



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored:</p> <p>In honor of our parents, Sarah and Lloyd Weaver, Jr.</p> <p>“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”</p> <p>Matthew 6:33 (ESV)</p>			<p>1 The Wayfarers E3 Collective to Germany and France returns today. Pray that each participant's experience on the team will encourage them to carry God's heart for the people of post-Christian Europe.</p>	<p>2 Lift up Norma Teles in prayer today as she celebrates her birthday in Lezhë, Albania. Ask God to sustain her and multiply her ministry efforts in this next year through the Joshua Center early education ministry.</p>	<p>3 TranSend intern Hannah Shultz, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., relates to four children attending a Highland Retreat camp. Pray that they will encounter the living God in meaningful ways, and that they will learn to trust God fully.</p>	<p>4 As David Stutzman celebrates his birthday today in Mannheim, Germany, ask the Lord to bless his ministry of church networking and outreach alongside his wife Rebekka and three children.</p>
<p>5 In La Vega, Dominican Rep., Diomedes Franco carries the vision of planting a church that reaches young generations, as he and his wife Victoria spend much of their time in ministry connecting with and discipling young people.</p>	<p>6 As the Steve and Bethany Horst family are on home assignment from Thailand, ask the Lord for refreshment, time to build prayer support, and recruitment of new workers to share the gospel with the Isaan people.</p>	<p>7 As the summer season begins, join Lee and Peg Martin, serving with SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) in West Virginia, in praying for mutual blessing and encouragement between the volunteer work groups and homeowners.</p>	<p>8 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>9 Pray for God's Spirit to inspire the youth who engage in SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest) with a vision of the life Jesus intends for them. Also pray for a luncheon with ministry partners today to build a network of support for this ministry in Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>10 Join Mark and Sarah Schoenhals, serving in Det Udom, Thailand, in praying for Sarah's health as she continues with treatment for bacterial overgrowth in her gut (SIBO).</p>	<p>11 As VMissions workers train and disciple local leaders to share the gospel and multiply the body of Christ, ask God to guide them to positions of leadership with humility, integrity, and Christ-centeredness.</p>
<p>12 The congregation that Steve and Laura Campbell relate to in Podgorica, Montenegro, is planning to celebrate baptisms today. Praise God for those who have chosen to walk with Jesus and ask the Lord to guide them to deeper faith.</p>	<p>13 Sometimes a simple word of encouragement makes a huge difference. Ask the Lord to guide each worker with the right words to say and actions to model the love of Jesus which invites others to faith.</p>	<p>14 As Iglesia Renuevo in Winston-Salem, NC, settles into their new ministry space, join Juan José Lagos, church planter, in praying for the congregation's mobilization to multiply the gospel and be a blessing among their neighbors.</p>	<p>15 As Steve and Laura Campbell end their assignment in Montenegro and return to the US today, join them in praying that they finish well and see how God is guiding them in their next steps.</p>	<p>16 As Ukraine suffers from war, pray for God's church to respond in faith to bear witness to the goodness of God by meeting needs inside Ukraine and around the world as Ukrainian refugees resettle.</p>	<p>17 Pray for the Mennonite church in Iquitos, Peru, to be a model of God's love and care for the community. Lift up Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya and her husband Freddy as they minister healing and hope to children and families.</p>	<p>18 Ask God to bless this weekend's gathering in celebration of 30 years of Guri i Themelit Church, and as Lezha Academic Center celebrates 10 years in Lezhë, Albania.</p>
<p>19 Pray that Tyler and Kendra Yoder will find ways to deepen relationships within their neighborhood in Richmond, Va. and in their broader networks to share and invite others to faith in Jesus.</p>	<p>20 Pray for a week of children's Bible camp starting today in Milot, Albania, as Dan and Mary Hess share the love of Jesus in a way that clearly communicates how much they are loved and cared for by him.</p>	<p>21 Pray for an international team serving in Central Asia as they learn to know each other and serve together with a heart for the people of this region, alongside Jay and Em*. Jay is the team leader. (*pseudonyms)</p>	<p>22 Join Alfonso Alvarado, church planter and pastor of Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah, Lacey Spring, Va., in praying for Sister Ana and for Brother Emmanuel, that they can both find places to live in the community.</p>	<p>23 Pray for the Lord's encouragement and refreshment on Raleigh and Opal* and their family, serving in North Africa. Ask God to open doors for gospel conversations and for a strong support network. (*pseudonyms)</p>	<p>24 As tranSend intern Kailey Ross celebrates her birthday today, ask God to bless her and pray that her ministry internship at Lyside Mennonite Church, Lyndhurst, Va., will prepare her for future ministry leadership.</p>	<p>25 Pray for the Lord's protection and guidance on Yosiah and Anita* and their team in Southeast Asia. Pray for open doors for the gospel in their slum neighborhood, and for physical and spiritual healing. (*pseudonyms)</p>
<p>26 A family serving in South Asia is on home assignment in the US. Pray that God will use their time well to share mission stories with churches, and for God's leading to cultivate important connections and support networks.</p>	<p>27 Pray for Mosaic of Grace church planters and co-pastors Mike and Risha Metzler as they lead and serve together in ministry in Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>28 Join pastors and church planters Armando and Veronica Sanchez in praying for the ministry to women at Iglesia Shalom, Waynesboro, Va. In the last meeting, there were seven new women who attended.</p>	<p>29 Join Rafael and Solange Tartari, serving in Shkodër, Albania, in praying for every life that God has added in their midst; may the word sown in each of them germinate and may the fruits for the kingdom multiply through them.</p>	<p>30 As tranSend interns Becca Gaines, Hannah Lee, and Ashawrie White, serving in college ministry at James Madison University, conclude their assignments today, ask God to guide them in their next steps.</p>	<p>“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.”</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NLT)</p>	

Call to Prayer

Ging was an alcoholic, the town drunk. He drank so much that he couldn't keep a job, rarely remembered to eat, and pretty much just laid by the side of the road all day, every day. Ging also suffered from a ringing in his right ear that had been present since early childhood, until one day Yut and Duketa decided to pray for him.

Yut and Duketa were new believers, members of the Life Enrichment Church in Det Udom, Thailand, and they had caught the disciple-making bug. They had experienced radical transformations of their own and the hope of Christ and the church. As persons who were HIV positive, they had faced discrimination and marginalization by others in their community, but were welcomed into the church with open arms. They knew first hand what it meant to be transformed by Christ and were eager to share this Good News with others.

As physical healing can often be a door to believing in Thailand, Yut and Duketa prayed with Ging for Christ to heal him. And Christ healed him, in more ways than one. First, the ringing in Ging's ear disappeared. *Healing from a physical ailment.* Second, Ging was able to completely stop drinking alcohol from that point on. *Healing from an addiction.* Third, in realizing that the Holy Spirit could not completely fill him because of a stronghold related to the tattoos covering his arms that held a spiritual connection, Yut and Duketa prayed for a release from the spiritual oppression of the tattoos and Ging felt a wind go through his body as the spirits left. *Healing from spiritual bondage.*

Ging was transformed and is nothing less than a new creation. He was baptized at the next church gathering and is now a vibrant member of the church and an eager disciple. This is the holistic transformation that God desires for his children. Jesus didn't minister in only a spiritual dimension, but rather proclaimed in Luke 4, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

Ging's story shows proof of transformation and healing happening on every level, and all beginning with prayer. It was prayer that brought the physical healing, prayer that ended an addiction, and prayer that defeated the evil spirits and invited the Holy Spirit to reign in Ging's life.

—SARAH SHOWALTER

Answers to Prayer

- Mike and Risha Metzler, church planters and co-pastors of Mosaic of Grace Church, Harrisonburg, Va., have been praying for a neighbor's journey towards the Lord. Praise God that Mike and a friend witnessed this neighbor's first prayer! He and Risha hope that this will be the beginning of an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus for him.
- Rafael Tartari, serving in Shkodër, Albania, shared about Jonidi, who recently came to faith. "Our city of Shkodër is the city of bicycles in Albania. Recently, on a simple bike ride with a young man from the church who invited a friend, we had the opportunity to share the plan of salvation. Jonidi is a soldier at a military base in a nearby village. This was his day off, so he not only accepted the invitation for a bike ride, but was touched to hear the word and accepted Jesus as his Savior. Coincidentally, he who comes from a Muslim background, confessed Jesus in front of a mosque, which was at the end of the road where we stopped to rest!

We believe in our hearts that "The gospel is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). After that day I still had the opportunity to meet and have a coffee with Jonidi's brother too, and that's how we are expanding our circles of friendship and contacts and taking the opportunity to preach the gospel through relationships with different people."

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 ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

- **Pray for a strong family**, including a common commitment to God first, family second, and ministry third. Ministry needs can often be so great that family needs are shunted aside; pray that family—relationships with spouse and children—will be protected from the pressures that missionary life can exert. Also, for single missionaries, pray that they will be 'adopted' into families that can help meet their needs for relationship and connection. (Psalm 27:1; Colossians 3:18-21)
- **Pray for a vision** for what their ministry should be. Pray for sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit as plans are made and prayed over. Pray that the entire missions team will be united in vision and purpose. (Acts 16:9-10)
- **Pray for sensitivity to other cultures.** Cultural sensitivity is the critical first step in building relationships that will bear fruit for the kingdom. (Acts 17:16-23)
- **Pray for necessary financial support.** Being dependent on the generosity of other believers can be a humbling and faith-growing experience. It can also be a stressful experience if the missionary allows it. Pray that their financial needs will be met in a timely manner, so they can focus on the needs of the ministry. (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)
- **Pray for prayer partners** that will consistently raise them up to the throne. Pray that a circle of prayer support will encompass the missionaries you pray for, that your prayers will not be the only ones ascending to heaven on their behalf. Pray also that these prayer supporters will be in touch with the missionaries on a regular basis to encourage them. (Colossians 4:2-4)

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