



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”</p> <p>John 4:23–24</p>			<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by:</p> <p>Jim Good</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Pray for Lee and Peg Martin, serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in Kimball, W.Va. Despite recent times away for Lee's cancer treatment, they hope to begin hosting volunteer groups this month.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Join Diomedes Franco, serving in La Vega, Dominican Republic, in praying for the health of his wife Victoria. Pray that God will heal her and they can continue their work for God's kingdom as they transition to the U.S.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin family is moving from rural Nam Yuen to the capital city of Bangkok, Thailand, today or tomorrow. Pray for their family as they make this big transition.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Join church planter Juan José Lagos in lifting up the discipleship groups and children's classes at Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo, Winston-Salem, N.C. Pray that they will be impactful and lead everyone to affirm and serve the Lord.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pray for Shawn and Laura Green as they help host a choir called One Voice doing gospel outreach concerts across southern Italy early this month. Pray that the gospel will be proclaimed boldly and for those who attend to be impacted.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for the girl's club that Norma Teles works with in Lezhë, Albania. Some have accepted Jesus as savior and others have not yet confessed their faith in him. Pray that they will all grow to love Jesus more.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>James and Anne (names changed), serving in South Asia, hope to have four new couples join them long-term next summer. Pray for the Lord's work in this process and for wisdom and guidance.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>As Mission Mobilizer Kierston Kreider plans for the next year of campus visits, events, and church engagements to recruit workers, pray for God to work in people's hearts and minds to serve the global church in mission.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Pray for Jesus to be known among Bengali Muslims in South Asia. Bengalis are the largest gospel-unreached people group in the world with a population of about 220 million and are less than 1% Christian.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pray for the Campamento de Alabanza (Worship Camp) this week in Harrisonburg, Va., coordinated by Hannah Shultz. Pray that God will be glorified and that its ripple effects will impact the city for God's glory.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Join Dan and Mary Hess, serving in Milot, Albania, in praying that God will make a way for a movement of faith in Jesus to transform that community and nation for God's purposes.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Join with Baker Rigg, chaplain of the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, in praying for special favor with the jail administration to bring creative changes and new ways of ministry to the inmates.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>As Raleigh and Opal (names changed) and their family are on home assignment in the U.S., pray for refreshment and encouragement as they travel and share about God's work in their community in North Africa.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Lift up church planter Veronica Sanchez, serving with Iglesia Shalom in Waynesboro, Va., as she gives a personal reflection tomorrow morning at the Virginia Mennonite Women's Breakfast in Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>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>16</p> <p>Pray for the ministry of Yacoub Rasul (name changed) as he serves among the Arabic-speaking community of Harrisonburg, Va. Thank God for the continued favor he has experienced from a certain ethnic religious people group.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>As Rafael Tartari, serving with his family in Shkodër, Albania, celebrates his birthday today in his home country of Brazil, pray that God will bless him in this next year and expand his family's impactful ministry.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pray for the marketplace ministry of Ben and Risa Yutzy, Timberville, Va., as they seek to be disciple-makers in everyday situations and teach others to do the same.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pray for God's transformation among the inmates that Jason Wagner ministers to as the men's chaplain at the Augusta Correctional Center in Craigsville, Va. Lift up Jason's wife Jenny and their children as they support this ministry.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lift up the ministry of the David and Rebekka Stutzman family in Mannheim, Germany. Pray that the Lord will bear good fruit through their church planting and networking ministry.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>As Anita Rahma (name changed) celebrates her birthday today in Southeast Asia, pray for God's encouragement and protection as she continues adjusting after six months of home assignment in the U.S.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>As Theresa Crissman celebrates her birthday tomorrow in the Shenandoah Valley, pray for the ministry of The Soil and The Seed Project, as they build faith in families and households through music and scripture.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>(30) Lift up the VMissions Worker Retreat starting today (through August 1). Ask God for a Spirit-led time of blessing and encouragement as workers and staff gather at Highland Retreat to fellowship, share, and pray together.</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pray for healing for Andressa Coutinho, serving in Shkodër, Albania, who is currently receiving treatment for a major health challenge in her home country of Brazil.</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Lift up upcoming short-term E3 Collective trips this summer and fall and those who will join the teams to experience and share God's love. Also pray for the planning for next year's trip opportunities.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pray for the Lord's financial provision to allow church planter Alfonso Alvarado, Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah, Lacey Spring, Va., to meet his budget and maintain eligibility for US permanent residency.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Join Ken Wettig, director of SLAQ in Harrisonburg, Va., in praying that participating youth will powerfully encounter God and commit to the way of Jesus through SLAQ's adventure experiences.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for Turkish people who live in Germany. The largest minority ethnic group in Germany, Turks are almost entirely unreached by the gospel. Pray for followers of Jesus to reach out to these neighbors in faith and love.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Join Armando and Veronica Sanchez, church planters at Iglesia Shalom, Waynesboro, Va., in praying for people who will disciple new believers, as well as persons to help with the children's ministry and praise ministry.</p>

“Lord, teach us to pray,” asked one of Jesus’ disciples in Luke 11:1. They didn’t ask Jesus to teach them to walk on water or cast out demons, but to pray. They had seen Jesus model a life of prayer. Yet, prayer didn’t come naturally to the disciples; they knew they fell short. Just prior to this, Luke 10 records how Jesus invited his disciples to join him in his mission. The first command he gave them was to pray: “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” So the disciples asked Jesus to teach them.

Jesus’ command to pray has resonated within our team of Latino church planters. We long to see a fruitful harvest, a multiplying movement of Jesus’ disciples. In God’s kingdom we are born anew to multiply, and Luke’s gospel has been teaching us that multiplication is preceded by prayer. So in response to the Spirit’s invitation, we have been meeting once a month to pray. As we’ve come together, God has done new things.

First, he’s helped us see the potential in the fields in which we labor: “Look at the harvest! Gain a new perspective!” There are more people ready to open their hearts to Jesus than people ready and trained to share about Jesus with them. This is what God sees, and this perspective should make us sense the urgency for new workers.

Second, we are learning that God alone is the one who sends and commissions people. It all lies in his power. And this is a supernatural thing! The phrase “send out workers” in Greek is *ekballo*, which means to draw out violently, to be overcome by an opposite force, to cause one to depart in haste. What a puzzling description of being sent out! This sounds like a disruptive call that drags people away from their normal lives and routines and pushes them towards a new ultimate purpose in life, namely God’s mission and glory. So we need to pray for this supernatural call into people’s lives, which only God can do.

Third, we’ve discovered that as you pray for laborers for the harvest, you grow in your willingness to be one of them! You catch the kairós moment, the Spirit fills you with compassion that overcomes fear. As we pray, we become willing to go.

—LIZZETTE HERNANDEZ

- **Yosiah and Anita Rahma** (names changed) and their two boys returned to their home in the outskirts of a major city in Southeast Asia, after six months on home assignment in the U.S. Praise God that their travel went very smoothly and they found that the House of Hope preschool ministry they run in their neighborhood was running smoothly for the last six months without them. “We are so grateful for the hard work of the teachers. They are all amazing women!” Anita writes. She also noted the progress she saw in the students’ learning. “The reading progress that the kids made is very evident. It is wonderful to see kids reading! And pencils are much shorter after six months.”
- **Baker Rigg** is praising God for an inmate he has ministered to as the chaplain at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, Harrisonburg, Va. Baker met the young man several months ago at a Sunday night church service at the jail, and he could tell the man was processing the experience but did not immediately respond to the call for a salvation decision. Several weeks later, the inmate requested Baker sit down with him. They had a conversation, during which the man surrendered his life to Jesus. Baker has been blessed to see the transforming work of Christ. The inmate has become a person of influence, and every day has a call to prayer for anyone who wants to join. “I marvel at how quickly God can impact a heart for his glory. How wonderful it is to sit back and watch the Lord at work, doing those things that only God can do,” he writes.

PRAY THAT GOD’S WORD WILL SPREAD

Obstacles must be removed to allow God’s word to spread rapidly and freely, and mission workers need the strength to continue on in the face of opposition or difficulties. Just as Aaron and Hur supported Moses’ arms in the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:12), you can strengthen the arms of missionaries by supporting them through your prayers.

Pray...

- For strength and stamina as workers encounter antagonistic spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:10–18).
- That God’s word will indeed spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes.

PRAY FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

It’s important to rely on God for all aspects of ministry—especially during times of great difficulty, so that efforts will produce fruit and ultimately a harvest will be gathered.

Pray...

- That God will provide strength and perseverance when their ministry seems to be fruitless.
- That seeds will be planted and that mission workers will be able to see the fruits of their labor.
- That an abundant harvest will be produced as more people learn about the love of Christ.

PRAY FOR REFRESHMENT

Mission workers deal with many stresses like overwhelming workloads, conflicts in relationships and financial uncertainties. Often, however, workers struggle with these issues alone, without the fellowship and support of other Christians. Living and working cross-culturally adds an additional element that can challenge their emotional, spiritual and physical vitality. **Pray...**

- That God will provide opportunities for workers in isolated areas to spend time with other believers.
- That God will provide times of peace and relaxation to refresh his workers.
- For restoration—physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually—that can only be found in Jesus.