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| <p>“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 (NIV)</p> | | <p>This month’s prayer calendar is sponsored by: The Sam Weaver Family</p> | | | <p>1 At Lezha Academic Center in Albania, one of the teachers is Ukrainian, and one of the students is Russian. Pray that God will continue to keep the peace and love between these two families, who have been very good friends so far.</p> | <p>2 The people group in South Asia where Jacob and Hosanna serve is the largest unreached people in the world, according to the Joshua Project, which estimates that 2,000 workers are needed. Pray that the Lord will send workers into this huge harvest.</p> |
| <p>3 Pray for the Horst family, serving in Nam Yuen, Thailand, in a busy season. Pray for God’s leading and ministry in their team, and for them to hear God’s voice, share well as a team and move forward in the work they are doing together.</p> | <p>4 Join tranSend intern Lydia Musselman, serving with 264 OSH college ministry in Harrisonburg, Va., students, and community members as they pray over Eastern Mennonite University and its people, where God’s presence and blessings have been evident.</p> | <p>5 Join Diomedes Franco, serving with his wife Victoria in La Vega, Dominican Republic, in praying for kids’ clubs. Ask God to send more volunteers and resources, and that the Holy Spirit will bring them to conviction and conversion.</p> | <p>6 A worker couple serving in Central Asia (currently in the US) is thankful for new teammates and looks forward to traveling to the ministry location next week. Pray for additional workers for the harvest in Central Asia.</p> | <p>7 Join Armando and Veronica Sanchez, church planters and pastors of Iglesia Shalom, Waynesboro, Va., in praying for people willing to work in ministry with children, youth and worship music.</p> | <p>8 As Hannah Shultz celebrates her birthday today, lift up her music and discipleship ministry in partnership with the Esperanza de Vida and Monte Moriah congregations. Ask God to infuse her interactions with grace and truth that leads to lifelong faith.</p> | <p>9 Lift up the work of intentional prayer in the ministries of VMissions as a fundamental underpinning of every program, assignment, and campaign. Ask God to call more persons to pray regularly in support of this work.</p> |
| <p>10 Lift up the millions of Ukrainian refugees fleeing their country and settling in new places. May the global body of Christ make these (and other refugees) feel welcomed where they go as they share the love of Jesus in word and deed.</p> | <p>11 As Sarah Schoenhals celebrates her birthday tomorrow, join with her in praying for many more workers to respond to God’s call to serve as church planters in the Isaan region of Thailand, where she serves with her family.</p> | <p>12 Lift up Raleigh and Opal* as they celebrate a shared birthday today in North Africa. Ask God to bless and encourage them, and enhance their vision and ministry to reach a largely unreached people group. (*pseudonyms)</p> | <p>13 Join Juan José Lagos in praying for the evangelization of the areas surrounding the new Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo building to find people of peace to immerse themselves in reaching Winston-Salem, N.C., for Christ.</p> | <p>14 Lift up Lee and Peg Martin, serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in West Virginia as spring begins a busy season of home repairs and volunteer teams. Ask God to bless interactions with homeowners and volunteers.</p> | <p>15 Lift up Rafael and Solange Tartari in prayer as they minister in Shkodër, Albania, bearing witness to Jesus and leading disciples into a daily life of prayer and knowledge of the word of God.</p> | <p>16 Pray for God to lead participants as they prepare for the Wayfarers E³ Collective to Germany and France, led by David Stutzman, who serves in Mannheim. May their eyes and hearts be opened to the need for the gospel.</p> |
| <p>17 Join Steve and Laura Campbell, serving in Podgorica, Montenegro, in praying for unity as their church’s small groups continue to function and relate to one another with grace and mutual care.</p> | <p>18 As Iglesia Shalom church planter Armando Sanchez celebrates his birthday today, he is also delighted to become a grandfather later this year! Pray with Armando and Veronica that their children will always live in the will of God.</p> | <p>19 Join Dan and Mary Hess, serving in Milot, Albania, in praying for the weekly children’s program that meets every Sunday. Their desire is to teach and disciple them in worship and deeper relationship with God.</p> | <p>20 Pray for the ministry of Garden City Church, Richmond, Va., planted by Tyler and Kendra Yoder, and pray for God’s spirit to move in the community as neighbors receive and embrace the message of the Kingdom.</p> | <p>21 Remember the VMissions Board of Directors as they hold their first board retreat since 2018 this weekend (April 22-24). Ask for spiritual refreshment, strengthened relationships, and divine guidance.</p> | <p>22 As Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya celebrates her birthday today, lift up her and her husband Freddy as they minister healing and hope to children and families in Iquitos, Peru. Pray for the church there to be a model of God’s love and care.</p> | <p>23 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>24 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>25 As tranSend intern Zachary Dey celebrates his birthday today, ask God to bless his ministry internship at Williamsburg Mennonite Church, and the upcoming transition to his becoming pastor of the church.</p> | <p>26 Join Alfonso Alvarado, church planter and pastor of Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah, Lacey Spring, Va., in praying for ongoing Bible studies in Harrisonburg and Timberville, and for the worship music ministry of the church.</p> | <p>27 Lift up current and potential local leaders that are being disciplined and trained by workers around the world. Ask God to guide them to positions of leadership with humility, integrity, and Christ-centeredness.</p> | <p>28 Lift up tranSend intern Ken Wettig, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., as he celebrates his birthday today. He is the director of SLAQ (Serving Leadership Adventure Quest), combining real life outdoor adventure with faith formation.</p> | <p>29 As Dini Shahini celebrates his birthday today in Lezhë, Albania, pray for God’s strength and wisdom as he and Klementina disciple Albanians and resettled Afghans, and for times of rest.</p> | <p>30 Pray for Heidi and Hannah Schoenhals, daughters of Mark and Sarah who serving in Det Udom, Thailand, as they finish their school year and the family explores education options for the future.</p> |

Call to Prayer

Several years ago, we returned from six months of comfortable furlough in the USA. A week before arriving home to our location in a slum in Southeast Asia, our city flooded. Our neighborhood was flooded—in some places chest deep, in our house and school just knee deep. Our homecoming was overwhelming—filled with culture shock, mourning lost possessions, and setting up our house again.

Less than a month after our homecoming, we all got typhoid. Typhoid is an awful food or waterborne illness that can be summed up in a few words: Fevers. Bloodwork. Hospitals. Exhaustion. Two weeks after recovering from typhoid, there we were, trudging through flood water to try to get to higher ground. I couldn't see where I place my feet. Our roads are not paved anyway, just an uneven accumulation of mud and rubble. With each step through the dark, brown water, I wonder if I will twist my ankle in a pothole and envision myself falling into the water along with my son. But that didn't happen. After a half mile walk, we made it out of the slum and onto higher ground.

I remember the prophet Habakkuk crying out to the Lord in 3:17-19. Perhaps I can make the prophet's song my own: "Though the rains do not cease to fall, though the flood waters continue to rise, though sickness and typhoid may ravage our bodies, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places."

Being sure-footed does not mean we can see each step of the journey ahead of us. In fact, it seems to me that following Jesus often means the opposite; we cannot see where we are going. Sometimes, we are wading through filthy flood water and cannot see where to put our feet. But even then, we know who we are following. And that He will lead us to high places.

Will you join in singing Habakkuk's song, too, even when life-as-you-know-it seems shaken? Can you trust that the Lord will make you sure-footed even through the floods of life?

—ANITA RAHMA (name changed)

Answers to Prayer

- Dini and Klementina Shahini, serving in Lezhë, Albania, praise God for the wonderful supporting team that surrounded them with prayers. They also praise God for providing the financial support for the Roma Literacy Program and Afghan Outreach, both of which are going very well.
- Last month, Hannah Shultz shared how she and workers Ken Wettig and Risha Metzler, along with Ebenezer Murengezi, were discerning an ecumenical multicultural youth group. Hannah praises God that two girls she works with recently attended. "I felt God moving throughout every aspect of the evening in the games, worship, Word, connections with other youth and post youth group conversations. Risha (Metzler) preached on "Waiting on the Lord" based on Isaiah 40. Several of the youth asked for prayer afterward. Praise God!" she wrote.
- In March, the Cow Bank project of the Life Enrichment Church in Nam Yuen, Thailand, officially launched. "It was gratifying to see five members of the Life Enrichment Church receive cows. They are all excited for the opportunity, but we are even more excited for the next batch of cows to go to people outside our church—to bless the community and be an opportunity to witness and share. Pray with us for the Cow Bank project to go forward with integrity, transparency, administered well and truly be a blessing to the community," Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin wrote.

Ways to Pray

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word..."

Colossians 4:2,3

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF WORKERS:

1. Spiritual needs

- A growing relationship with God
- Time and energy to nurture that relationship
- Deep awareness of God's love
- Availability of spiritual mentors

2. Emotional needs

- Growing sense of God's presence
- Loving relationships
- Healthy self-image
- Ability to adapt to another culture

3. Physical needs

- Health and strength
- Adequate living conditions
- Safety in danger