

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.</p> <p>Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)</p>		<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by:</p> <p>Bob and Rosalie Eshleman, in loving memory of their son, Lee Eshleman</p>			<p>Join VMissions in praying for God's financial provision in meeting our Mission Fund goal during this last month of the fiscal year. Ask God to lead partners, both individuals and congregations, to give generously.</p>	<p>Lift up Lewis and Ashley Roberts, serving as interns in recovery ministry in Harrisonburg, Va., in prayer as they grow in ministry leadership. Pray for more partners to support their work with prayer and finances.</p>
<p>Join the Mark and Sarah Schoenhals family, serving in Det Udom, Thailand, in praying for physical healing and restoration for daughter Heidi as well as Sarah, as both have faced significant recent health challenges.</p>	<p>Nathan and Anya Stan (names changed) and their daughters are serving on the Central Asia business for transformation (B4T) Launch Team. Pray for favor in language study and cultural immersion.</p>	<p>This month, the Carlin and Chass Kreider family begin their assignment in Panama City, Panama, with Every Nation. Pray for a smooth transition to the city and good connections with ministry partners there.</p>	<p>As Rebekka Stutzman celebrates her birthday today in Mannheim, Germany, pray that the Lord will bear good fruit through her church planting and networking ministry alongside her husband David and their children.</p>	<p>Two workers share a birthday today. Ask God to bless Laura Green in Termoli, Italy, and Solange Tartari, serving in Shkodër, Albania, as they faithfully serve the Lord and multiply disciples in their contexts.</p>	<p>As Randall Schlabach meets with men seeking recovery from addiction to pornography in Wayne and Holmes counties in Ohio, pray for new men looking for help to find his ministry, called Eleutheria.</p>	<p>As participants gather for mini-golf fun at Putt For Missions today, pray for a time of good fellowship and impactful stories of mission at this fundraiser for VMissions in Harrisonburg, Va.</p>
<p>Pray for the gospel to reach the 13.7 million Vanniyian people, mostly found in southeast India. Almost all of them are Hindus; only about 1 in 72 are followers of Jesus.</p>	<p>Pray for a healthy balance of ministry engagement, family time, and spiritual enrichment for the Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin family as they serve in Bangkok, Thailand.</p>	<p>Join Ben and Risa Yutzy, serving in Marketplace Ministry on their dairy farm in Timberville, Va., in praying for leaders to emerge in the bilingual house church they attend, and for their outreach efforts.</p>	<p>Lift up Marcello Arrostituto and Marianna Vaglica, serving in an internship at Shalom Church, Palermo, Italy. Ask the Lord to bless their growth in ministry and leadership, and to give them wisdom as they parent their young son Elia.</p>	<p>Pray that the church that Shawn and Laura Green serve in Termoli, Italy, will be agents of reconciliation and a witness demonstrating and sharing life in Jesus in that largely post-Christian context.</p>	<p>As Veronica Sanchez celebrates her birthday today, ask God for fruitfulness as she shares the gospel through her congregation and beyond alongside her husband Armando at Iglesia Shalom in Waynesboro, Va.</p>	<p>Lift up the ministry of Raleigh and Opal (names changed) as they serve in North Africa (currently on home assignment in the U.S.). Ask God to refresh them as they prepare to return to minister among an unreached people group.</p>
<p>Pray for the planning underway for a Perspectives class to be held at Divine Unity Community Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, beginning in January. Ask God to lead and guide the coordinating team.</p>	<p>Pray for Baker Rigg, serving as chaplain at Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, who feels called to expand his ministry to full-time. Pray for God to provide partners and provision for this dream to become reality.</p>	<p>Lift up tranSend intern Katie Liskey, serving with Viva Youth in Bogotá, Colombia, as she prepares to join the team and experience new situations and rhythms of life and study in her assignment.</p>	<p>Pray for the VMissions team in Central Asia, as many team members strategically move east to cities and town in a fertile valley with no Christian presence. Ask God for grace and favor in these transitions.</p>	<p>Pray for Elliot Rhodes, serving through the Advance program of Eastern Mennonite Missions and tranSend, as he prepares for discipleship training and service in Lancaster, Pa., before joining an outreach team overseas.</p>	<p>Lift up the VMissions board meeting today and tomorrow in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the board makes decisions and guides the direction of VMissions.</p>	<p>Pray for God to bless the fellowship at the VMissions cookout today, a lunch bringing together board members, delegates of Virginia Mennonite Conference, and friends of VMissions.</p>
<p>(31) As worker David (name changed) celebrates his birthday today in Central Asia, pray for opportunities to deeply connect and share with locals as he serves with his family among an unreached people group.</p>	<p>Pray for the Lord to lead and guide Michael Santana (name changed) as he prepares to serve in a slum community in Southeast Asia alongside workers Yosiah and Anita Rahma (names changed).</p>	<p>Pray for continuing impact in the ministry of Norma Teles at the Joshua Center, an early education center in Lezhë, Albania, and as she meets with groups of mothers and girls. Pray for their openness to faith.</p>	<p>Lift up tranSend intern Lili Gingerich, serving in Mannheim, Germany, as she joins the David and Rebekka Stutzman family and Andrea Hamsner and embarks in her assignment.</p>	<p>Pray for new tranSend intern Katrina Witmer (name changed) as she joins the team in North Africa and focuses on language learning and relationship-building and works with the children of workers.</p>	<p>Join Yosiah and Anita Rahma (names changed), serving in a slum community in Southeast Asia, in praying for Jesus to be made known and transform lives among their neighbors living in poverty and daily uncertainty.</p>	<p>Lift up the Hausa people group, an Islamic people living mostly in Nigeria and Niger, of which only 1 in 167 people are followers of Jesus. Pray for believers to share the gospel among their neighbors and for more workers.</p>

Call to Prayer

The gospel is for everyone. This tagline originating from our Church of Many Cultures campaign several years ago (and featured on the VMissions t-shirt) is not just a slogan but a bold statement of belief and action.

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 of 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 worshipping the Lord, now and forever.

—JON TROTTER

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Worker Focus



Worker profile:
**Marcello
Arrostuto &
Marianna
Vaglica, Elia**

Service location:
Palermo, Italy
Program: tranSend
Serving since: 2024

Assignment: We are located in a small neighborhood community in Palermo, Italy, and we work hard to serve where there is need. Marianna serves with the Sunday kindergarten class, in the choir, and with the women's group. Marcello's main roles are preaching from the Bible during church services and leading the evangelization committee. He also sings in the choir.

We take care of what needs to be done in every aspect of our community, including cleaning. We are also working to create "leisure" groups as a way of community-building, followed later by sharing the gospel and discipleship. The groups have been good, and they work really well, because you can be together and talk about everything. Eventually you confide in and advise each other.

Biggest challenge: Our biggest challenge is to find the right balance of time. We want to be generous in spending free time with people. In addition, we find ourselves wanting to study more and more of our culture and the ways people respond to the gospel here. It's less effective to evangelize directly; you must first make a lot of friends and create connections to share your faith, or people often get scared off and tend not to trust the messenger.

Biggest joy: Being able to serve in God's mission in this way brings an indescribable joy to our hearts. It is so nice to see how, through our service, God acts and works. We especially notice this when people who showed no interest before ask you for help in knowing more about Jesus. It's a miracle to witness and a joy to encounter hearts that are opening to the Lord.

Ways to Pray

PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS

"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 that God will open doors of ministry, partnership, and friendship.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead mission workers.

PRAY FOR BOLDNESS

"Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel... Pray that I may declare it boldly." (Ephesians 6:19-20)

- Pray for effective cross-cultural communication.
- Pray for boldness to speak God's Word.

PRAY THAT THE WORD OF GOD WILL SPREAD

"Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere." (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

- Pray that spiritual forces of evil will not hinder the spread of the gospel.
- Pray that the Word of God will be received with joy.

PRAY FOR PROTECTION

"Pray that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith." (2 Thessalonians 3:2)

- Pray that the Lord will guard mission workers from the evil one.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will change the hearts of those who hear the Word.

PRAY FOR REFRESHMENT

"Pray that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company." (Romans 15:32)

- Pray for protection and provision in travel.
- Pray for spiritual refreshment from the Holy Spirit in the company of other believers.