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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.</p> <p>Romans 8:1-4 (NRSV)</p>				1 As Paulo Silva* celebrates his birthday today in Central Asia, ask the Lord to bless his wife Ana* and the business for transformation team with unity and perseverance. (*pseudonyms)	2 Pray for new parents Tyler and Kendra Yoder, whom God has blessed by adding baby Zion to their family. Pray for the new rhythms they need to obtain as a result while continuing with their church planting ministry in Richmond, Va.	3 Join Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin, serving in Nam Yuen, Thailand, in praying for a breakthrough in their ability to meet regularly for healing prayer with a key couple.
4 As students return to school, pray that children will better understand the relevance of God's Word to their lives and God's nearness and care for them.	5 Ask the Lord to intervene in the process of the renewal of the religious visa for Alfonso Alvarado, church planter with Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah, Lacey Spring, Va. Pray for approval by immigration and financial provision.	6 Pray for the new and returning workers who are currently engaged in support raising among churches and individuals for their terms ahead, and ask the Lord for provision.	7 Pray that the Lord will send more workers to join the VMissions team in Central Asia, a region in the 10/40 window, the area of the world with the fewest followers of Jesus.	8 Pray for the ministry of Diomedes Franco, church planter in La Vega, Dominican Republic, as they need a shelter for adolescents with children. Also ask God to send more volunteers for the children's clubs.	9 Join Shawn and Laura Green, serving in Termoli, Italy, in praying for some ministry transitions in their coming term. Also pray for a new and larger space for the church to meet.	10 Lift up Lee Martin and his wife Peg in prayer as they serve with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in W.Va. Lee received a diagnosis of lymphoma recently, and there are many unknowns, but God is present and faithful.
11 Dan and Mary Hess, serving in Milot, Albania, are faithful in prayer that God will open doors and give them avenues to share the gospel. Ask the Lord for open hearts to receive the good news.	12 Join church planter Juan Jose Lagos, Winston-Salem, N.C., in praying that the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of everyone they have shared the gospel with, and prompt them to attend church regularly with no impediments.	13 Lift up Norma Teles in prayer as she directs the Joshua Center in Lezhë, Albania. Ask God to sustain her and multiply her ministry efforts as she has reached a generation of Roma children with God's love.	14 Pray for God's Spirit to inspire the youth in the Shenandoah Valley who engage in SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest) with a vision of the life Jesus intends for them and for lives of discipleship and service.	15 Today in Albania, Lezha Academic Center, in partnership with the local church, starts the Literacy, Numeracy, and An Awareness of God Program for Roma children and adults. Pray for a good turnout this year.	16 As Mark Schoenhals celebrates his birthday today in Det Udom, Thailand, ask God to bless his work with Life Enrichment Church to develop leaders and multiply churches. Pray for more workers among the Isaan people.	17 Ask God to strengthen workers around the world to remain steadfast and committed to God's will and word, remaining faithful in spite of opposition.
18 Lift up the millions of refugees moving and settling in new places around the world. May the global body of Christ make them feel welcomed where they go and share the love of Jesus in word and deed.	19 Church planters Armando and Veronica Sanchez, Waynesboro, Va., ask for prayer for healthy families and marriages in their communities, and they pray for God to move people to baptism and lives of committed faith.	20 Pray for the Mennonite church in Iquitos, Peru, to be a model of God's love in the community. Lift up Elena and Freddy Satalaya as they serve the church and minister to children and families.	21 Ask the Lord to guide each worker with the right words and actions to model the love of Jesus and invite others to faith in Jesus, and to teach and guide them in the way of Christ.	22 Pray for the ways that God can open doors for the gospel in Southeast Asia where few know the good news of Jesus. Ask the Lord of the harvest for workers to go and serve.	23 Lift up the ministry of Rafael and Solange Tartari and their children, serving in Shkodër, Albania. God has opened doors for the gospel to impact neighbors in powerful ways. Ask for more gospel breakthroughs.	24 Pray for the tranSend interns serving in college ministry roles in the Shenandoah Valley: Joyel Allen at Mary Baldwin University, and Rachel Janney and Olivia Kasidiaris on the campus of James Madison University.
25 Pray for believers in Jesus who live in societies where it's hard to find and connect with other believers. Pray for opportunities to connect for worship and fellowship.	26 Lift up the ministry of House of Hope, an early learning center in Southeast Asia, where Yosiah and Anita Rahma* serve in a slum community of a major city. (*pseudonyms)	27 Join the Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin family, serving in Nam Yuen, Thailand, in praying for stamina, creativity and joy as they are beginning another year of homeschooling their three children.	28 Pray for Klementina Shahini, executive director of Lezha Academic Center, as she travels to Lithuania to attend meetings at LCC International University today. Pray for her safety and also for a good meeting.	29 Lift up prison ministries as Jason Wagner is men's chaplain at Augusta Correctional Center and tranSend intern Nathan Carr works with those being released from jail. Ask for many open hearts and minds to the love of Jesus.	30 Pray for Mosaic of Grace Church's outreach efforts in the community with God's good news. Ask the Lord to bless and strengthen church planters and co-pastors Mike and Risha Metzler as they serve in Harrisonburg, Va.	

Call to Prayer

Think about the rhythms of your life—your own personal rhythms, family rhythms, church rhythms. How is prayer part of the rhythm of your life?

One of the amazing things about culture, is that even while culture shapes us, we have the ability to shape culture. What would it look like to be intentional about creating a “culture of prayer” in our homes, in our churches, and really in any setting?

I’m convinced that we can teach about prayer, write about prayer, encourage prayer, and speak highly of prayer all we want, but creating a culture of prayer “is very little about what we say, and very much about what we do. If we don’t live it, it’s never going to play out as we want.”

I’m often reminded of something Pastor Joi, one of the leaders of Life Enrichment Church in Thailand, said when he was asked about how the church goes about discipling others. His response was, “We share our lives.”

There’s something powerful about living out faith and inviting others to not only see it as a model, but to join in. This is how we can create a culture of prayer as well.

One of the most shaping experiences of prayer in my life came during a simple car ride to dinner.

I was riding along with a couple who were working with Eastern Mennonite Missions in Southeast Asia when they got a call about a concerning situation.

After explaining the situation, the couple began to pray as we drove—simply but actively expressing to God their concerns, worries, hopes, and desires to see God’s will be done.

It challenged me and continues to shape my response today—to not just say I’ll be praying for a given person or situation, but to stop in my tracks and do it. If someone is having a hard day, to not say, “I’ll be praying for you,” but to take time in that moment to pray aloud over them, speaking God’s truth and promises over their life.

And so, the challenge is this: to yield to the Spirit as we infuse the rhythms of our life with prayer and to invite others into our rhythms of prayer. In doing so, may we live into a culture of prayer that witnesses to the nature of Christ and the kingdom of God.

—SARAH SHOWALTER

Answers to Prayer

- Shawn and Laura Green, serving with their children in Termoli, Italy, praise God for two baptisms in June. Their story is a twelve year journey. In 2010, this couple was on vacation in the Italian town of Vasto and attended a One Voice concert and received church literature. Many years later, they reconnected with the Vasto church’s online streaming services during the pandemic. Although they live hours away from the church’s location, they went through preparatory classes and discipleship training via Zoom, leading to their baptism in the Adriatic Sea this summer. Praise God for these connections that make a difference in God’s timing!
- Lee and Peg Martin, location coordinators serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in Kimball, West Virginia, are thanking God for another summer season completed with great staff, engaged and energetic volunteers, and safe and productive work as houses were made safer, warmer and drier.
- VMissions is grateful to God for the outpouring of support for the Church of Many Cultures Campaign, which provides grants and loans for business for transformation, global church planting, and will also include the renovation of a barn into a Mission Training Center. The campaign goal of \$3 million has been nearly raised as of August.

Ways to Pray

Pray for boldness.

Mission workers need supernatural boldness to proclaim the gospel, especially in areas where Christians face intense persecution.

You can pray that:

- They will not give in to fear and will remember that God has not given them a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).
- They will be filled with the Holy Spirit to courageously and boldly preach the gospel not just with words, but in power (1 Thessalonians 1:5, 1 Corinthians 2:4).

“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.”
– Ephesians 6:19

Pray for the people to whom they are ministering.

Through the power of prayer, hearts that are resistant to the gospel can be softened and become fertile soil for the truth to grow and produce fruit (Matthew 13:1-23).

You can pray that:

- Any barriers that would keep people from following Jesus, such as family, fear of persecution, false religions, etc., will be broken down by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Their hearts will be soft, receptive, and open to the gospel.
- God will deliver them from spiritual blindness and supernaturally open their eyes to the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4-6).
- God will lead them to a community of believers and that they will become disciples who produce much fruit for God’s glory.