

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's calendar is sponsored by:</p> <p><b>An Anonymous Sponsor</b></p>		<p>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.</p> <p>Colossians 3:16-17</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Join church planters serving Spanish-speaking communities in the US in praying for connections with new families and youth as they share God's good news and gather together. Pray for good kingdom fruit to result.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>As James (name changed) celebrates his birthday today, ask the Lord to bless and enrich his media ministry of sharing Christian content with Muslim-background spiritual seekers and new believers in South Asia.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>As we enter this Advent season, pray that the Lord's people will intentionally prepare our hearts for Jesus' birthday celebration and its transformative significance in our daily lives.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pray for the ministry of Norma Teles with group of mothers and girls meeting at the Joshua Center in Lezhë, Albania. Pray for good ways to reach them with the good news of Jesus, and for their openness to respond in faith.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Lift up the early education ministry of House of Hope in Southeast Asia, run by workers Yosiah and Anita Rahma (names changed). Pray for the many children who come to learn every day, and for their families.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for the Persian people, most of whom live in Iran and follow Islam. Only 1 in 63 follow Jesus. Pray for supernatural encounters with Jesus, and for believers there to demonstrate and share the good news with neighbors.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>As church planter and pastor Juan José Lagos celebrates his birthday today in Winston-Salem, N.C., ask God for strength and favor in reaching neighbors and those in need of the gospel as Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo invites transformation through Christ.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Three house churches in South Asia are planning a combined Christmas outreach party. Pray for James and Anne (names changed) and the team as they decide who to invite. Pray that their Muslim friends will hear the gospel in a compelling way.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Join Rafael and Solange Tartari, serving in Shkodër, Albania, in praying for every person God has put around them. May God's word sown in each of these hearts germinate and bear kingdom fruit.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Pray for gospel impact in Termoli, Italy, as Shawn and Laura Green lead Bible studies and outreach opportunities with the church. Pray that God will minister to those participating to make decisions to follow Christ.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pray for the Lord's healing and restoration for Elise Sauder (name changed), serving with YWAM Myrtle Beach, as she has a doctor visit today for an illness she has been experiencing since her last visit to India in September.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lift up Joyel Allen, serving in college ministry at Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, Va., as she serves in full-time campus ministry. Pray for open hearts and minds to the invitation to new life in Jesus.</p>	<p>13</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>14</p> <p>Join with Baker Rigg, chaplain of the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, in praying for the Lord to powerfully move and transform lives among the inmates whom he serves.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>As E3 Collective teams are planned and come together next year, pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the right people to participate and experience a taste of life on mission. Lift up the trip leaders and coaches.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Join Devin Stipe, serving as a tranSend intern with SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest), Harrisonburg, Va., in praying for protection for middle schoolers in the Adventure Club and their families as they begin participating in SLAQ.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Pray for the ministry of Yacoub Rasul (name changed) as he serves among the Arabic-speaking community of Harrisonburg, Va., and shares the grace and hope of Jesus with them.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ask God for strength and encouragement for tranSend intern Rissa Martin as she receives and orients volunteers from all over the world to Agape Home, an orphanage near Chiang Mai, Thailand.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pray for the Burmese people group of Myanmar (Burma), who overwhelmingly practice Buddhism. Only 1 in 131 are followers of Jesus. Ask God to make a way for a growing disciple-making movement among the Burmese.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lift up the partnership connections recently made in Thailand and pray that they will yield fruit. Pray for new teams in unreached areas and the sharing of strategies and resources with existing ministries.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray for Nathan Carr, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., as he builds networks of faith-based support for people who have struggled with addiction and substance abuse issues, and for those who have been released from jail.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Praise God for the impact of The Soil and The Seed Project, creating music, scripture, and liturgies as a faith formation tool and to bless families. Pray for directors Seth and Theresa Crissman as they serve in the Shenandoah Valley.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>As Dan Hess celebrates his birthday today in Milot, Albania, pray that the Lord will use the local church to open doors for gospel outreach and discipleship, particularly for whole families to know the love of God.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Praise the Lord for the innumerable ways he has worked in the lives of believers and unveiled his power and glory to the peoples of the earth over the past year. Pray for God's movement of change in the next year.</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas! On this day celebrating Jesus' birth, pray that VMissions workers' sense of hope and joy will be evident to those around them who are in need of hope and encouragement.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pray for Adam and Elise (names changed), serving with YWAM Myrtle Beach, as they prepare to lead a team of nine students to India after Christmas. Pray for wisdom, discernment, guidance, energy, and anticipation.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>In North Africa, Raleigh and Opal (names changed) and their family live the good news of Jesus in a Muslim context. Pray for the Lord's encouragement and refreshment, and for open doors for gospel seeds to be planted.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray that workers and ministry partners will be eager disciples desiring to emulate and follow Jesus everywhere they go, always attuned to God's heart and ministry of reconciliation.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>As church planters Armando and Veronica Sanchez transition to full-time ministry with Iglesia Shalom, Waynesboro, Va., pray that God will sustain the Enciende Una Luz congregation (Harrisonburg, Va.) and their new leadership.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>As Lee Martin celebrates his birthday today, pray for many meaningful connections with teams and homeowners as he serves alongside his wife Peg in Kimball, West Virginia with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People).</p>

# Call to Prayer

God is a God of mission from the beginning of history and throughout the entire biblical story. God deeply desires his creation to be reconciled and made new through a true relationship with him, incarnated and made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

God also gives the church the responsibility to make disciples who are agents of reconciliation, and to multiply communities of Jesus-followers to every people group in the world.

The purpose that all followers of Jesus are given is to bear witness to the love of God and invite all people into the family of God. We are all given authority and instruction to do this because of God's great love for us.

Some are called to be sent out as vanguards of the good news around the world. Others are called to pray and support those sent far and wide. Many VMissions workers are supported by a Ministry Support Team, which helps the worker share stories and raise ministry funds, but the most essential thing they do is join together in prayer to cover every aspect of the ministry and attune their perspectives to that of God's heart.

As we engage in our small part of the great gospel task, we partner with God's heart and we join in God's movement. Prayer is a fundamental underpinning of how we do that. As followers of Jesus pray together, the Holy Spirit enables us to see the big picture, the grand reality of God's plan for the restoration for humanity as shown in Revelation 7:9, and to see the immediate needs of the people right in front of us.

Join us in praying that the church—all of us—will bear witness to the in-breaking kingdom in every sphere of life, as we envision a Spirit-filled church of many cultures worshiping the Lord, now and forever.

—JON TROTTER

# Answers to Prayer

- **Lee and Peg Martin**, serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in Kimball, West Virginia, give thanks to God for the willing volunteers who served with SWAP on teams to make the homes of community members more safe, warm, and dry. "We trust Jesus is better known through it all," they write.
- Recently, the Enciende Una Luz congregation (Harrisonburg, Va.) had a worship retreat at Brethren Woods to empower and equip the next generation of worship leaders and to intentionally set aside time to worship God together. **Hannah Shultz**, a VMissions worker serving in music and discipleship ministry, had the privilege of joining on Saturday and teaching a few sessions. She writes, "Praise the Lord for meeting us in such a special way! It was so sweet to reconnect with brothers and sisters that I met with on a regular basis when I first started serving with VMissions. It was particularly touching to witness God's transformation in the life of a youth who has dedicated his life to Christ and been baptized."
- **Vicki Barnes**, serving with VMissions in college ministry at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), Harrisonburg, Va., in partnership with Every Nation Campus, was involved in hosting a fall retreat for students. More than 60 students in the Shenandoah Valley participated, including 14 from EMU. It was a time of building and strengthening foundations with the gospel. Vicki writes, "After fall retreat, I've heard countless students state that they are excited to get involved in serving and leading in some capacity as they continue to attend [their] university. For some of our students, they are learning to read their Bible—but they are also hungry to learn how to share their faith with others!"

# 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 but 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 they are ministering to.

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.