we have a big God.”

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

### 2 WEDNESDAY: CECIL & TRACY RAMOS

### THAILAND

“As we are isolating in Bakersfield, California, we find ourselves reaching out to friends, inviting them to consider overseas missions and encouraging them to press into Jesus. Please pray as we also encourage our churches, leaders and organization to lean into the issues of the day and consider what God has to say about justice and racial reconciliation.”

*Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. - Hebrews 1:8*

### 3 THURSDAY: PK

### SOUTHEAST ASIA

Please pray for this worker as he is mentoring pastors, church planters and other national leaders. Praise God that the churches continue to grow, despite opposition. Pray that the love of God would be shown by the churches in generous, practical ways during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor. - Psalm 112:9*

### 4 FRIDAY: MAXYM & ANYA OLIFEROVSKI

### UKRAINE

“Pray that people who attended summer camps would join local church communities and grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ. Pray that New Hope Center would be able to continue serving families in crises despite COVID-19 restrictions, and that the Dnipro church plant could be resumed by September.”

*I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding ... - Nehemiah 2:20a*

### 5 SATURDAY: JON & BONNIE ESAU

### THAILAND

“We are in Canada during this season of COVID-19 restrictions. Praise God for an incredible home to live in! Pray for our kids, especially for Callie who started middle school. We look forward to connecting with our supporting churches and getting involved with local ministries over the next few months. Pray that God will lead us to the exact people and ministries where he wants us to serve.”

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31*

## September 6 - 12

### 6 SUNDAY: K & K

### AUSTRIA

“We are now in North America, processing the end of a decade of ministry in Europe. God’s peace and goodness is evident, even amid a barrage of emotions. We cannot begin to thank all of you who made it possible for us to serve in Germany and Austria. You have invested greatly here, and we count it an honor to have served the Lord together in this way! We will be with Multiply until the end of December. Please pray for our family during this time of transition.”

*Put your hope in the Lord. Travel steadily along his path.  
- Psalm 37:34a (NLT)*

### 7 MONDAY: EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA

### PANAMA

“When we tested positive for COVID-19, doctors put our camp in mandatory quarantine. In August two of our Wounaan leaders died. This people group is suffering terribly with COVID-19 and with the loss of their artisanal livelihood. Eight indigenous students at the discipleship school also tested positive. Praise God that, like us, they had mild symptoms. Our students are trapped in lockdown here at school, even though classes are over. We are all very weary.”

*He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. - 2 Corinthians 1:10*

## 8 TUESDAY: TRAVIS JOST

BURUNDI

Travis is serving as a FOCUS apprentice in Burundi. Pray for ministry initiatives which include a school, medical clinic, church plants, discipleship groups and a pastors network. Pray for Travis as he is learning the language and culture.

*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*

## 9 WEDNESDAY: BRAD & CASADI SCHROEDER

THAILAND

“Pray that we would be able to learn the Thai language well so we can communicate the Good News of Jesus to this nation. As we just moved to Chonburi, please pray for connections with our neighbors that would lead to kingdom fruit, and for our children as they transition to another new home, city and school.”

*As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.  
- Acts 4:20*

## 10 THURSDAY: ELEAZAR & SHAILA DIAZ-ORTIZ

MEXICO

“Pray for us as we are now in the seventh month of pregnancy. Please continue to walk and pray with us in this, for although we are really excited, we are also sometimes a bit worried because of COVID-19. We are privileged to be able to count on your prayers and it means a lot to us. Pray as we discern God’s plans for us and for the HADIME program.”

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. - Proverbs 3:5-6*

## 11 FRIDAY: DEREK & TIFFANI PARENTEAU

CANADA

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

*As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. - John 17:18*

## 12 SATURDAY: 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.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. - Ephesians 6:18*

## September 13 - 19

## 13 SUNDAY: SEAN & JUDITH FAST

THAILAND

“Praise God that we are still healthy, and our target country is opening up again! The virus is a crisis in our life that we pray will end quickly, but the opportunity we’ve had to meet our neighbors, make new friends and care for the seniors in our neighborhood has helped us to be more grounded in what really matters. Continue praying for us as we learn the language. Our language school has shut down and we are using private tutors.”

*Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. - Hebrews 10: 23-24*

## 14 MONDAY: 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 was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in ...  
- Matthew 25: 36-37*

## 15 TUESDAY: A & R

CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving together to plant churches in Central Asia. Their vision is to rebuild and restore the church where historically it once flourished. Praise God for the transformed lives of disciples who are learning to walk in faith and maturity, experiencing freedom from bondage through the power of the Holy Spirit.

# MAKING IT MATTER

COLOMBIA | By Nikki White

It was early one morning in Cali, Colombia, when Aura Inés Lopera received the last communication from her only child, twenty-six-year-old Stephanie. Eight hours later, Stephanie's abandoned car was located, as well as her dead, battered body.

Aura was shattered. Although her daughter was a Christian, Aura was not. She wondered, "What kind of God could let this happen?" The ensuing despair threatened to consume her. She sank deeper and deeper into an abyss of silent grief, pulling away from friends and family. The guilt was overwhelming; she should have been there. She should have been able to save her child.

Only Aura's sister, also a believer, somehow managed to avoid adding to her crushing burden. Other church members leaned in with warmth and a practical outpouring of love that melted Aura's heart, and she found herself drawn to them. She began to attend Bible studies and joined a support group of women who had been similarly traumatized. Aura soon realized that she had to choose between trusting God in the midst of meaningless pain, or a descent into a bitter, hopeless void. She chose Jesus.

Growing rapidly in her new faith, Aura found herself longing to make a commitment to Jesus, and so was baptized. After that day, although painful memories of her daughter's death still plagued her, they no longer had the same power.

Nothing would make it right, Aura knew, but God could make it *matter*. God could give it meaning.

Aura began to take more of a leadership role with the other women suffering from trauma. In discipling them, she became hungry to be discipled herself. Hearing of a discipleship program called HADIME, run by Multiply's Matthew Training Centre in Mexico, she jumped at the chance to join.



Aura with Sandra Chavez-Plett from the HADIME team

"I was the oldest student there," Aura reflected wryly, "but it was the best time of my life! I learned to serve the Lord as he wants me to serve, not just in the way that I think is best."

Looking back on her daughter's senseless death, Aura marvels at how God brought meaning, direction, and beauty to her life as she surrendered her pain to him. Aura has now returned to Colombia and is pouring out her life to Jesus in voluntary, loving sacrifice, asking God to use her to bring hope and meaning to the pain of others.

# ROSA

MEXICO | By Robert Thiessen

Rosa was waiting patiently for the local bus in the center of town to take her home to her neighbourhood. The bus was late, as usual. Then she saw a woman standing across the street, cradling a small child in her arms, and clearly agitated. The child had just vomited and now lay, limp and unresponsive, in the woman's arms.

From the woman's dress, Rosa could see that she was an indigenous Mixtec from the mountains. She watched as the woman clutched the sick child and entered a pharmacy nearby. Desperate, she tried to ask for help in her broken Spanish. The owner, like many Latinos in Mexico, obviously considered her to be just another dirty, ignorant indio. Haughtily, she commanded her clerk to drive the woman out of the store. It was more than Rosa could bear.

Angry, Rosa marched across the street to the pharmacy to intervene, but the owner just ignored her. Rosa stormed out of the pharmacy and proceeded to flag down a taxi, bundle the mother and child into the back seat and then climb in herself. It was going to be far more expensive than the bus she had planned on taking that afternoon, but she didn't care. The woman needed help. Together they made their way across town to the

hospital. Knowing that she would need to act as an advocate for this woman, Rosa went straight to the reception desk, dealt briskly with the paperwork and then demanded to see a doctor.

The child was badly dehydrated, which meant an overnight stay. Rosa saw this tired mother settle down on the floor to hold vigil beside her child's bed. No one offered the woman so much as a pillow.

Rosa returned the next day to complete the paperwork for discharge, then took the woman to the pharmacy and paid for the child's medication. She spent time drawing little pictures on paper to communicate dosages, and then gave her enough money to get back to her mountain village. The woman and child left, having experienced the hands and feet of Jesus in a tangible way.

These are the kind of friends that we are privileged to know and to journey with, working together to bring healing, justice and salvation to the indigenous people of Oaxaca. We long to see God's Kingdom come - here on earth, as it is in heaven.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> R & M S Europe	<b>2</b> Cecil & Tracy Ramos Thailand	<b>3</b> PK Southeast Asia	<b>4</b> Maxym & Anya Oliferovski Ukraine	<b>5</b> Jon & Bonnie Esau Thailand
<b>6</b> K & K Austria	<b>7</b> Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga Panama	<b>8</b> Travis Jost Burundi	<b>9</b> Brad & Casadi Schroeder Thailand	<b>10</b> Eleazar & Shaila Diaz-Ortiz Mexico	<b>11</b> Derek & Tiffani Parenteau Canada	<b>12</b> Heinrich & Annie Rempel Germany
<b>13</b> Sean & Judith Fast Thailand	<b>14</b> Walter & Ina Reimer Germany	<b>15</b> A & R Central Asia	<b>16</b> Doris Goertz Japan	<b>17</b> D & M Austria	<b>18</b> Gedas & Kristina Dailyde Lithuania	<b>19</b> Jeremy & Adrienne Penner Thailand
<b>20</b> John Ervin Worldwide	<b>21</b> D & S Restricted	<b>22</b> Katie Mount Thailand	<b>23</b> Johann Matthies Germany	<b>24</b> MT Europe	<b>25</b> Richard & Hazel Funk Austria	<b>26</b> Nick & Katelynn Bateman Canada
<b>27</b> Jen Schmidt Mexico	<b>28</b> Somdy & Chanh Jusse Thailand	<b>29</b> Trever & Joan Godard Mexico	<b>30</b> Alex & Carla Suderman Germany			

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*For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything...  
And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the  
hope in which we glory. - Hebrews 3:4, 6*

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**16 WEDNESDAY: DORIS GOERTZ** **JAPAN**

“Our church resumed meeting together in June, but we also continue to livestream the services. Praise God that some of my English students are watching the online services. Pray that God will use the services to draw the students to himself. Pray for safety and health as the students come to English classes each week.”

*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*

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**17 THURSDAY: D & M** **AUSTRIA**

“Pray for two unbelievers who attended the My Life workshop we facilitated, that they might encounter Jesus in a special way. Continue to pray for J & F and their kids. Praise Jesus that F came to church for the first time. D began another intensive German language class in the summer. Pray for patience and quick learning.”

*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*

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**18 FRIDAY: 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 Bible teaching and prayer, pray for them to overcome the distrust and resistance often shown to new religious groups.

*Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. - Proverbs 3:3-4*

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**19 SATURDAY: JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER** **THAILAND**

“Praise God that even though COVID-19 displaced so many people here, new groups have emerged in factories where believers landed and planted the seeds of the Gospel. Praise God that ordinary people can make a difference in the hands of an extraordinary God! Workers are scattered all over the place because of job uncertainty; pray that as our leaders continue to disciple those who are new believers, they would be encouraged in their calling and bear much fruit.”

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. - John 15:5*

September 20 - 26

**20 SUNDAY: JOHN ERVIN** **WORLDWIDE**

“It’s so easy to forget that we are loved and chosen, adopted to be in his family. And he loves us, not because of what we do or say or even how we live. He simply loves us, and you. We are just taking each day, step by step, hand in hand with our Savior and Lord as we look to him about our future ministry.”

*For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you ...  
- 1 Thessalonians 1:4*

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**21 MONDAY: D & S** **RESTRICTED**

“Thank you so much to everyone who prayed for D and sent encouraging words while he recovered from a ruptured appendix, it meant a lot to us both. Please continue to pray for our target region where there are many who are going without food, and where overcrowding makes it easier for COVID-19 to spread, especially when people in overcrowded neighborhoods commonly share a toilet and live in close proximity to one another.”

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

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## 22 TUESDAY: KATIE MOUNT

THAILAND

“We are rejoicing for all that God has been doing at Zion Church and the Abundant Life Home (ALH). Pray for the six people baptized in August to grow and go even deeper with God. Pray for the four new girls from Monkey Mountain who accepted Christ, that they would see the value in cell group and come to our weekly gathering to learn and grow. Pray for ALH young adults who are discerning next steps regarding Bible School, university, and how to share the Gospel with classmates.”

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*  
- Ephesians 3:17-19

## 23 WEDNESDAY: JOHANN MATTHIES

GERMANY

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

*We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

## 24 THURSDAY: MT

EUROPE

“During these last months God has been telling us that he is with us in all that is happening around us and, more specifically, in our lives! Amid many uncertainties he keeps telling us to wait on him. Please pray that we continue to take the time to listen and to be in his presence. We wait for him to open the right doors for us. May we be ready to follow!”

*Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*  
- Psalm 27:14

## 25 FRIDAY: RICHARD & HAZEL FUNK

AUSTRIA

“Pray for the churches here. Some members in an evangelical church group in Linz caught the COVID-19 virus, which then spread quickly. Media took this and spread it even faster - putting the evangelical churches all over Austria under scrutiny! Pray for our teammates K&K as they transition back to North America. We, and many others, will miss this family so much!”

*From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*  
- Ephesians 4:16

## 26 SATURDAY: NICK & KATELYNN BATEMAN

CANADA

“We are now doing our FOCUS training online. We had looked forward to coming together and learning in person with the other participants and will miss the interaction and getting to know other families in the program, but we are thankful for technology. Pray for our schedule and for our daughter as she adjusts to daycare.”

*But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands. - Psalm 31:14-15 (NKJV)*

## September 27 - 30

## 27 SUNDAY: JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

Pray for this worker, based at the Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara, as she equips others for mission through spiritual discipleship, specialized training, and the coordination of short-term mission teams. Jen and the Matthew Team are also involved in church planting, social ministries, evangelism, and teaching at a Bible institute.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*  
- John 1:5

## 28 MONDAY: SOMDY & CHANH JUSSE

THAILAND

“I am in Canada now. Please pray for my return to the field in the near future, in October or November. Pray for the door be open and for resources to be supplied. Also pray for Phonphisai church to have unity in Christ, and for the young believers in Ban Tua Yang to be strengthened in the Lord.”

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts, and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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## 29 TUESDAY: TREVER & JOAN GODARD

MEXICO

“We came through six months of lockdown and are now in Canada, braving a few face-to-face meetings. We are also in our final six months of long-term mission, discerning the future of both Matthew Training Center and for ourselves personally. Our meditation throughout the past month has been in Proverbs. Our prayer continues to be, as it has been throughout these many years, for increasing intimacy with God.”

*Become intimate with him in whatever you do, and he will lead you wherever you go. Don't think for a moment that you know it all, for wisdom comes when you adore him with undivided devotion and avoid everything that's wrong. Then you will find the healing refreshment your body and spirit long for. - Proverbs 3:6-8 (TPT)*

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## 30 WEDNESDAY: ALEX & CARLA SUDERMAN

GERMANY

“It has been over a year since we moved to Dortmund, and we are starting to feel at home. I (Alex) finally completed my doctoral program through McMaster University. Pray that the Lord would use the degree to open doors for even more Gospel engagement. Pray for our kids, who certainly had their fair share of screen time during quarantine. Pray for strength and creativity for us to help them with their homework, learn German and, most importantly, to follow Jesus.”

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. - John 10:27-28*

## Spotlight on Thailand

In a country with the smallest minority of Christians in all of Southeast Asia, praise God that the church is expanding rapidly in the far north, particularly in the provinces of Chiangmai, Chiangrai and Mae Hong Son.

Over 95% of the Thai people follow Theravada Buddhism, strongly influenced by Animism and Hinduism. However, recent political unrest, uncertainty about the monarchy, economic struggles, AIDS (one million Thais are HIV positive), prostitution and growing disillusionment with Buddhism have resulted in unprecedented openness to the gospel.



### Pray:

- > Pray that God would encourage church leaders, and for effective leadership development strategies.
- > Pray that Thai believers would be on mission toward their fellow citizens in the unreached parts of the country, and to the marginalized illegal immigrants from Myanmar.
- > Pray for followers of Jesus to be able to show God's love in practical ways during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- > Pray for global workers in areas with restricted access, that they would find favor with those in authority and be bold and faithful when faced with opposition.

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