



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Prayer calendar sponsored by: Jim and Dorcas Good</p>		<p>Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments[...]are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8-10 (NIV)</p>			<p>1 Pray for the travel plans of the Steve and Laura Campbell family this month, which will include a reentry retreat in Joplin, Missouri, and lift up this time of transition as they return from Montenegro after serving for 10 years.</p>	<p>2 Pray for a release of new workers to sow seed among the Isaan people of Thailand, among whom the Steve and Bethany Horst family and the Mark and Sarah Schoenhals family serve.</p>
<p>3 Join Lee and Peg Martin, serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in Kimball, W.Va., in praying for Location Coordinator openings (long-term leadership) at the Harlan and Hindman, Kentucky, SWAP locations.</p>	<p>4 Join Dan and Mary Hess, serving in Milot, Albania, in praying that as they continue to build relationships with the people there, God will open doors and give them avenues to share the gospel.</p>	<p>5 Pray for the new Timberville, Va., church plant where Alfonso Alvarado and Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah (Lacey Spring, Va.) are asking the Lord to send more workers and families.</p>	<p>6 As John David Thacker celebrates his birthday today in Charleston, W.Va., pray for his life and ministry as a church planter and networker in that city. Ask God to provide opportunities for meaningful fellowship.</p>	<p>7 For missionary kids, life is full of joys and adventures. But there is also grief, and it can be easy for parents to minimize that, which leads to problems in the future. Pray for worker parents to know how to help their kids grieve in a godly way.</p>	<p>8 Last month, Diomedes Franco started a new community group in another sector of La Vega, Dominican Republic. Pray for him as he helps people through a healing process after some left the traditional church after being wounded.</p>	<p>9 Join Ken Wettig, director of SLAQ in Harrisonburg, Va., in praying that youth will have a powerful encounter with the Spirit of God and commit themselves to the way of Jesus during the Summer Faith Adventure this week.</p>
<p>10 Ana Silva* is celebrating her birthday today in Central Asia. Ask God to bless her and her husband Paulo* as they serve on a business for transformation team with leaders Jay and Em*. (*pseudonyms)</p>	<p>11 Join tranSend intern Hannah Shultz, serving in music and discipleship ministries in Harrisonburg, Va., in praying for her Summer Worship & Music Camp this week. Pray that God will be honored and glorified.</p>	<p>12 Join Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin, serving in Nam Yuen, Thailand, in praying for new energy, clarity and provision of grace for the task of home-schooling and befriending the people around them.</p>	<p>13 Pray for Becca Gaines, Hannah Lee, and Ashawrie White, tranSend interns who finished their college ministry assignments in Harrisonburg, Va., in their transitions to what God has for them next.</p>	<p>14 As Dan and Mary Hess return to the US from Albania for a home assignment, pray that the group of believers in Milot will stay strong in their faith and be encouraged in their absence.</p>	<p>15 Lift up David and Rebekka Stutzman as they serve in the post-Christian context of Mannheim, Germany, networking with church partners and building communities of faith.</p>	<p>16 Lydia Musselman, VMissions staff member and tranSend intern, is getting married today to Daniel Martin in Reinholds, Pa. Ask God to bless the wedding and their marriage as they seek the Lord together.</p>
<p>17 As Rafael Tartari celebrates his birthday today in Shkodër, Albania, pray that through the next year God will use him, his wife Solange, and their two children in mighty ways to share the gospel with neighbors.</p>	<p>18 Pray for Mosaic of Grace church planters and co-pastors Mike and Risha Metzler, and for the church's outreach in the Harrisonburg, Va., neighborhood as people are drawn to faith because of faithful witness.</p>	<p>19 Pray that God will open doors for the gospel through business for transformation, especially in closed or unreached locations like Central Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East.</p>	<p>20 Lift up Andressa Coutinho, a tranSend intern serving in Shkodër, Albania, in prayer as she continues language and culture learning and serves the church alongside Rafael and Solange Tartari.</p>	<p>21 Lift up Anita Rahma* in prayer as she celebrates her birthday today in Southeast Asia, where she and her husband Yosiah* run House of Hope, an early learning center, in a slum community of a major city. (pseudonyms)</p>	<p>22 As church planter Diomedes Franco celebrates his birthday tomorrow in La Vega, Dominican Republic, ask God to help him and his wife Victoria make the most of their connections to share the gospel with those in need.</p>	<p>23 Pray for Theresa Crissman, serving with The Soil and The Seed Project in the Shenandoah Valley, as she celebrates her birthday today. Ask God to bless her and her husband Seth's music and Scripture ministry as a faith formation tool.</p>
<p>24 (31) Lift up Nathan Carr in prayer as he celebrates his birthday today in Harrisonburg, Va., where he serves those being released from jail and helps them find Christian communities that love and support them. 31</p>	<p>25 Join in praying with church planters Armando and Veronica Sanchez for the ministries of Iglesia Cristiana Shalom in Waynesboro, Va., which has connected and shared the gospel with many members of the Latino community.</p>	<p>26 Pray for God's spirit to move in the Richmond, Va., community of Garden City Church, planted by Tyler and Kendra Yoder, as neighbors receive and embrace the message of the Kingdom.</p>	<p>27 Pray for whoever God is equipping to step into the Eastside College ministries role in Harrisonburg, Va., as worker Lydia (Musselman) Martin transitions out of her assignment.</p>	<p>28 Lift up Norma Teles in prayer, for God to sustain her and multiply her ministry efforts in this next year through directing the Joshua Center early education ministry in Lezhë, Albania.</p>	<p>29 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>30 Join Shawn and Laura Green in praying for Afghan refugees Abbass and his family, as they continue to adjust to their new lives in Termoli, Italy. Pray for them to be open to the gospel and connect with persons from the Termoli church.</p>

Call to Prayer

A number of years ago, my husband Skip and I had the rare privilege of a “perfect” vacation. We enjoyed perfectly elegant accommodations (compliments of my brother, in his vacation home) in a perfectly spectacular setting of Jackson Hole, Wyoming. We enjoyed perfectly delightful weather and even had a perfect view of a total eclipse. We had every recreational opportunity at our fingertips and assiduously avoided talking about “work.” However, as wonderful and needful as was this rest time, I felt hollow inside. Even my prayer life seemed to go strangely quiet, with only gentle bubbles of rather lazy appreciation for beauty springing to the surface of my heart throughout the days.

You and I were made for work! Not just the work we do in exchange for a paycheck, but the common vocation we engage because we have given our lives to the Lord Jesus. In giving our lives to Jesus, we discover that there is something that our Lord wants us to do. One of those things he wants us to do is to pray. And despite the volumes written and sermons preached, if I am to be honest, there is nothing in my Christian life quite as challenging and counter-intuitive as this work of prayer.

In what sense is prayer work? I would not argue that it is work because something is accomplished by virtue of our doing it. If prayer had some sort of straightforward causal function, it would suggest that we, rather than God, were in the driver’s seat. Not so! Prayer for me is work because it is a vigorous expression of belief and belief is hard work.

In John 6, when the disciples ask Jesus what they must do to do the works of God, Jesus says “believe in the one he has sent.” When we pray, we are joining the likes of blind Bartemaeus who cried out with importunity as Jesus passed on the road, “Lord, have mercy upon me!” We entreat and implore because we can’t fix the things that are wrong. Yet, there is nothing weak and pathetic about the prayers we direct towards our Lord. To turn to God in prayer is not the same as shrugging our shoulders and saying nothing can be done. No! Our prayer is a faith stand—a vigorous expression of confidence, an insistence that God is indeed the one before whom our complaint and appeal must be laid. And even more challenging is the sobering realization that we have been commissioned by the Lord Jesus himself to not only cry out our appeal, but to carry his very authority in prayer!

—CAROL TOBIN

Answers to Prayer

- Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin, serving in Nam Yuen, Thailand, are thankful for your prayers for their family during their home assignment in the US. “Being here has been a wonderful reprieve from the stressors and regulations of the pandemic in Thailand, the first reprieve we have experienced in two years. In May, Steve finished up another class, the kids finished up the homeschool school year, and we have shared about our work with nine different groups and congregations. We have enjoyed wonderful grandparent, great-grandparent, parent, sibling, friend and cousin time. We are thankful for the wealth of encouragement, humor and hospitality in this circle. There have been many highlights for which we are very grateful,” they wrote.
- Praise the Lord that E., the 14-year-old son in a family serving in South Asia, was baptized. “It was a beautiful ceremony outside with lots of youth present and I was overwhelmed with joy at the scene. Pray that he would grow in knowing God personally.”
- Yosiah and Anita Rahma (names changed) are thankful to God for two male interns who will be serving with them for two months in a slum community in Southeast Asia! “It is great to have young men be part of the team, and Yosiah is enjoying mentoring them. Pray for these young Bible school students, that the Lord will teach them many things during their time here,” they wrote.

Ways to Pray

PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS

“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 that God will open doors of ministry, partnership, and friendship.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead mission workers.

PRAY FOR BOLDNESS

“Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel... Pray that I may declare it boldly.” (Ephesians 6:19-20)

- Pray for effective cross-cultural communication.
- Pray for boldness to speak God’s Word.

PRAY THAT THE WORD OF GOD WILL SPREAD

“Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere.” (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

- Pray that spiritual forces of evil will not hinder the spread of the gospel.
- Pray that the Word of God will be received with joy.

PRAY FOR PROTECTION

“Pray that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith.” (2 Thessalonians 3:2)

- Pray that the Lord will guard mission workers from the evil one.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will change the hearts of those who hear the Word.

Pray for God’s guidance in travel; pray for refreshment of body, mind, and spirit

“Pray that by God’s will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.” (Romans 15:32)

- Pray for protection and provision in travel.
- Pray for spiritual refreshment from the Holy Spirit in the company of other believers.