



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." Lamentations 3:22-24</p>				<p>1 Lift up the Motorcycle for Missions event happening this Friday and Saturday in the Shenandoah Valley. Pray for safety in the ride and for camaraderie as participants raise money for VMissions.</p>	<p>2 As Norma Teles celebrates her birthday today in Lezhë, Albania, ask God to encourage and bless her work among Roma children and their parents at the Joshua Center.</p>	<p>3 Ask the Lord for breakthrough and power as VMissions partner Life Enrichment Church engages in outreach and planting new house churches in northeast Thailand.</p>
<p>4 As David Stutzman celebrates his birthday today in Mannheim, Germany, pray that the spiritual seekers he connects with will find their identities as followers of Jesus.</p>	<p>5 Pray that God will open doors for Shenandoah Valley high school youth in the SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest) program to serve middle school youth who are newcomers to this country through mentorships.</p>	<p>6 Pray for continued healing for Lee Martin, serving with his wife Peg with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in West Virginia, who is receiving treatment after a lymphoma diagnosis.</p>	<p>7 Join Hannah Shultz in praying that her work with the Campamento de Alabanza (Praise Camp) will be a vehicle through which God unites local Latino churches in the Harrisonburg, Va., area for his glory and purposes.</p>	<p>8 Pray for the VMissions team in Central Asia and for relationships to grow to allow for deeper faith discussions with the interns' host families, language teachers, and other staff.</p>	<p>9 Join Juan José Lagos, church planter at Iglesia Renuevo in Winston-Salem, NC, in praying for the church's weekly evangelism efforts, including Bible studies during the week to reach their neighbors.</p>	<p>10 Ask God to engage and equip the Christian church in Albania to be a light illuminating God's kingdom in that country and beyond, and inviting others to join the family of God.</p>
<p>11 Pray for the Lord's favor in the interactions of C. Farah Grace (name changed) with Arabic-speaking people in Harrisonburg, Va. Ask God for good opportunities for her to share her hope in Jesus.</p>	<p>12 Pray for the Uzbek people group, located primarily in Central Asia. The vast majority are Muslim. Many young Uzbeks are non-religious. Pray for God to raise up local churches that multiply and live out the good news of Jesus.</p>	<p>13 Lift up Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin and their children as they prepare to relocate their ministry location to the capital Bangkok from their current assignment in rural Nam Yuen, Thailand, this summer.</p>	<p>14 Pray for the ministry of the church that Shawn and Laura Green serve in Termoli, Italy, as they share the invitation to a deep relationship with Jesus in a context of cultural Christendom without much true faith.</p>	<p>15 Pray for persons of every age and background who have recently declared a commitment to Christ through baptism. Ask God to strengthen their faith and guide others to disciple them in a faith community.</p>	<p>16 James and Anne (names changed), serving in South Asia, ask for prayer to have wisdom, generosity, and creativity in dealing with the poverty that is all around them in their large city.</p>	<p>17 Join Rafael and Solange Tartari in praying for the Holy Spirit's work and transformation in the lives of each of the young people they have been discipling and connecting with in Shkodër, Albania.</p>
<p>18 Ask the Lord to fill his children with a deep love for others, with care, compassion, and words of encouragement that echo through the ages, so that the world will see the nature of God and the person of Jesus.</p>	<p>19 Pray for financial provision for Alfonso Alvarado, who must serve in full-time ministry at Iglesia Monte Moriah, Lacey Spring, Va., in order to be eligible for a U.S. green card. Ask God for an outpouring of generosity.</p>	<p>20 Lift up Yosiah and Anita Rahma (names changed), serving in Southeast Asia, as they have returned to their country after a time of home assignment in the U.S. Pray for renewed energy and reconnections.</p>	<p>21 Lift up David and Marta (names changed), who are serving on a business for transformation team in Central Asia and are currently in language and culture study. Pray for encourage and good progress in this time of study.</p>	<p>22 Pray for the Isaan people group of Thailand. Mostly farmers, the vast majority (98%) are Buddhist. Pray for efforts to share the good news of Jesus that resonate with the Isaan worldview, and for the VMissions workers serving among them.</p>	<p>23 Lift up the ministry of Armando and Veronica Sanchez, church planters and pastors of Iglesia Shalom, in Waynesboro, Va. Ask God to strengthen, bless, and encourage them in their outreach to the community with the gospel.</p>	<p>24 Pray for the ministry of Dan and Mary Hess, serving in Milot, Albania. Ask the Lord for many faith conversations and open doors in that community to share the good news.</p>
<p>25 Pray for the outreach efforts of Mosaic of Grace Church and church planters Mike and Risha Metzler as they seek to build relationships in their Harrisonburg, Va., neighborhood and invite others to faith.</p>	<p>26 Lift up Nathan Carr, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., as he works to establish a dedicated faith-based support community for people who have struggled with addiction and substance abuse issues, and/or incarceration.</p>	<p>27 Thank the Lord for good progress in the healing of Andressa Coutinho, serving in Shkodër, Albania, who is receiving treatment in her home country of Brazil. Continue to pray for healing and wholeness.</p>	<p>28 Pray for God's leading in ways that Raleigh and Opal (names changed) and their family can live and share the good news of Jesus among Berber people in North Africa.</p>	<p>29 Lift up upcoming short-term E3 Collective trips to Kenya, Greece, Nazareth/Bethlehem, and the U.S.-Mexico border. Ask God to prepare each participant's heart and mind for learning and blessing.</p>	<p>30 Pray for the ministry of Yacoub Rasul (name changed) as he serves in church planting and leadership development among the Arabic-speaking community of Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by: Alta and Max Blosser</p>

Call to Prayer

It is good that we remind ourselves of God's future. He is the author of the whole story and he will accomplish all that he has planned. He will not fail, indeed, he cannot. God means for us to rejoice in the new heavens and new earth that he will create, "...the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more...they will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit...the wolf and the lamb will feed together and the lion will eat straw like the ox" (Isaiah 65:17,19,21,25 NIV). God wants us to imagine it and rejoice even now, in its coming.

So often, our prayers reflect our present sorrows, weariness and broken hopes. Our Father God wants to hear those things, for he cares deeply about us. But, God also wants to speak to us about what he wants to do.

When we lived in India, we were surrounded by sorrow and crushing need. It would have been easy to feel defeated and overwhelmed. Right across the street from us, there was a tent community where hundreds of people set up make-shift homes for their families under tarps and cardboard, whatever they could find. Many others overflowed out onto the road, sleeping on the median strip of grass at night, begging along the same busy road during the day. We spent much time building relationships with them and praying in this area.

One day, as we were worshipping in the morning and asking God what God would like us to pray for that day, we saw images of that area. Instead of being oppressed, haggard and full of trash, there were jasmine trees growing in that strip of grass, their flowers bringing beauty and fragrance to the area. We drew the images and hung them in our prayer room. We prayed for old things to be made new. We prayed for his living water to flow through that place. We prayed for fresh life, healing and restoration. Then we headed out to pray onsite. When we arrived, we were amazed to see a big truck, full of small trees that were being planted right there in the median, just as we had prayed. It was God's confirmation to us that we were on the right track as we prayed.

How exciting, encouraging and powerful our prayers can become when God shows us his dreams and plans. We are then able to praise God for what will be.

—RUTHY HERSHEY

Answers to Prayer

- Praise the Lord for healing **Andressa Coutinho**, worker in Shkodër, Albania, currently on medical leave in her home country of Brazil. During a recent pneumonia-related hospitalization over 18 days, she was intubated and nearing the need for a tracheotomy. By God's miracle, she was successfully extubated without the need for the procedure and is continually improving at home under the care of her family! Please continue to pray for her as she continues her recovery.
- Praise God for the impact of a spring break service trip. **Joyel Allen**, serving in college ministry at Mary Baldwin University, and **Vicki Barnes**, serving in full-time ministry at Eastern Mennonite University, co-led an Every Nation Campus spring break trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, to help in community service projects and share the gospel.

The leaders took 11 students from multiple campuses. Many shared the good news of Jesus for the first time and had their spiritual gifts activated. "The community that was created on the trip lasted and still exists now," Joyel wrote. "God did amazing things and is partnering with the next generation."

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 PERSONS OF PEACE

Mission workers and church planters talk about finding "persons of peace" in a neighborhood, city, or marketplace. Often the person of peace will have friends and relatives who are open to gospel witness and are welcoming to followers of Jesus. Finding them is but one "tool of the trade" that assists mission workers in locating those in whom God may be at work in a community. Often, these people or "households of peace" are like a gateway relationship into a family, neighborhood, or community.

Pray for mission workers to be intentional about seeking out people of peace, and expect that God will be at work. Only the Holy Spirit can open blind eyes and change hearts and grant repentance and faith in Christ.

- Pray that mission workers will ask the Lord for people of peace to be brought across their daily paths, and in different kinds of neighborhoods.
- Pray for time spent in strategic places and areas the Spirit has laid on their hearts as they have prayed and talked with others.
- Pray for respect, trust, honesty, and relationship-building. Pray for workers to engage passions, difficulties, and things that are important to them.
- Pray for their boldness in sharing personal testimonies and the gospel, and in inviting them to respond.