

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by:</p>  <p>BLUE RIDGE HEARING CENTER, INC.</p>			<p>1 The Perspectives course concludes today in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray that the truths about God's missionary heart for all peoples will impact the students and children and prompt them to live and share God's story.</p>	<p>2 Pray for three interns from Eastern Mennonite University going this month to serve for five weeks at House of Hope in Southeast Asia alongside workers Yosiah and Anita Rahma (names changed).</p>	<p>3 As Seth Crissman celebrates his birthday today in Harrisonburg, Va., pray for God's continued blessing on his life and impactful ministry through The Soil and The Seed Project, creating music and scripture resources.</p>	<p>4 Today, Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin and their team in Thailand are leading a day of prayer for the Isaan region in the city of Udonthani in the north of the region. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help them pray.</p>
<p>5 Join Ken Wettig, SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest) director, in praying for the first ever SLAQ graduates this spring. Pray that they will enter the world of adulthood with a deep sense of their place in God's story.</p>	<p>6 Pray for Adam and Elise Sauder (names changed), serving with YWAM Myrtle Beach, S.C., as they spend time with their families and meet with their supporters this month after spending the past three months overseas.</p>	<p>7 Pray for Isaan church leaders and members of Life Enrichment Church in Thailand as they implement their vision for church multiplication. Ask God for wisdom in how mission workers engage in this vision.</p>	<p>8 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>9 Join the Tartari family, serving in Shkodër, Albania, in praying for Albanian men. Reaching them in particular with the gospel takes a lot of hard work and the results are not immediate. Pray for God to move in their hearts.</p>	<p>10 Lift up Michael and Ruth Hershey, serving in Millersville, Pa., and particularly in their ministry with Immerse International. Pray that international students in the program will be deeply impacted by the gospel.</p>	<p>11 Pray for workers at home and around the world who work to share the good news with young people. Ask God for open hearts and the acceptance of God's great love as they learn to know and follow Jesus.</p>
<p>12 Lift up Jay (name changed) who leads an expanding launch team in Central Asia. The team supports new workers from multiple organizations for their first two years. Pray for ways to expand capacity to support the team well.</p>	<p>13 Pray for the discipleship and outreach efforts of VMissions' international church partners: the Italian Mennonite Church, Jamaica Mennonite Church, and the Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago.</p>	<p>14 Pray for the Gond people group of India. Predominately Hindu and numbering over ten million, only 1 in 111 people follow Jesus. Pray for workers and opportunities for the gospel message to impact them.</p>	<p>15 Lift up the E³ Collective short-term teams that are going this year. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the trips, and for the experience to be an impactful taste of life on mission for participants and partners.</p>	<p>16 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>17 Pray for clarity and peace for Dan and Mary Hess, serving in Milot, Albania, as they conclude their assignment and return to the US in July. Lift up their local friends and ministry partners in this transition.</p>	<p>18 Lift up Putt For Missions, a mini-golf fundraiser for VMissions today at Mulligan's Golf Center, Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for a fun and safe event supporting the work of mission near and far.</p>
<p>19 Pray for Shawn and Laura Green and their children, serving in Termoli, Italy. Ask God for encouragement, meaningful relationships, and multiplying kingdom fruit as they faithfully serve the Lord in Italy.</p>	<p>20 Pray for Isaiah Hartzler as he serves in his internship with Mosaic of Grace Church, Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for God's encouragement and help in sharing the gospel with his friends and neighbors.</p>	<p>21 Ask God for meaningful connections and continued favor with a certain Middle Eastern people group for Yacoub Rasul (name changed), serving among the Arabic-speaking community of Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>22 Pray for opportunities for Ben and Risa Yutzy, marketplace workers in Timberville, Va., to bring people together, share the gospel, and make disciples on their farm and in their community.</p>	<p>23 As Peg Martin celebrates her birthday today, pray for God's peace and abiding presence as she and Lee end their assignment with MCC Appalachia Build in W.Va. this summer and return to Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>24 Lift up the pastoral and outreach ministries of Armando and Veronica Sanchez, church planters of Iglesia Shalom in Waynesboro, Va., and ask God for continued passion and strength to reach neighbors for Christ.</p>	<p>25 Pray for the VMissions Launch Team in Central Asia as new workers prepare to join. Ask God for team relationships to grow and for gospel impact with host families, language teachers, and others.</p>
<p>26 As Alfonso Alvarado celebrates his birthday today, ask the Lord for favor and endurance as Alfonso faithfully lives his call to minister to God's people at Iglesia Monte Moriah, Timberville, Va.</p>	<p>27 Pray for the children of mission workers who are serving around the world with their parents. Ask God to grant them a deep sense of daily care, grace, and belonging wherever they are.</p>	<p>28 Lift up high school students as they soon come to the end of the school year. Pray for open hearts to trust in Jesus, and that these young people will faithfully follow him through their adulthood.</p>	<p>29 Pray for the good news of Jesus to come and take root among Yemeni Arabs, an Islamic people group of nearly 8 million. According to the Joshua Project, this entire people group is unreached by the gospel.</p>	<p>30 Pray for the ministry of Norma Teles with groups of mothers and girls meeting at the Joshua Center in Lezhë, Albania. Pray for meaningful ways to reach them with the good news of Jesus, and for their openness to respond in faith.</p>	<p>31 Lift up the Motorcycle for Missions event happening today and tomorrow in the Shenandoah Valley. Pray for safety in the ride and for camaraderie as participants raise money for VMissions.</p>	<p>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)</p>

Call to Prayer

By inviting others into the rhythms of prayer in our lives, we're not only inviting them to pray, we're inviting them to more fully discover the nature of God and kingdom of God.

Jesus, upon asking for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus' grave, prayed aloud, "Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me."

There was something important that Jesus wanted to model, something about the connection between prayer and miracles and about a God who always hears us.

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray in Matthew 6, he wasn't just giving them another spiritual discipline to check off the list. Jesus' model of prayer reveals things about the nature of God and the kingdom of God. His prayer witnesses to who God is and what God is doing among us.

- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." There is a holiness and honor to be given to God.
- "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." God's desire for earth is the same wholeness experienced in heaven.
- "Give us today our daily bread." God is our provider.
- "Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors." God desires for us to live free from the bondage of sin.
- "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." God has the power to strengthen us when we are tempted.

The challenge is 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

The church that the **Rafael and Solange Tartari family** serve with in Shkodër, Albania, recently hosted a couples dinner meeting for Valentine's Day as a gospel outreach opportunity.

They write, "As a church, we like to take advantage of commemorative dates as a means of spreading the gospel. So on Valentine's Day, we went to the busiest street close to our church to evangelize. We handed out chocolate candy and inside each package was a Bible verse and an invitation for people to come and learn about love at the Sunday service at the church.

Many people had been asking us why there was no ministry for men or for couples. Unfortunately, it is a reality that Albanian men have a lot of resistance to surrender to the gospel. To reach them takes a lot of hard work and the results are not immediate. It takes a lot of prayer and gaining people's trust for them to start participating in some ministry. To the glory of God, through prayer and perseverance, many women with whom we have worked have learned the word of God and to trust in the Lord.

So, when for the first time we held a couple's dinner meeting at the church, we also had the presence of their husbands. For many of the men, it was the first time they ever attended a service in an evangelical church. Hallelujah, after years of working with these women we now are seeing a sprout growing from a seed! We rejoice in the Lord in the small and big things God has done!"

Ways to Pray

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.