

Daily Prayer Guide

October 2019



Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. –

Matthew 18:20

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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.

October 1 - 6

1 TUESDAY: VR

UKRAINE

"Praise God for opening doors for me in this new city near the Black Sea. I have come here by faith, and with the help of a local pastor I have attained a residency permit for one year, glory to God! My vision for 2020 is to network with the churches in this city and organize evangelistic campaigns by the beaches, where thousands of people go in the summer. Please pray!"

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. – Matthew 7:7-8

2 WEDNESDAY: TONY & SARAH BROWN

PANAMA

Pray for this couple, serving as FOCUS apprentices in Panama to build up the indigenous Wounaan church. Pray for their family in this current season of visiting supporters in Canada.

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward. – Matthew 10:42

3 THURSDAY: S & D

CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving in Central Asia. Pray that God would use them to transform hearts, strengthen new disciples and raise up national leaders to bring revival to this region.

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. – 2 Corinthians 4:6

4 FRIDAY: STACY KUHNS

PERU

Stacy is serving with the resourcing team in Piura, Peru. Pray for Casa Caminata, a women's discipleship house run by Stacy and her teammates. Pray for wisdom and grace to disciple these young women.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. – Matthew 11:29-30

5 SATURDAY: S & B

RESTRICTED

"Pray for me (S) in my new role as liaison with global workers in Europe, Central Asia, and India. I will be working with regional directors in these regions, as well as continuing to facilitate peace camps around the world."

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. – John 16:33

October 6 - 12

6 SUNDAY: SANDRA FENDER

THAILAND

"We just said goodbye to today to another English teacher who is returning to North America. This means we are down to three teachers, so please pray with us for more people to join our English ministry team. Praise God that there has been more openness and fewer cancelations to this class, which has brought calmness, peace and light to the Juvenile Detention Center."

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. – Isaiah 41:10

7 MONDAY: AKZ

CENTRAL ASIA

"Please pray for me as I continue with language and culture learning, investing in friendships and following up with participants of our summer camps. Pray for young leaders here to remain motivated. Praise God that I can still stay in my apartment, and I am slowly making contact with my neighbors."

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. – Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)

8 TUESDAY: SANDRA PLETT

MEXICO

Pray for this worker, based at the Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara, as she equips others for mission through discipleship, specialized training, and the coordination of short-term mission teams. Sandra and the Matthew Team are also involved in church planting, social ministries, evangelism, and teaching at a Bible institute.

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9 WEDNESDAY: RICKY & KAREN HUEBERT-SANCHEZ THAILAND

“Pray for Gideon and Fon, Thai church planters who had a baby boy recently. Please pray for them as they adapt to parenthood and ministry life. Praise God for our teammates Katie Mount and Brad and Casadi Schroeder, and pray that God will give us all direction about new areas for church planting. Pray for our daughter, McKenna, as she adjusts to university and life in Canada.

“All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. – Psalm 25:10 (NKJV)

10 THURSDAY: K & D WEST AFRICA

Pray for this couple, currently in language school in Europe and preparing to serve with a national leader in West Africa. They will be engaged in church planting, discipleship and assisting the local church in areas of community development through trades.

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. – Colossians 3:17

11 FRIDAY: ROBERT & ANNE THIESSEN MEXICO

Robert and Anne are part of a team that has a focus on comprehensive discipleship, oriented towards growing healthy churches among the indigenous peoples of southern Mexico. Pray for their training of future global workers through apprenticeship, preparing them for effective engagement in cross-cultural ministry.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. – Mark 10:45

12 SATURDAY: ANDY & CARMEN OWEN THAILAND

“Thank you so much for praying for our family and for the harvesters in our part of the mission field this month. Pray for the Multiply Asia Summit October 16-20, when global workers from around Asia will gather together to connect, pray, worship, and be equipped to serve God. Our family will also be hosting a team in Chiang Mai Oct 23-29 to come alongside the ministry of Freedom

Trades (formerly Freedom Textiles) through practical training in tailoring and cosmetology.”

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. – Galatians 6:9

October 13 - 19

13 SUNDAY: M & R

RESTRICTED

Pray for this couple, now 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.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. – Psalm 33:20-22

14 MONDAY: ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG

MONGOLIA

“This month our Mongolian daughter and her husband left to travel to North America for five months. Their absence brings up a desire for us to have a few others join our team. Pray with us that God would stir hearts and open doors for this to happen. We are a little weary from all the fall work, but it is a beautiful time to connect with people and share of God’s goodness and bounty. Pray for joy in the busyness and eyes to see what he is doing.”

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. – Matthew 9:37-38

15 TUESDAY: MOTOHIRO & MARIYA HAMANA

THAILAND

Please pray for this couple, focused on planting new churches in northern Chonburi. The Hamanas are primarily supported through the Japan Mennonite Brethren Conference.

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. – Job 33:4

A HOOD OF SHAME

CENTRAL ASIA | by Nikki White

**Some names have been changed for security reasons*

She wore a dark jacket with the hood pulled closely around her face, seeming remote and unreachable. Like so many young people in Central Asia, her identity had been damaged by abuse and neglect. Like so many, she kept her pain well hidden. Meryem wore her hood like an impenetrable cloak of shame.

During a youth retreat in this region, Multiply's Lori Nickel had been watching Meryem closely. On the Saturday evening session, Lori felt God nudging her to invite the young women to come forward for prayer. Across the room, her husband Norm did the same with the young men. The Holy Spirit began to move in the room as nearly all the young adults came forward. Meryem, still hooded and silent, was among them. Lori knew it was a pivotal moment.

"Seeing her standing there," said Lori, "I knew just what God wanted me to do." Lori felt her faith strengthened as she recalled a dream from the previous night. "I had dreamed of a room full of hidden hurt and shame," she said. "God wanted to bring healing, and choosing forgiveness was the key. It was time for Meryem to be set free from her shame."

Lori pulled down the girl's hood and fixed her with a loving gaze. "This

is not who you are," she told the girl firmly. "This is not how God sees you."

Meryem began to cry as others, including the pastors from her church, gathered around her to pray. Words from the prophet Zechariah were spoken over her, assuring her that God was removing the dirty garments of shame, and clothing her with his pure love. "Take off the filthy clothes... see, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you" (Zechariah 3:4).

Then, as Lori held her hands gently, she asked, "Can you forgive the ones who hurt you?"

Meryem's pain was evident as she replied, "They have not even said they are sorry!"

"But God is sorry," said Lori. "He is so, so sorry that these things were done to you, Meryem."

Meryem was clearly deeply moved but left that night still silent and withdrawn. The next day was the end of the retreat, and Lori was pensive as she watched Meryem leaving. Had she been set free or not? Then Lori suddenly realized that something very significant had happened. How did she know?

"The hood stayed off."

GOD'S CHOSEN LEADERS

PANAMA | by Nikki White

For sixteen years Multiply workers Einer and Girlesa Zuluaga have trained up indigenous students from the Emberá and Wounaan peoples of Panama and Colombia. Their desire is to see their students bring the Gospel to their own people, in their own language. Thus far, God's chosen leaders for this task have included poor, uneducated field hands and the grandchildren of sorcerers.

Leycer came from the thick rainforests of the Colombian Chocó region, where his grandfather was one of the most feared sorcerers in the jungle. His conversion to Christianity was shocking and had serious consequences. As the eldest grandson, Leycer was to inherit the powers passed down from their ancestors. Instead, he publicly renounced all such inheritances, incurring the wrath of their entire family. "You have betrayed us all!" he was told.

Leycer was told he would be disowned and driven out of the village. When these threats failed to dissuade him, the community resorted to bribes. He was offered a coveted job as a schoolteacher, if only he would renounce Christ. He refused. The community elders forbade him to hold public meetings for Christian teaching or worship. Undeterred, he held discrete meetings in private homes, silently and steadily multiplying disciples. His

courage in the face of adversity won the respect of many in his community. Leycer's own father came to faith in Christ, was discipled by his son, and has since become a strong leader among the Wounaan of that region.

Dalecio is another humble disciple being mightily used of God. A simple Wounaan field worker with little education, Dalecio was naturally shy. Yet when Jesus freed him from ancestral beliefs, he became a passionate evangelist. His grasp of the Gospel and his intuitive ability to contextualize it for his people made him powerfully effective. One day, Dalecio was trying to convey the deadly nature of sin. Standing in the middle of the jungle, he suddenly pointed and said: "Look at that great tree! Strong, unmovable. But see the vine? It is a parasite, small now, but it will kill that great tree. Such is sin!" The Wounaan were startled by the analogy, seeing how different this concept was from their own animistic beliefs. Dalecio went on to pastor believers deep in the Darien jungle, and now directs the Discipleship School in Yaviza.

These are the kind of leaders God is choosing to bring transformation in Panama.

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16 WEDNESDAY: OTTO & MARJORIE EKK

PORTUGAL

“We continue to be in awe of the greatness to our good God. Each day we see on how he is shaping leaders among us. Each of the ministries has good local leadership. Continue to pray with us for unity, clear focus and direction. Over these next months many key decisions will need to be made about more adequate meeting places and involvement in community and market-place ministries.”

*No one is like you, Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.
- Jeremiah 10:6*

17 THURSDAY: P & S

EUROPE

Pray for this couple as they work to catalyze spiritual growth, leadership development, and holistic church planting among the Arabic-speaking population in Europe. They are working with immigrants, many of whom have never before heard about Jesus.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? – Romans 10:14

18 FRIDAY: REBECCA HIEBERT

THAILAND

Rebecca is working with a team of national and foreign workers to plant new churches in Chachoengsao province. Pray for her ongoing studies in the Thai language, and for opportunities to share the Gospel as she continues to teach English and disciple youth and young adult leaders.

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. – Acts 17:27

19 SATURDAY: J & M

SOUTH ASIA

Please pray for these Paraguayan 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.

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. - Colossians 3:17

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20 SUNDAY: JOANNA CHAPA

PERU

Joanna is serving in Peru, coming alongside the established Mennonite Brethren Conference of churches there 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.

You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. – Psalm 16:11

21 MONDAY: JOANNA PHARAZYN

PORTUGAL

“In the months before coming to North America to visit supporting churches, God gave me insight into some of the things that he has been stirring up in people’s lives. Being physically absent from Portugal at this moment I am trusting in the Lord to birth new life. I invite you to pray with me, in travail, for this birthing. All for his glory and our joy!”

Shall I bring to the moment of birth and not bring delivery? - Isaiah 66:9

22 TUESDAY: JOHANNA NEUDORF

GERMANY

“Praise God for two Persian women who have concluded the discipleship course. Pray that they would continue hearing from Jesus and studying the Bible at home with their families. Pray for new ways for us to walk alongside our Persian believers and for more church members to engage in this task. Pray for refugees that are starting an apprenticeship or a job, that they be led by the Holy Spirit as they have mixed experiences with the German culture outside the church.”

*Be conscientious about how you live and what you teach. Persevere in this, because by doing so you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.
- 1 Timothy 4:16*

23 WEDNESDAY: EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

“Praise God for local church leaders with a heart to serve and a desire to see others come to know Jesus. Praise God for the Multiply Asia Summit this October which encouraged, refreshed and informed us as we met with other workers from a number of surrounding countries. Pray for preparations for our upcoming season of visiting supporters in North America, starting in January.”

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- Jeremiah 29:13

24 THURSDAY: DOUG & DEANNA HIEBERT

BURUNDI

Pray for this couple, part of the Sub-Saharan Africa Team located in the Great Lakes Region (Burundi and DR Congo) and focused on holistic ministry to the Batwa people. This includes sharing the Gospel, discipleship, health care, education, food security, and housing.

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.
- Isaiah 58:1

25 FRIDAY: DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS

THAILAND

“Thank you, Heavenly Father for your protection, faithfulness and kindness towards all our Myanmar church planters in Thailand and Myanmar these past ten years. Thank you for the generosity of supporting churches in North America so that we can celebrate this special anniversary and bring all our believers and churches together. We surrender to you, Holy Spirit. Would you be pleased to move and dwell among us? Minister to us your healing, love and power. We want to be more like Jesus. Amen.”

The prospect of the righteous is joy. - Proverbs 10:28a

26 SUNDAY: CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT

JAPAN

This couple is working with local Mennonite Brethren churches who are involved in community outreach and evangelism. Pray for a strong partnership between Multiply and the Japan MB Conference as Japanese global workers are being sent out to other nations.

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

27 SATURDAY: CYNTHIA FRIESEN

THAILAND

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

It is written: “Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.” - Romans 15:21

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28 MONDAY: BENNI & FRANZI HERMANN

GERMANY

Benni and Franzi are serving on our church-planting team in Dortmund, Germany. As they invite people to meet with them, they are praying for the prejudices that exist against the Church to be overcome and for many to come to know God in a personal and transformative way.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. - Colossians 3:14 (ESV)

29 TUESDAY: M & V

SOUTH ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving in South Asia 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.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! - 1John 3:1

30 WEDNESDAY: JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

Pray for this worker, based at the Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara, as she equips others for mission through spiritual discipleship, specialized training, and the coordination of short-term mission teams. Jen and the Matthew Team are also involved in church planting, social ministries, evangelism, and teaching at a Bible institute.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. - 1Peter 2:9

Pray for new global workers involved in the Multiply FOCUS apprenticeship program. Pray for courage and grace as they spend the next four months in Canada to train and prepare for their three-year assignments in various countries.

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. – Hebrews 12: 2

Spotlight on Lithuania

The church in Lithuania is growing with more and more first-generation Christians. There is an urgent need for teaching, prayer, and ministry of the Bible. A network of young Lithuanian churches officially became part of the International Community of MB in 2014. Within Lithuanian society, there is still some resistance to new religious groups, such as the new churches being planted. The churches are often perceived as a sect that cannot be trusted.

Pray

- > For young leaders to grow in their faith, in prayer, and in hunger for the word of God.
- > For gifted leaders and teachers who can resource training centers like Lithuania Christian College and the Evangelical Bible Institute.
- > That believers will impact the spiritual and social transformation of their local communities.

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