



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14 (NIV)</p>			<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by: <b>Richard and Wanda Good</b> In appreciation for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren</p>			<p>Happy New Year! As 2022 begins, pray for God's Spirit to open doors for the gospel around the world, for receptive hearts and transformed lives as a witness to the love and salvation of God through Jesus.</p>
<p>Pray for the Elder team of Mosaic of Grace Church as they gather for their annual retreat. Pray for joy and God's Spirit to help them discern how they will partner with God's mission in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.</p>	<p>Lift up two men that Diomedes Franco works with in La Vega, Dominican Republic, who accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray for God to help them not to return to addiction but to grow and bear fruit for God.</p>	<p>As Klementina Shahini celebrates her birthday today in Albania, ask God to encourage and bless her administration of Lezha Academic Center as it educates students and reflects kingdom values in the community.</p>	<p>Pray for the home groups of the church to which Steve and Laura Campbell relate in Podgorica, Montenegro. Pray that these groups will draw closer to God and one another while building skills for making disciples.</p>	<p>As Eastern Mennonite University students leave for Guatemala Intercultural semester, pray for students Lucy and Kara, whom the 264 OSH ministry has related to, as they build relationships within the community and the group.</p>	<p>Pray for Isaan believers in northeastern Thailand, where the Horst and Schoenhals families serve, to grow in passion for Christ, depth of character, and clear, bold witness.</p>	<p>Lift up Bapak S. and other vulnerable friends of a family serving in a slum community in Southeast Asia, as an accident or a health problem can send them into financial crisis. Bapak suffered a huge financial blow following a motorcycle accident.</p>
<p>Join Hannah Shultz, serving in music and discipleship ministry in Harrisonburg, Va., in praying for strength in God's power to have all the endurance and patience she needs while working with pastors, parents, and children.</p>	<p>Pray for college students as they prepare to return to campus life in the upcoming weeks. Also pray for the three tranSend interns serving at James Madison University, and Lydia Musselman and the 264 OSH ministry.</p>	<p>Lift up The Soil and The Seed project that Seth and Theresa Crissman work with in the Shenandoah Valley. Praise God for the wonderful response to their first collection of music and resources for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.</p>	<p>Pray that the students who attend Lezha Academic Center in Albania and their families will experience the transformational power of Jesus Christ. Pray for the staff who sacrifice much for the success of the school.</p>	<p>Pray for the ministry of Garden City Church, planted by Tyler and Kendra Yoder, and pray for God's spirit to move in the community in Richmond, Va., as neighbors receive and embrace the message of the Kingdom.</p>	<p>Pray that Christ's light will shine in largely unreached locations like Central Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East, where workers are engaged in business opportunities to be a light and represent God's love.</p>	<p>As their community in Iquitos, Peru, continues to recover from a major fire in August 2021, pray for Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya and her husband Freddy as they minister Jesus' healing and hope.</p>
<p>Join the Horst and Schoenhals families in praying for EMM mission intern Alexa Bezditny, who is arriving to join their families in Thailand as a homeschool helper today. Ask God to bless her with peace and purpose as she begins the assignment.</p>	<p>Jason Wagner serves as a jail chaplain at Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail. Pray that the Christian services and pastoral care he provides will lead many in the jail to faith in Jesus and to life transformation.</p>	<p>Pray for Jesus to reveal himself in dreams and visions to those living in societies underreached by the gospel, and for opportunities for new believers to connect with other Jesus followers in their areas and online.</p>	<p>Join Norma Teles in praying that the mothers and the girls she regularly meets with in Albania will be enlightened to the hope found in Jesus. Ask the Lord to speak into their hearts and help them see God's glory.</p>	<p>David and Rebekka Stutzman work in the post-Christian context of Mannheim, Germany, with church planting and discipleship networks. Pray for the upcoming Wayfarers E<sup>3</sup> Collective to France and Germany in March/April 2022.</p>	<p>Lift up Lee and Peg Martin, serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in West Virginia as they respond to many applications for home repair assistance, but as there are fewer volunteers to work at this time of year.</p>	<p>Lift up the college ministry of Lydia Musselman and 264 OSH. The last semester was stressful and stretching for everyone at the house, but also a rich time of connection and blessing. Pray especially for housemates Bekah and Katie in their last year of college.</p>
<p>Lift up the financial needs of VMissions workers who are fundraising. Pray for wisdom in communicating their needs, and for many generous supporters who are excited to join with them in partnership.</p>	<p>As Bethany Tobin celebrates her birthday today (Jan. 24) in Nam Yuen, Thailand, ask the Lord for encouragement for her and her husband Steve, and for breakthroughs in their assignment as God calls persons to faith in Jesus.</p>	<p>Lift up Iglesia Reneuvo, a church planted in Winston-Salem, N.C., by Juan José Lagos, as they share the love of Jesus in their community and exhibit the kind of renewal and transformation that comes from abiding in the Lord.</p>	<p>Pray for the business for transformation work that VMissions is engaging in. Several worker families around the world enrich their communities through businesses that meet needs and model integrity.</p>	<p>Lift up the church planting ministry of John David Thacker, who serves in Charleston, W.Va. Join him in praying that he will plant churches that are designed from their birth to create and multiply disciples of Jesus.</p>	<p>Pray for health and wisdom for tranSender Nathan Carr and his family as he serves in prison ministry in Harrisonburg, Va. Also lift up the men he works with in recovery, and that they will open their hearts and minds to Jesus.</p>	<p>Pray that language learning will continue to go well for Andressa Coutinho, who serves in Shkodër, Albania, so that she can become more deeply involved in the ministry there alongside Rafael and Solange Tartari.</p>

# Call to Prayer

“Lord, teach us to pray,” asked one of Jesus’ disciples in Luke 11:1. They didn’t ask Jesus to teach them to walk on water or cast out demons, but to pray. They had seen Jesus model a life of prayer. Yet, prayer didn’t come naturally to the disciples; they knew they fell short. Just prior to this, Luke 10 records how Jesus invited his disciples to join him in his mission. The first command he gave them was to pray: “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” So the disciples asked Jesus to teach them.

Jesus’ command to pray has resonated within our team of Latino church planters. We long to see a fruitful harvest, a multiplying movement of Jesus’ disciples. In God’s kingdom we are born anew to multiply, and Luke’s gospel has been teaching us that multiplication is preceded by prayer. So in response to the Spirit’s invitation, we have been meeting once a month for the last year to pray. As we’ve come together, God has done new things. First, he’s helped us see the potential in the fields in which we labor: “Look at the harvest! Gain a new perspective!” There are more people ready to open their hearts to Jesus than people ready and trained to share about him with them. This is what God sees, and this perspective should make us sense the urgency for new workers.

Second, we are learning that God alone is the one who sends and commissions people. It all lies in his power. And this is a supernatural thing! The phrase “send out workers” in Greek is *ekballo*, which means to draw out violently, to be overcome by an opposite force, to cause one to depart in haste. What a puzzling description of being sent out! This sounds like a disruptive call that drags people away from their normal lives and routines and pushes them towards a new ultimate purpose in life, namely God’s mission and glory. So we need to pray for this supernatural call into people’s lives, which only God can do.

Third, we’ve discovered that as you pray for laborers for the harvest, you grow in your willingness to be one of them! You catch the *kairos* moment, the Spirit fills you with compassion that overcomes fear. As we pray, we become willing to go.

God has determined to bring about a harvest through the prayers of his people. He delights in answering those prayers, doing “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” (Eph. 3:20).

—LIZZETTE HERNANDEZ

# Answers to Prayer

- Hannah Shultz, a tranSend intern serving in music and discipleship ministry in Harrisonburg, Va., praises God that the parents of three of the girls she ministers to at Iglesia Esperanza de Vida came to church last Saturday for the first time. “What an answer to prayer,” she writes. “Pray that they will each encounter Jesus in fresh and life-changing ways and continue to stay in Christian community.”
- At the beginning of December, there was a girls’ camp in the town where Jacob and Hosanna used to serve in South Asia. “While the turnout was disappointing, the girls that attended had grown in their faith over the last year and the fellowship with them was sweet. My highlight was hearing them pray for the salvation of their relatives. May the Lord answer their prayers,” they wrote.
- It was refreshing and meaningful for Diomedes and Victoria Franco to be able to spend Thanksgiving time with their children and grandchildren in the US. Their ministry to vulnerable youth and young adults in La Vega, Dominican Republic, has been fruitful: two men, Andrés and Reynaldo, accepted Christ as Lord. “Now, I am trying to contact their relatives,” Diomedes wrote. “Please pray for them so that God helps them not to return to addiction [but to] grow and bear fruit for God.”
- The Mark and Sarah Schoenhals family is thankful to God for arriving safely back at their home in Det Udom, Thailand, and with approved visas.

# Ways to Pray

## Holistic prayer for VMissions workers

### Own relationship to God – 2 Peter 3:18

- Pray that he/she will be abiding in Christ and feeding on God’s word
- Pray for a deep prayer life
- Pray for him/her to be filled with the Holy Spirit; pray that they will not be depending on their own efforts
- Pray for victory over evil

### Physical and emotional life – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

- Pray for good health: some live and work in difficult climates where diseases are prevalent
- Pray for safety: travel is often hazardous, whether by air, car or foot
- Pray for deliverance from depression, discouragement, and/or loneliness
- Pray for the worker’s financial, physical, spiritual and emotional needs to be met

### Ability to communicate – 2 Timothy 4:2

- Pray for ability to learn languages and understand and adapt to the culture
- Pray for effectiveness in communicating the gospel
- Pray for time and discipline to communicate with supporters and others at home

### Ministry – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

- Pray for open doors, boldness, empowerment by the Holy Spirit
- Pray for discernment and understanding in decisions that are made
- Pray for effective use of time
- Pray for God to show the missionary where the harvest is ripe