

# Daily Prayer Guide

February 2020



Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

3 John 2 (ESV)

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## Thank you for praying!

Prayer is the foundation of our ministry, which means that you play a vital role in the transformation of lives in mission.

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## February 1

### 1 SATURDAY: VR

### UKRAINE

“Please pray that in February we can secure two sites in the city of Odessa for a major campaign for this summer. Pray also for my older sister, who is going through a family crisis, and for the salvation of her family (husband, mother-in-law, son). Pray that my daily service to the Lord is done with the right attitude of love, humility, gratitude, boldness, and faith.”

*Put your hope in the Lord. Travel steadily along his path. - Psalm 37:34a (NLT)*

## February 2 - 8

### 2 SUNDAY: TONY & SARAH BROWN

### PANAMA

“Please pray for God’s specific leading as we begin our second term in Panama. What are the most important things to invest our time in? Who is God leading us to spend the most time with? How is he providing community for us as a family? Please pray for our girls as they start school again here in March (kindergarten and grade 2). We are asking God to provide them with friends, more Spanish, and a feeling of peace there.”

*You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. - Psalm 16:11*

### 3 MONDAY: S & D

### CENTRAL ASIA

“The beginning of a new year is a natural opportunity for reflection and renewed vision. February will find us in a season of reflection and renewing of calling and vision. We look forward to hearing what God has to say about us, our mission and a refreshed vision for the future.”

*You will be delivered by returning and resting; your strength will lie in quiet confidence. - Isaiah 30:15 (CSB)*

### 4 TUESDAY: STACY KUHNS

### PERU

“This month we are once again opening up our discipleship home, Casa Caminata, to six new women. They will be here from February 2020 - February

2021, learning how to walk with Jesus and live a transformed life. Pray for us as we mentor, disciple, and lead by example throughout this season.”

*And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:18*

### 5 WEDNESDAY: AKZ

### CENTRAL ASIA

“Please pray for my language and culture study; I am in my second term and so the grammar is getting more complex. Please also pray for our young brothers and sisters here to grow in the love and freedom of God. Pray for my continued volunteer work at the learning center for disabled children, and for another social work opportunity that I am exploring.”

*If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. - Isaiah 58:10*

### 6 THURSDAY: ISRAEL & SANDRA (PLETT) CHAVEZ

### MEXICO

“Our wedding was in December, and we stand in awe of how God has brought us together to do life and ministry as a missionary couple with Multiply. We will continue to teach and disciple students at the Matthew Training Center as well as pastor the RETO Pinar church. Pray that our Bible studies would be a place of encouragement and growth for the church.”

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. - Romans 15:5-6 (ESV)*

### 7 FRIDAY: RICKY & KAREN SANCHEZ

### THAILAND

“Nam Nung was only twenty when she came to us, after she found herself pregnant. Please pray for her and her baby; she is a new believer and loves God but is scared and feeling alone. Pray also for Deer and her daughter Belle, now living with us after being homeless, that they both give their hearts to Jesus. Pray for pastor Fon, who still does not have citizenship anywhere, to find favor with the Thai government. Pray for Tuey and Jaa, a new couple in Zion MB, that they could go to Bible school this month.”

*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*

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## 8 SATURDAY: K & D

## WEST AFRICA

“Praise God for how he provided visas for us to come to our target country. Pray for direction and motivation as we create a self-study plan for language learning. Days after we arrived, a group of radicals attacked a national military base and killed soldiers and civilians. People are shaken, afraid and angry. The government asked all religious people to pray, and the Church has responded with a country wide prayer meeting! Pray that the Church will be radically different from the world in the way she loves, prays for and blesses her enemies.”

*But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. - Luke 6:27-28*

February 9 - 15

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## 9 SUNDAY: 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*

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## 10 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 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 TUESDAY: MB

## RESTRICTED

“I was able to spend almost two weeks with our national leader in Central Asia recently. The church there baptized over forty new believers in 2019, has grown ten times bigger since it opened two years ago and is now planning a new church plant in another part of the city. Please pray for them - as they continue to grow, they also experience more persecution.”

*Just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. – 2 Corinthians 1:5*

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## 12 WEDNESDAY: ROBERT & MARLENE BAERG

## MONGOLIA

“Please pray with us for the outreach that we do through teaching English. We are hoping to start a youth Alpha course jointly with another Mongolian couple and are praying that some of our English students will attend. Pray that their hearts will be open and ready to receive the Good News.”

*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. - Acts 20:24*

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## 13 THURSDAY: MOTOHIRO & MARIYA HAMANA

## THAILAND

“Praise the Lord for seventy kids and adults who attended our Christmas outreach. Please pray that children would love and trust in Jesus more through our kids' ministries, that God sends more English-speaking volunteers who can teach English and baking classes and that more neighbors would attend our worship services. Pray for our teammates - pastor Ozz, teacher Ann, Gup, Som, Chompuu and other Thai volunteers.”

*May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. – Psalm 33:22*

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## 14 FRIDAY: G & N

## CENTRAL ASIA

“Pray for the ongoing evangelism and discipleship in our region and for lasting fruit in our ministry. Pray for the ongoing displacement and violence at the borders, that the Lord will move leaders' hearts for a sustainable solution to the refugee crisis. Pray for N's ministry at school, for G to continue to learn the language and for our son to adapt to this country.”

# AND THEN

AUSTRIA | By Nikki White

“My friends and family laugh at me. They say I need to see a psychiatrist or go on medication.” But Zemira knows that her experiences are real encounters with the living God.

Multiply workers K&K first came to know this young Afghan woman through their church in Austria. They learned that Zemira had come near death many times, too many to escape serious emotional scarring. The trauma of an arranged marriage at age twelve, the loss of a child, the murder of her first husband, the abusiveness of her second husband and the inescapable, unrelenting violence of the homeland from which she had escaped had all conspired to lead her into episodes of deep depression. Moved with compassion, K began to tell her about Jesus.

And then, the dreams started.

“Whenever I saw Zemira,” said K, “she would share that she was having strange dreams.” The dreams were vivid and rich with meaning. In one, Zemira was dressed like a bride, and Jesus was breaking loaves of bread and handing pieces out to her and to others in a crowd. In another, she was grieving, and Jesus came to comfort her, saying, “I have always been with you, always loved you.”

K was astounded by how God was communicating the Gospel to Zemira in her sleep, and excitedly shared the scriptures that explained the symbolism of each dream.

And then, the coincidences began.

When her husband was arrested and Zemira and her children ended up on the street, a shelter took her in that was next door to a Christian outreach center, strengthening her connection to the family of God. K unexpectedly received a double stroller sent by a Christian in another country who felt inexplicably led to purchase it. Zemira needed it badly. Other unexpected and unsolicited gifts kept appearing. Then one day, Zemira mistakenly got on the wrong bus, and ended up far from where she had intended to shop. A pastor’s wife, having also taken a wrong bus, ended up at the very same place. Sensing her distress, the pastor’s wife insisted on buying Zemira groceries and diapers.

And then, her heart melted.

“I didn’t care how many strangers saw me cry that day,” Zemira later told K. “God was right there. He is with me all the time!” Pray for Zemira. Her journey continues to be difficult. But then, there is Jesus.

# THROUGH THE FIRE

UKRAINE | By Oksana Varvinskaya

It had already been a difficult and dangerous pregnancy, with two serious surgeries. I was at home at the time, trying to recover from my last operation. Everything seemed fine that morning as I put the kettle on for tea. Then, strangely, the electricity stopped working. The sound of the television, where my daughter was watching her favorite cartoons, was suddenly silent. The little Sonya ran to the kitchen, her face white.

“Mama!” she screamed. “Fire!”

Running into the living room I saw wiring sparking and flames climbing up the wall. I froze, clutching my belly instinctively, wanting to protect my unborn baby. Neighbors outside were yelling my name, and I grabbed my daughter’s arm, but I felt paralyzed with fear. Then one of our neighbors burst into our burning apartment and dragged me and Sonya out into the street. There was no time to grab anything. Everything was lost. Everything.

After the fire, we had to start over. We moved to another apartment. Our debts piled up. My husband drank too much. Our new baby was born with a heart defect. The stress and the fear were overwhelming, and I became seriously ill. We needed help. But where to turn?

I had been raised to believe in God. My grandmother had read the Bible to

me often, taking me to the Orthodox Church and teaching me how to pray. When I was walking home one day, I saw people putting up signs on a building called ‘New Hope Center’. I decided that I needed to care about God again. I made inquiries and found out that they had something called a DreamKidz program, working with families in crisis. That is us, I thought, we are in crisis.

At first, my children were hesitant. But quickly we began to feel a strong sense of belonging and, with Jesus at the center, God began



putting other things back in their right place. My husband stopped drinking so much. We found a good Christian family doctor who helped our daughter. And at a New Hope Center summer camp at the seaside, I chose to be baptized, praying that my husband and children will one day take this step, too.

The fire burned everything away, but it helped me to see what is most important. I hope my life testifies of God’s care and his great love.

# Daily Prayer Guide

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> VR Ukraine
<b>2</b> Tony & Sarajh Brown Panama	<b>3</b> S & D Central Asia	<b>4</b> Stacy Kuhns Peru	<b>5</b> AKZ Central Asia	<b>6</b> Israel & Sandra Chavez Mexico	<b>7</b> Ricky & Karen Sanchez Thailand	<b>8</b> K & D West Africa
<b>9</b> Robert & Anne Thiessen Mexico	<b>10</b> Benni & Franz Hermann Germany	<b>11</b> MB Restricted	<b>12</b> Robert & Marlene Baerg Mongolia	<b>13</b> Motohiro & Mariya Hamana Thailand	<b>14</b> G & N Central Asia	<b>15</b> Otto & Marjorie Ekk Portugal
<b>16</b> P & S Europe	<b>17</b> Rebecca Hiebert Thailand	<b>18</b> J & M South Asia	<b>19</b> Joanna Chapa Peru	<b>20</b> Joanna Pharazyn Portugal	<b>21</b> Johanna Neudorf Germany	<b>22</b> Edd & Ingrid Russell Thailand
<b>23</b> Doug & Deanna Hiebert Burundi	<b>24</b> Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters Thailand	<b>25</b> Tomas & Melody Vidal Mexico	<b>26</b> Cynthia Friesen Thailand	<b>27</b> Cory & Masami Giesbrecht Japan	<b>28</b> Andy & Carmen Owen Thailand	<b>29</b> M & V South Asia

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*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. - Colossians 4:5*

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### 15 SATURDAY: 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.

*He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. - Deuteronomy 10:18*

## February 16 - 22

### 16 SUNDAY: 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.

*Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me... Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me! - Psalm 66:16, 20*

### 17 MONDAY: REBECCA HIEBERT

THAILAND

"We thank God for doing miracles among us - healing people physically and softening hearts. We are asking God for more evangelists, worship leaders and teachers and for God to take us to more areas where the Gospel hasn't yet been heard. Pray for our leaders, Naat, Chin and Pen, Bank and Ching, Knot, Eak and Aom, Taay, Boat, Golf, and Koi."

*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. - 2 Corinthians 9:10*

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### 18 TUESDAY: 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.

*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*

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### 19 WEDNESDAY: 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.

*Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. - Psalm 86:11*

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### 20 THURSDAY: JOANNA PHARAZYN

PORTUGAL

"Returning to Portugal I sense God moving us forward into a new season. It's the year of 20/20 vision, but to receive God's vision and direction, I hear God say "Linger..."; an invitation to linger with him, just as Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet. And he invites us to linger with people, to take time to be fully present and fully listening. Pray that we would make space to hear God and to hear people and to usher God's presence into everyday encounters."

*Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. - Luke 8:18*

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### 21 FRIDAY: JOHANNA NEUDORF

GERMANY

"Praise God for a new year and many new chances to live for him. I am trying to encourage some of the Persian believers here to read through the Bible with me. Pray that we would be challenged and blessed in this. Pray for our kid's Bible event at the end of February, as church kids bring their friends from school to learn about God in fun ways."

*Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. - Matthew 41:12-13*

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## 22 SATURDAY: EDD & INGRID RUSSELL

THAILAND

“We are in North America, connecting with family, friends and those who support the ministry here. God willing, we will return to Thailand April 15. We are grateful that Ingrid is recovering well from a recent fall resulting in a mild head injury. Please pray for safety in our travels and for our planned return to Thailand. Please continue to pray for our two Thai church leaders: that they will look to God and stand firm even in difficult times when Satan tries to sidetrack them with his lies.”

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.  
- Ephesians 6:10, 11*

February 23 - 29

## 23 SUNDAY: DOUG & DEANNA HIEBERT

BURUNDI

“Elections are scheduled in Burundi for this May, and already tensions are rising. Pray for peace and economic stability. Praise God for our new team members! Aurore and Guillaume are from France and will be with us for three months to serve at the school. Aurelie (also from France) will come us in March for long-term ministry at the school. We are very excited for these friends to be joining us!”

*Then, with the eyes of your hearts enlightened, you will know the confidence that is produced by God having called you, the rich glory that is his inheritance among the saints... - Ephesians 1:18 (ISV)*

## 24 MONDAY: DAVE & LOUISE SINCLAIR-PETERS

THAILAND

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the faithfulness and miraculous outpouring of your Spirit in 2019! Thank you for 265 people who were baptized and almost two thousand people who received Christ as their Saviour through our outreaches. Please protect the seed of truth planted in people's hearts, raise up workers to disciple them and may Jesus be our one and only, completely trustworthy cornerstone in 2020; our commander in chief, holding the Myanmar Church together in perfect unity.”

*May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us-- yes, establish the work of our hands. - Psalm 90:17*

## **25 TUESDAY: TOMAS & MELODY VIDAL**

**MEXICO**

“Praise God for our time of training with Multiply this past season. Pray for us in this next step of faith and mission as we serve in the Matthew Training Center's HADIME discipleship program. Pray for us to learn the ropes of the ministry and discern each one's role. Pray for the students to be sensitive to God's voice, to experience his love and have an intimate encounter with him. Pray that we will be able to obtain a temporary resident visa.”

*The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him. - Psalm 37:23*

## 26 WEDNESDAY: CYNTHIA FRIESEN

THAILAND

“Praise God for the chance to be home in Canada for the next four months, after an extended term in Chiang Mai, and for the miracle of Maceo being able to travel with me. Pray for our season of sharing with our supporters, reconnecting, resting and seeking fresh vision. Pray for the ministries in the Juvenile Detention Centre, and for the Freedom Trades discipleship network to continue to grow and be used by God to change lives and bear fruit for the Kingdom.”

*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*

## 27 THURSDAY: CORY & MASAMI GIESBRECHT

JAPAN

“Praise God for Masami being able to join some ladies in a prayer walk in one of the red light districts of Osaka. Thank you for praying for our foster baby. Things have improved with her biological family, and she will be returning to them in March. Pray for her, for her family and for our family!”

*The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes, take the free gift of the water of life. -Revelation 22:17*

## 28 FRIDAY: ANDY & CARMEN OWEN

THAILAND

“Pray for the launch of the Freedom Trades Network as it brings job skills and the Gospel to unreached communities. Pray for wisdom and insight for Andy as he launches new initiatives for global missionary training this year.”

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. - Revelation 15:3

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**29 SATURDAY: 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.

*Lord, I have heard of your fame. I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. – Habakkuk 3:2a (NIV)*

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## Spotlight on Mexico

God is at work in Mexico and the Church is steadily growing in its identity as a Church on a mission – reaching out to fellow Mexicans and also reaching out to all nations. Multiply workers are spreading the Good News by planting churches, discipling believers and training leaders in Guadalajara and among the Mixtec peoples of southern Mexico.



**Pray:**

- > For health and unity among the Mexican MB conference (ICPM) churches
- > For the Matthew Training Centre team as they disciple, lead and train young adults for global mission
- > That more local churches would have a passion to plant churches among the least-reached in different parts of this country
- > For effective discipleship and mentoring of young people (50% of the population of Mexico is under the age of 20)
- > For God to bring an end to the increased violence due to corruption and drug cartels

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