


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by:</p>  <p><b>Everence</b>®</p>			<p>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.</p> <p>1 John 4:10-11 (NRSV)</p>		<p>1 Pray for the journey of Mosaic of Grace Church, Harrisonburg, Va., through Lent with Jesus and preparations for Easter Day through Sunday worship and mid-week gatherings. Pray that people will receive God's grace through their life together.</p>	<p>2 A new family is on the verge of deciding to follow Christ in Nam Yuen, Thailand, because of power encounters, physical healing and neighborly love. Pray for God's reality to continue to break through.</p>
<p>3 Adam and Elise Sauder (names changed) are finishing their leadership of a YWAM outreach team in South Asia and are beginning a mission vision trip along with three of their students. Pray that God will lead and bring clarity.</p>	<p>4 SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) volunteer groups begin coming to Kimball, W.Va., this month. Join Lee and Peg Martin in praying for God's guidance and safety, and for Jesus to be known in the relationships developed.</p>	<p>5 Join Norma Teles in praying for the girl's club she hosts at the Joshua Center in Lezhë, Albania. Pray that God will enlighten their minds and hearts to the truth and that they will respond in faith.</p>	<p>6 Pray for wisdom for Baker Rigg, serving as a chaplain at Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, as he manages his schedule. Pray especially for regular encounters with the Lord in his morning times.</p>	<p>7 As David and Marta (names changed) continue language and culture learning in Central Asia, pray for opportunities to build relationships and connect with local believers.</p>	<p>8 Join Hannah Shultz, serving in children's discipleship ministries in Harrisonburg, Va., in praying for God's timing and heart as she relates to Muslim friends and prays that their eyes will be open to the truth of who Jesus is.</p>	<p>9 Pray for gospel breakthrough among the Dhobi people, the majority of whom live in India. Nearly all are Hindu; only 1 in nearly 2,500 are followers of Jesus.</p>
<p>10 Pray for people who are discerning God's call to minister in a service assignment. Ask for clarity and alignment with God's will, and encouragement and wisdom in the process.</p>	<p>11 Pray for the ministry of Yacoub Rasul (name changed) as he serves in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for significant gospel impact following a Valentine's Day event last month for members of a people group from the Middle East.</p>	<p>12 Ask God for encouragement for members of Ministry Support Teams (MSTs) as they faithfully partner with workers to support them through prayer, communication, financial coordination, and sometimes field visits.</p>	<p>13 Pray for wisdom and direction for each of the Perspectives course teachers and those who are helping put together the lessons each week in Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>14 Lift up church planter Alfonso Alvarado, serving at Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah in Timberville, Va., and the finances he needs for his ministry. Ask God to supply generously to meet this significant need.</p>	<p>15 Pray for provision, wisdom, and creativity for God's people in producing opportunities for sustainable work, an important need for the health and sustainability of Jesus movements around the world.</p>	<p>16 Join church planter Juan José Lagos in praying for those who have recently opened their hearts to Christ as Iglesia Cristiana Reneuvo, Winston-Salem, N.C., has focused on evangelism and discipleship. Pray for multiplying fruit.</p>
<p>17 Join Rafael and Solange Tartari, serving in Shkodër, Albania, in praying for openings to share the gospel with those God has put around them. Pray for prepared hearts to receive the good news.</p>	<p>18 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 religiosity without much true faith.</p>	<p>19 Pray for Anita Rahma (name changed), serving in Southeast Asia, as her new book <i>Downward Discipleship</i> launches today. In it she shares her learnings from the Irish missionary Amy Carmichael with stories from her own work.</p>	<p>20 Pray for participants planning to go on E3 Collective teams this spring and summer. Ask God to bless the preparation and the experience as a taste of life on mission. Lift up the trip leaders and coaches.</p>	<p>21 As Ruthy Hershey celebrates her birthday tomorrow in Millersville, Pa., lift up her heart for prayer ministry and helping others go deeper. Ask God to provide opportunities to share the gospel and nurture others in faith.</p>	<p>22 As Mike Metzler celebrates his birthday today, ask God for grace and strength in his leadership of Mosaic of Grace Church, Harrisonburg, Va., alongside his wife Risha. Pray for a year of gospel impact and growth.</p>	<p>23 Iglesia Shalom, Waynesboro, Va., celebrates its five year anniversary today. Join church planters and pastors Armando and Veronica Sanchez in celebrating this milestone and praying for multiplication.</p>
<p>24 (24) Isaiah Hartzler is celebrating his birthday today in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for him as he continues to process his recent cross-cultural internship in Southeast Asia.</p>	<p>25 Pray for the SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest) participants and leaders as they are on an E3 Collective trip in Colombia through the end of March, serving alongside local youth with partner Viva Youth as a cross-cultural experience.</p>	<p>26 Pray that the church in Germany will connect with spiritual seekers finding their identities as followers of Jesus in a post-Christian culture, and for the church networks that David and Rebekka Stutzman relate to in Mannheim.</p>	<p>27 As Randall Schlabach celebrates his birthday today, pray for his expanding ministry to men in two Ohio counties recovering from pornography addiction through Christian recovery programs.</p>	<p>28 There are around 20 people responding to evangelism efforts of Life Enrichment Church in two villages in Thailand where there are no Christians or churches. Pray that lives will be transformed and new house churches begun.</p>	<p>29 Pray for Jesus to be known among the roughly 7 million Minangkabau people of western Sumatra, Indonesia. Orthodox followers of Islam, only 1 in 385 are followers of Jesus.</p>	<p>30 Pray for the team leaders of Guri i Themelit church and Lezha Academic Center involved in outreach to their Roma neighbors in Lezhë, Albania. Ask God for strength, wisdom, joy, love, and divine opportunities.</p>

# Call to Prayer

Psalm 133 reminds us, “How good and pleasant it is, when God’s people live together in unity!” Perhaps we are inclined to think that this unity refers to the ease of simply being with people who like us, or rather people who are like us! But what if unity is forged out of something far fiercer? What if the unity is founded first and foremost on the common desire for God’s purposes to be accomplished?

It was the huge potentiality of unity of purpose gone awry that necessitated the scattering at Babel. And now, thanks be to God, we have been gathered back and are invited into a new experience of unity as we corporately embrace the very power of the Spirit in our midst. As a body, we can allow God to use us for God’s purposes that will always come “not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord of hosts” (Zech 4:6).

After serving seven years as leaders of our mission team in Det Udom, Thailand, and several months after returning to the U.S., a fierce desire rose up in my heart one evening at a large prayer gathering. I longed to see my teammates again! The desire to see them became so strong that it became a prayer that I almost expected to be answered immediately, as if I could turn around and there they would be! I would know them; they would know me. And, best of all, we would pray together! What joy that would be!

I finally realized that I would be forever longing for the specific sweet taste of prayer with close brothers and sisters, carrying the same burdens, living and longing for the same answers to the same prayers.

I have been blessed to participate in several prayer clusters in which we sense this fierce forging. It’s not friendship or a common stage of life, or even similar convictions on particular political issues that bring us together. Rather, we enjoy a uniquely invigorating capacity to agree for God’s missional purposes to be accomplished in a particular context that we all care about deeply.

Isn’t this coming together to pray and seek God’s will and way an “answer” in and of itself? Let’s learn to seek this kind of unity!

—CAROL TOBIN

# Answers to Prayer

- **Anita Rahma** (name changed), serving in a slum community in Jakarta, Indonesia, is releasing her new book on March 19. *Downward Discipleship: How Amy Carmichael Gave Me Courage to Serve in a Slum* shares some of what she has learned from the life and writings of Amy Carmichael, a 19th and 20th century Irish missionary to India, and combines it with more stories from life in Jakarta. Long fascinated and influenced by Carmichael, Anita is pleased to be able to share some of Amy’s gifts with others.
- **Adam and Elise Sauder** (names changed) are leaders of a YWAM Myrtle Beach team to South Asia, engaging in the cross-cultural component of their Discipleship Training School. Praise God for the shared impact among local Christian believers and leaders and the team as they learn and support local ministries through training and discipleship. Recently Adam and Elise were asked by leaders to teach BELT (Biblical Education and Leadership Training) and put on seminars for the local leaders. They trained their students on the material, most recently on character studies, with themes like “Servant Leadership,” “Humility as Leaders,” and more. On the day of a character study on Jesus, after the training time the YWAM team washed the feet of each leader and prayed over them. This was a blessing and a powerful moment for everyone involved.

# Ways to Pray

Jesus invited his disciples to follow him, promising that he would show them how to “fish for people.” (Mark 1:17) Just as Jesus multiplied the catch of fish for his fisherman disciples, so Jesus wants to multiply the “catch of people” for his followers today.

## Ways to pray for workers

- **Ask God to show them where to go.** Ask God to show workers where they should go to connect with non-believers on a regular basis. Maybe it’s joining a secular mom’s group, a bike club, or a yoga class. Or maybe its spending more time on their street getting to know their neighbors.
- **Pray for specific workers.** Pray that each one will carry a zeal for God’s good news and share it naturally and winningly with others. Pray for endurance even as they face hardened hearts and disappointments.
- **Pray for opportunities.** Ask God to open doors for conversations about faith, particularly with non-believers God has placed around them, and trust that God will provide spaces and opportunities to share his love with their non-believing friends. Invite God to work in those relationships and increase awareness and intentionality in such opportunities. It’s harder to miss the open doors when someone is looking for them.
- **Pray for mission movement as a regular practice.** Intercede on behalf of workers, praying that they will obey the will of God in every situation. Pray for teams to serve together always in the unity of purpose and with healthy interpersonal dynamics. Pray for people of peace to be made known. Pray for discipleship and leadership development among local believers. Pray for natural and effective outreach efforts as the body of Christ sows gospel seeds. And be open to ways God might be inviting you to partner more deeply in the work or serve in mission.