

Daily Prayer Guide

June 2019



In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

– John 1:4-5

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To ensure their safety, we are using the initials of long-term workers serving in restricted areas. Also, the names of their contacts in country are routinely changed. Please pray for their protection. Ask the Lord of the harvest to continue to show them favor as he works through them to transform communities among the least reached.

June 1

SATURDAY (1): SANDRA PLETT

MEXICO

“We are currently hosting the annual ICOMB meetings at the Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara. Pray as MB Conference leaders from around the world gather to strategize, encourage and seek God together. Pray for the many details that go into hosting this event. Later in June our discipleship students are organizing a youth retreat for different churches in our region. Pray that the youth would be encouraged and inspired to live their lives full-out for Christ!”

There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, one baptism - Ephesians 4:6 (ESV)

June 2 - 8

SUNDAY (2): WENDY EROS

JAPAN

“My time here has now ended. Please join me in prayer for a new teacher to take over. Pray that he/she will continue to share God’s Word in ways that will help the students to understand better how much they need salvation. I return to Canada on June 5. Please pray for me during this time of transition.”

But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands. – Psalm 31:14-15 (NKJV)

MONDAY (3): VR

UKRAINE

“These days I am being tested. I have not been able to lease my apartment in Colombia for five months. I am thinking I must go to Colombia for this matter, but I need the grace of the Lord to know what to do. Also, my application to extend the residence permit for Ukraine arrived late and I must go to a neighboring country to request the extension. I had hoped this month to move to Odessa, feeling a special guiding of the Lord, but he knows all things. Pray that he will confirm his will.”

I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. - Psalm 121:1-2

TUESDAY (4): JOHANNA NEUDORF

GERMANY

“We are looking forward to a conference in early June with different churches from Germany and Austria. Several Persian believers have signed up to come with us, hoping to connect with Persian believers from other churches. Pray that they would be encouraged and strengthened in faith by meeting their

After that, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will have dreams. Your young men will have visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women alike. - Joel 2:28-29

WEDNESDAY (5): S & D

RESTRICTED

“Pray for a widow who recently overcame drug addiction and became a believer. She has been diagnosed with cancer and is in need of healing. Pray for our summer camps, activities, trips and more. Please pray that we can organize it all effectively so that as many people as possible are reached with the good news of Jesus! Please also continue to pray for unity within our small team and in the church here.”

Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. – Acts 4:29b-30

THURSDAY (6): STACY KUHN

PERU

“This month we will be finishing up a book study on Anabaptist values. Ninety-three pastors and leaders are doing this study together. Please pray for our nine churches and the five new church plants as we learn how to make the necessary changes to have Jesus, community, and reconciliation as the center of our faith, lives, and work.”

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. – Acts 4:12

FRIDAY (7): S & B

RESTRICTED

Pray for this couple, who have facilitated the creation of a peace camp initiative where people in global conflict zones can come together to experience forgiveness and reconciliation. Local chapters of these peace camps are resulting in an ongoing, global initiative that is impacting people’s lives through acts of sacrificial love and community service.

And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. – Acts 9:31 (NKJV)

SATURDAY (8): SANDRA FENDER

THAILAND

Pray for Sandra who is in Chiang Mai ministering to girls in a Juvenile Detention Center and teaching English and Bible classes. She is also a part of the Freedom Textiles discipleship program for girls who have completed their sentences and want to grow in their faith and learn new job skills.

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By

this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
– John 13:35b-36

June 9 - 15

SUNDAY (9): AKZ

RESTRICTED

“I am well and daily discovering new things. Please pray for further settling in and for building relationships of trust. My landlady is selling the apartment and so I need to look for a new place to live. Praise God for a recent youth seminar our church hosted on healthy relationships and sexuality. The youth were offered personal prayer ministry, and almost everyone wanted to be prayed for as the Holy Spirit was clearly moving among us!”

For I will pour out water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring and my blessing on your descendants. – Isaiah 44:3

MONDAY (10): RICKY & KAREN HUEBERT-SANCHEZ

THAILAND

“Thirty basketball athletes are here sharing their testimonies, doing evangelism, leading people to Christ and growing in their faith! Pray for the hearts of the Filipinos and Thai to be open to the good news of Jesus, ready to say yes to him! Pray that the athletes grow into strong leaders for the church and kingdom, and that they stay strong once they go home. We are asking God to raise them up as missionaries, pastors, church leaders and radical followers of Jesus as a result of this event.”

When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. – Psalm 138:3

TUESDAY (11): ROBERT & ANNE THIessen

MEXICO

“Pray for Anne as she leads an intense four-week linguistics and language learning course for Latin missionaries. Pray for me (Robert) as I visit indigenous church leaders in Guerrero to help them in both spiritual matter and in business development.”

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. – Colossians 1:28-29

WEDNESDAY (12): BENNI & FRANZI HERMANN

GERMANY

This couple is serving on our church-planting team in Dortmund, Germany. As they invite people to meet with them, they are praying for the prejudices which

exist against the Church to be overcome and for many to come to know God in a personal and transformative way.

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. – Psalm 25:14 (NIV)

THURSDAY (13): ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG

MONGOLIA

“Pray for the group of young moms from our church who are meeting weekly for a book study on parenting. Many of these mothers have unbelieving husbands, so it is a challenge to raise children in a godly way. Pray that the moms would experience a heart change and engage their children’s hearts, and that their husbands would see that change and be attracted to the gospel. It’s our desire to see solid, mature, Christian families!”

Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. – Deuteronomy 4:9b

FRIDAY (14): MOTOHIRO & MARIYA HAMANA

THAILAND

“We praise God that parents from our kids’ club came to an Easter worship service for the first time. Our team then visited several of these families during spring break and had meaningful conversations with the parents. Please pray that the children would love and trust in Jesus more and more. Praise God for Pastor Ozz, teacher Ann and the other Thai volunteers, and pray for more English-speaking volunteers to teach.”

Therefore, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, established in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. – Colossians 2:6-7

SATURDAY (15): OTTO & MARJORIE EKK

PORTUGAL

This couple provides oversight to several church plants, social ministries, evangelism efforts, and leadership development and mentorship initiatives. Please pray for them and for the church in Portugal, seeking to respond to the unemployment and financial instability of the country through practical demonstrations of love.

The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever! – Psalm 22:26

AN OPEN HEART

AUSTRIA

By Nikki White

“I was consumed with shame all my life,” Hannah said. “And I was convinced that it was my fault, that there was something wrong with me.”

The shame was due to abusive incidents in her childhood, older boys who used Hannah for their own amusement. She could not have imagined the long-term repercussions these events would have in her life: a distorted self-image, eating disorder, depression, and an inability to enjoy healthy relationships.

“I did not know why I always felt anxious, unhappy, and insecure,” she said. “I just knew I needed help.” Richard and Hazel Funk were there to journey with Hannah, as she processed her pain and found wholeness through Christ.

As long-term workers with Multiply in Austria, the Funks facilitate member care for workers in Europe and Asia, as well as provide leadership development for churches in Austria. Their heart for the wounded has led them to partner with an organization called Open Hearts Ministry, which aims at cultivating communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard and redeemed. Together with Hannah they participated in an Open Heart course that changed Hannah’s life.

“On the first evening of the course,” Hannah said, “I heard a detailed definition and description of sexual abuse. I suddenly recognized for the first time that this is what had happened to me, and I actually became sick to my stomach. I realized that others had stolen something from me that was not theirs to take.”

Through the course, God showed Hannah patterns she had created that were destroying relationships, causing pain to herself and others. She wanted to change.

“With the support of my small group,” Hannah continued, “I came to realize that the way God created me was actually good. They confirmed my self-worth and dignity, and also shared my sorrow concerning the abuse. When they shed tears upon hearing my story, I realized that what had happened to me was very cruel and wicked. I had a right to feel angry and sad, but I did not have to stay the way I was. I was able to discard my shame-based identity and see myself as God’s beloved daughter. I will forever be thankful.”

Hannah has experienced the healing that Jesus can bring through a loving, supportive community, where open hearts can be mended and made whole again.

DENY HIM!

CENTRAL ASIA

By Multiply workers in Central Asia

We recently had the opportunity to worship in the home of a local believer here, and we heard the testimony of a couple that came close to being killed for their faith.

The man and his wife were originally from a region known for its hostility toward Christianity. They had come to know Jesus as adults, but were angrily rejected by their community. The conflict reached a critical point when they were dragged from their home and surrounded by a crowd of angry people, all accusing them of apostasy.

“One of the local religious leaders was sent for,” the man told us, “and when he arrived at the scene he began to aggressively question us about our beliefs. When he heard of our conversion to Christianity, he demanded that we deny Jesus. We refused.”

Instead, they felt emboldened in the face of the dangerous mob. “The more loudly they opposed us,” they said, “the more loudly we proclaimed our faith in Jesus.”

Tensions rapidly escalated, and before long the angry mob began preparing to put this couple to death. Just at that moment, the police arrived. The officers intervened in the conflict, dispersed the crowd, and the couple was set free. It was a harrowing experience, and they were glad to have escaped with their lives. But the story did not end there.

After this confrontation was over and the crowd had dispersed, the religious leader came to them privately. In a moment of shocking candor, the leader confessed a grudging admiration for the courage shown by Christians. “I wish that just one of the men belonging to my religious community could have the kind of the faith that you have,” he said.

This couple and their family now live in our city and are faithfully continuing to proclaim Jesus, here as well as back in their hometown. They are an inspiration to us all.

PRAY

While this region is currently experiencing relative freedom, the political climate is shifting quickly and this window may be closing. Pray for us as we move toward deployment into Central Asia this summer, and pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. May they continue to courageously and faithfully defy the command to deny our Lord.

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June 16 - 22

SUNDAY (16): P & S

RESTRICTED

“Our core leader has passed on to us the role of being the primary contact for the various projects here. It will mean much more in-depth communication with families who participate in our activities, with community partners and with all of the volunteers on whom we depend. Pray for the coffee shop opening at the church and for our neighbors to see and experience hope in this place.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13

MONDAY (17): REBECCA HIEBERT

THAILAND

“Praise God for the great connections that I made in North America while meeting with churches, supporters, friends and former team members. Pray for me as I step into this new season of ministry and life in Chachoengsao. Pray for four nurses who received Christ recently, and pray for Hope Center members who want to start a cell group with the new believers at the hospital.”

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13 (NLT)

TUESDAY (18): J & M

RESTRICTED

Please pray for these South American Mennonite Brethren Conference workers as they serve with Multiply in South Asia. Praise God for how they create, apply and assess a training program designed for Christian teachers engaged with children of the people groups in their region.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. – Matthew 5:6

WEDNESDAY (19): JOANNA CHAPA

PERU

Pray for Joanna’s work in Peru, coming alongside the established Mennonite Brethren Conference of Churches with leadership support and discipleship strategies. Pray for her training and equipping of young leaders in ways that call them into a deeper intimacy with God.

At night my soul longs for you, indeed, my spirit within me seeks you diligently; for when the earth experiences your judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. – Isaiah 26:9

THURSDAY (20): JOANNA PHARAZYN

PORTUGAL

“Living as children of the Most High King, joy is ours! Yet many here are walking through life with depression, anxiety, stress and heavy burdens. Please stand with us on behalf of Gods people, praying for healing and freedom and an experience of the fullness of joy of Jesus. There is so much more of God that we can experience in this life!”

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exalt before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! - Psalm 68:3

FRIDAY (21): TONY & SARAH BROWN

PANAMA

“Pray that we would know the Master, and reflect him personally in our lives. Pray that we would be in close relationships with Wounaan men, women, youth, and children so that they can see his life in us. We are excited about the friendships that we are growing in, but can see that it takes time to go deep. Please pray that God makes us more like him so that we can echo Paul in the verse below.”

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. -1 Corinthians 11:1

SATURDAY (22): EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

“Praise God for preparing the way for two of our church members to participate in a correspondence Bible training program, starting later this year. Pray for young teens in our church. Another school year has started, and as new believers they face pressure from peers and family members that can sidetrack them from following Jesus. We are thankful for outreach opportunities in Nong Khwai; pray that this would lead to formation of a new group.”

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy and will find grace to help us when we need it most. - Hebrews 4:16

June 23 - 29

SUNDAY (23): DOUG & DEANNA HIEBERT

BURUNDI

“We are currently in North America visiting friends and supporting churches. Please pray for wisdom and favor as we meet with churches, church leaders and potential partners. Our desire is to be good communicators of the work in Africa and to be used by God to move us all forward toward love and good deeds! Please also pray for us as a family as we reintegrate into Canadian life for these two months. We’re especially praying for good friendships for our girls!”

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:16

MONDAY (24): DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS THAILAND

“Father God, thank you for all our pastors, interns and farmers who work hard every day to produce the best Kingdom coffee, rice, cocoa, star beans and disciples! Thank you for all the churches that are being planted around these businesses! Thank you for providing so many mentors and radically generous investors who are coming alongside to teach us. Thank you for transformation, healthy work environments, Jesus’ real love, forgiveness, peace and joy shining brightly in what were once some of the most oppressed work environments in Southeast Asia. We praise you and thank you, our Redeemer, the one and only true God! Amen.”

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14b

TUESDAY (25): CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT JAPAN

“Praise God for seven new people coming to our English Bible Café. Thank God for people from different age groups, genders and ethnicities. Our planning meetings for the summer English Bible camp have been great! Please pray that the presence of God will continue to fill the room as we meet and plan for the summer.”

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. - Revelation 15:4

WEDNESDAY (26): M & R RESTRICTED

Pray for this couple, serving on Multiply’s Mobilization Team in Canada, and for their media projects both in Canada and in Central Asia. Pray for an increase of new DOM (Discipleship on Mission) participants to partner with this venture.

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” John 7:37

THURSDAY (27): CYNTHIA FRIESEN THAILAND

Cynthia is a part of the Chiang Mai team, serving by providing assistance at the Thailand Mennonite Brethren Foundation office. Pray for her involvement in a local ministry with women incarcerated at a Juvenile Detention Centre.

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10

FRIDAY (28) ALEX & CARLA SUDERMAN GERMANY

Pray for this couple, serving as apprentices on a church-planting team in Dortmund, Germany. Praise God that their home is set in a strategic location for ministry with enough space in their upstairs living room for a house church.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. – Acts 2:46

SATURDAY (29): ANDY & CARMEN OWEN THAILAND

This couple has facilitated strategic planning for church-planting teams, training for new workers, and lifelong development for Multiply workers in Southeast Asia. Pray for ongoing work in a local juvenile home for young women, which includes discipleship and vocational training through a venture called Freedom Textiles.

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” – John 8:31-32

June 30

SUNDAY (30): M & V RESTRICTED

Pray for this couple, serving through work in children’s homes and a holistic ministry initiative that employs and empowers local artisans. They are also serving the national church, providing resources and support for church planting and the mobilization of short- and long-term global workers.

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:20-21

Spotlight on France

With a growing population of North African immigrants, French society has become increasingly polarized between secularism and Islam. Multiply workers in France are partnering with local believers in evangelistic outreach through various means including multi-media ministry and French literacy classes for new immigrants. Despite certain reports that people in France are closed to the Gospel, our workers are regularly giving testimonies about people who are hungry for truth and for the reality of spiritual transformation.



Pray

- For the effectiveness of compassionate ministries among new immigrants
- That the French church will be strengthened and equipped for ministry
- For unity for our teams in France and good relationships with their local partners

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