



## Daily Prayer Guide



Ask of me,  
and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.

Psalm 2:8

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*Thank you for praying! We believe prayer is the foundation of our ministry and you are a valuable partner in our vision of transforming lives in mission.*

**“Who will not fear you, O 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 15:3-4**

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## October 1-4

### Wednesday [1]: Alfredo & Sandra Beltran

#### Mexico

The Beltrons provide pastoral leadership to RETO church in Guadalajara and work closely with MBMSI's Matthew Team. As they lead and support their congregation, **pray** that God would grant them wisdom and discernment. **Pray** for continued vision and passion for the work they have been called to do, and **pray** that their family would experience peace and joy as they serve the Lord together. **Pray** that now and in the coming months, they will have many opportunities to continue to build on the relationships started this past summer during a variety of outreach events in partnership with short term teams.

*"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods." Psalm 96:3-4*

### Thursday [2]: MBMSI Board of Directors

#### Abbotsford

**Praise** God for this wonderful group of volunteers who serve MBMSI by providing strategic vision and direction. As they meet today and tomorrow, **pray** for focus, effective decision making, the ability to hear clearly from the Lord and unity. **Pray** for each Board Member by name: Ike Bergen, Brent Warkentin, David Marshall, Ruth Schale, Bruce Enns, Leo Regier, Beatrice Pauls, Lowell Stutzman and Rick Reimer. **Pray** also for each of their families as these Board Members travel.

*"Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you." Isaiah 55:5*

### Friday [3]: Masolo Mununga

#### Angola

**Pray** that God would be glorified in the churches of Angola. **Pray** that church leaders would enjoy solid relationships with one another and that they would continue to grow in their passion to serve the Lord and their congregations whole-heartedly. **Pray** that they would be known for their unity and love for one another. As Masolo serves the MB Conference in Angola, **pray** that God would use him strategically as an instrument of peace. **Pray** that God would continue to teach Masolo about Himself so that he in turn is able to teach others.

*"Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths." Psalm 25:4*

### Saturday [4]: Jennifer Schmidt

#### Mexico

Jen is currently in Canada for a season of Mobilization In North America (MINA). As she connects with family, friends and churches, **pray** for meaningful times of relationship building. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to call people to engage in her ministry through prayer and finances. As Jen makes the transition from a Jornada participant into a longer term missionary with the Matthew Team, **pray** that God will continue to give her vision and energy for the ministry to which God has called her. MINA often becomes a very busy season for missionaries; **pray** that Jen would be able to balance the demands on her time so that she can experience rest.

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22*

## October 5-11

### Sunday [5]: Liana Penner

#### Peru

Liana has served faithfully alongside Robert & Erika Sukkau for many years in Trujillo. As Robert & Erika prepare to complete their season of ministry in Peru next month, **pray** that God would help Liana prepare to transition into a more independent role. **Pray** that God would place people around her that would function as a ministry team, providing her with support, accountability and community. As Liana teaches ESL and works with the Trujillo MB Church, **pray** that God would give her vision, creativity, joy and favor.

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1*

### Monday [6]: MBMSI Global Program Team

#### Abbotsford

Under the leadership of Ray Harms-Wiebe, the Global Program team provides strategic support to ministries and initiatives around the world. **Pray** for Ray as well as Ettie Janzen and Jamie Munday, who form the core of the Global Program team. **Pray** that they will be able to clearly hear and boldly obey the voice of the Lord. **Pray** that the communication between this team and their contacts around the world would continue to be clear and God-honoring, and that God's Kingdom would be advanced as a result of the actions that this team takes.

*"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11*

### Tuesday [7]: Samir & Lewiza

#### RESTRICTED

In August, Lewiza hosted a conference for abused women in North Africa. Each year, this conference is a source of hope, encouragement and support for many women who have experienced significant trauma and hardship. **Pray** for this year's attendees, that even now they would remember the words God spoke to them at the conference and that the healing in their lives would continue as a result of God's presence. As Samir and Lewiza already begin to think and pray about next year's conference, **pray** that God would guide them. Samir and Lewiza are also involved in many media ministries, reaching out to Arabic speaking people in North Africa and the Middle East. **Pray** for their security and safety, and for an ability to clearly speak God's words of truth, with love, to people who need to hear this message.

*"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength." Isaiah 40:29*

### Wednesday [8]: Missionary Training Institute

Eleven new missionary candidates are currently in Abbotsford for 8 months of training, discernment and discipleship with MBMSI staff. **Pray** for Trevor & Rebekah, Motohiro & Mariya, Matt & Ruth, Dave & Mel, Luke, and Ben & Melissa

as they all prepare for ministry in various countries. **Pray** that God will meet them during this time, and teach them more about themselves and Himself. **Pray** for Al Stobbe as he provides leadership and for the rest of the support team as they serve these missionary candidates. **Pray** for those who will be teaching and mentoring the MTIers, and **pray** that the leadership of MBMSI will be able to discern clearly the next steps for this group.

*"Many nations will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.' The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."* Micah 4:2

### **Thursday [9]: Darren & Shahna**

### **RESTRICTED**

Darren & Shahna have returned from several years of service in a restricted country and are currently spending an extended time in North America for a season of rest and refreshment before returning to the field. **Pray** that this time would be fruitful for them as a couple, for their family and for their team. **Praise** God for an effective first term of language acquisition, cultural adaptation and community building. **Pray** that God would use this time of guided rest to bless them and prepare them for strategic ministry in South Asia.

*"You shall teach them the statutes and the decisions, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do."* Exodus 18:20

### **Friday [10]: Jim & Francine**

### **RESTRICTED**

Jim & Francine are currently in North America for MINA. **Pray** that as they connect with a variety of churches, people will continue to commit to engage in their support, both through prayer and through finances. It is often difficult for missionaries in restricted countries to communicate the details of their ministry to a broad audience, so **pray** that this time of personal, safe, face-to-face connection would be fruitful and that many would be encouraged by the stories of God's work. As Jim & Francine share in churches, **pray** that God would use them to encourage and build up local congregations and that these churches would be mobilized to engage in global mission to a greater extent.

*"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."* Revelation 7:10

### **Saturday [11]: Berlin MB Church**

### **Germany**

Andrew & Olga Pritzkau work closely with MBMSI as they provide pastoral leadership to the MB Church in Berlin. Next month, they will be welcoming a TREK team that will serve with them for seven months. **Pray** that the Lord would give them vision for ways in which the TREK team can come alongside them strategically to enhance and support their ministry. **Pray** that they as a family will experience great joy as they serve the Lord, and that God will give them times to connect meaningfully with each other. **Pray** that many people will come to know Jesus as a result of the witness of the Berlin MB Church in their community.

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High."* Psalm 9:1,2

## **October 12-18**

### **Sunday [12]: MBMSI Staff**

### **Abbotsford**

The international office of MBMSI in Abbotsford is a hub of activity which supports ministries around the globe. **Pray** for unity among the staff, wise decision-making, energy and joy. The Abbotsford Office is home to a number of different teams: Operations, Communications, Finance, Global Program, Member Care, TREK and DMI. **Pray** that these teams will all continue to work well together, and that the connection with regional offices will remain strong and effective.

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7

### **Monday [13]: Blaine & Michelle Warner**

### **Burkina Faso**

Blaine & Michelle are currently in North America on MINA. They recently completed a year of French language study in Paris in preparation for full time service in Burkina Faso. **Pray** for the ability to continue to learn language well, as they have already studied Jula and French, and are about to begin studying their third foreign language, Nanerige. As they connect with churches, friends and family over the next few months, **pray** for meaningful times of relationship building and for the ability to communicate clearly what God wants them to say. **Pray** for safety as they drive around Western Canada and for the ability to experience rest even as they live out of their suitcases. As they prepare to work in partnership with Phil & Carol Bergen, **pray** that their relationship would continue to grow.

*"I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us."* Isaiah 63:7

### **Tuesday [14]: Erica Ray**

### **Mexico**

This year, Erica will be engaging in ministry with the Matthew Team in Guadalajara as a Jornada participant. Her work will include church planting support as she joins the first class of the Matthew Training Center, led by Trever & Joan Godard. **Pray** that her transition into a new culture would be smooth and that God would grant her understanding and discernment. As she studies Spanish, **pray** that God will give her the ability to learn quickly so that she is able to connect well with people in her neighborhood and city. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to prompt people to continue to engage in her ministry through prayer and financial support.

*"O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name."* Nehemiah 1:11

### **Wednesday [15]: Tim & Denice Kuhns**

### **Brazil**

Tim & Denice are involved in church planting support in Brazil while also teaching and mentoring students at the Pan American Christian Academy in Sao Paolo. As they interact with students, **pray** that the Lord would give them the ability and

opportunity to speak into their lives with boldness and love. Some of the students at PACA do not yet have a relationship with Jesus. **Pray** that Tim, Denice, and the other teachers would have opportunities to introduce these students to the Lord. **Pray** that they, as a couple, would continue to be unified and that the Lord would bless their marriage and family. **Pray** that despite the geographical distance, Tim & Denice would remain close to their adult children.

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever." Psalm 111:10*

### **Thursday [16]: MBMSI Media Team**

### **North America**

MBMSI's Media Team, with members in Fresno, Waterloo and Abbotsford, have been working hard to communicate stories of transformation through video, internet, magazines and brochures. **Pray** that God would grant them much creativity and energy for their task, and that their work would inspire thousands of people to take steps of engagement in global mission. **Pray** that they would be able to discern the stories that need to be told and that they would have the ability to communicate with clarity. **Pray** for JP Hayashida, Natalie Binder, Philip Serez, John Warkentin, Matthew Hayashida, John-Mark Bergen and others who contribute content and creative energy to various media projects.

*"He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship." Exodus 35:31*

### **Friday [17]: Wendy Eros**

### **Japan**

Wendy has been serving the MB church in Japan as an ESL teacher for 2 years. In her work, she is often the first relational bridge that her students have to a Christian. In this strategic role, pray that Wendy would have great favor with those in her classes, and abundant opportunity to talk about her relationship with Jesus. **Pray** that her students would be eager and adept English students, and also very curious about Wendy's faith. **Pray** for continued strong relationships between Wendy and the churches she serves.

*"Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom." Psalm 51:6*

### **Saturday [18]: DMI**

### **Mexico**

Pray for safe travel and good health as participants leave today on a Disciple Making International (DMI) trip to Mexico. **Pray** for wisdom as Victor Davila and Ernst Neudorf provide on-site leadership and coordinate follow-up efforts. **Pray** that God would direct the participants to those homes where people are seeking God, and **pray** that even now, God would begin working in the hearts of those who will be hearing the gospel over the next weeks. **Pray** that many people would receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and that they would be integrated into local churches that can disciple them.

*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16*

## **October 19-25**

### **Sunday [19]: Robert & Erika Sukkau**

### **Peru**

Robert & Erika are in the last stages of their ministry in Trujillo. **Pray** that the Lord would prepare everyone involved for this significant time of transition, and **pray** for the leadership team in Trujillo as it plans for the future. As Robert & Erika prepare for life in Canada and complete their service by spending a number of months visiting the churches and individuals who have supported them over the years, **pray** that they would be able to finish well as they do the work of communicating stories of God's work in Peru. **Pray** also that God would make his will clear to them as they enter into a new stage of life.

*"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might now rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." 1 Corinthians 2:4-5*

### **Monday [20]: John & Geri Warkentin**

### **Worldwide**

John serves the global MBMSI team by using his gifts in photography and videography to communicate stories of transformed lives from around the globe. As he travels, **pray** that he would be a great encouragement to our missionaries on the field, and that God would use his ministry to impact people from across North America with the power of the gospel to change lives. **Pray** for safety and health, and **pray** for his family as he is often away from home for weeks at a time.

*"Let us not grow weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9*

### **Tuesday [21]: Ricky & Karen Sanchez**

### **Thailand**

The Sanchez family is currently in North America on MINA. As they connect with friends and churches that support them in their ministry in Thailand, **pray** that the Lord will guide their conversations. **Pray** that they will be able to communicate what God has been doing in and through them in ways that will encourage people to engage in their support team. **Pray** that their family will have significant times of meaningful connection, and that each of them will have a sense of renewed vision for the next season of ministry in Thailand. The Sanchez's are a part of MBMSI's Team 2000. **Pray** that this team will continue to be known in their community for their unity and love for one another so that their neighbors will be attracted by the love of Jesus.

*"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35*

### **Wednesday [22]: Latin American Retreat and Consultation**

### **Peru**

Each year, MBMSI gathers all missionaries from one of its regions for a week of teaching, encouragement, discernment, meetings, training and teambuilding. Today is the first day of LARAC in Peru. **Pray** that the staff who are hosting this event will have energy, endurance, and joy as they pour into the lives of missionaries.

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**Pray** that the missionaries attending will experience rest and be inspired to carry on faithfully in their various ministries.

*"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33*

### **Thursday [23]: Melanie Humphreys**

### **Lithuania**

Melanie serves as Vice President of Student Life at Lithuania Christian College. As she teaches, counsels, and mentors students from a variety of backgrounds and countries, **pray** that the Lord will give her great wisdom and the ability to speak truth in love to the students at the college. **Pray** that as a result of Melanie's ministry, students who do not yet know the Lord will encounter Him in ways that transform their lives. As the staff team works together and strives to serve the students effectively, **pray** that the team would be characterized by unity in vision and purpose.

*"Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Colossians 1:28*

### **Friday [24]: Sandra Fender**

### **Thailand**

This year, Sandra will be engaging in ministry in Thailand. She will begin with one year of language acquisition in Lopburi, then will move north to serve with the Hope for Thailand team. Her work will include church planting support as she uses her gift of hospitality to serve at the Changed Life Center, which will be used for training workers, leaders and hosting short term teams that are ministering in the area. **Pray** that her transition into a new culture would be smooth and that God would grant her understanding and discernment. As she studies Thai, **pray** that God will give her the ability to learn quickly so that she is able to connect well with people in her neighborhood and city. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to prompt people to continue to engage in her ministry through prayer and financial support.

*"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." 1 Corinthians 12:12, 26*

### **Saturday [25]: Doris Goertz**

### **Japan**

Doris will be serving in the Amagasaki MB Church, where she will use her gifts in the areas of music, teaching English and Bible, evangelism, discipleship and preaching to further the work of God's kingdom in Japan. One of the consistent ways that people have been led to Jesus in Japan has been through the building of long-term relationships through teaching English. **Pray** that Doris will play a strategic role in sharing the gospel, and that much fruit will result as she plants seeds of truth and love. Due to her experience teaching English in Japan, Doris will also be serving as a mentor to MBMSI's other ESL teachers in Japan. **Pray** that she would be a great encouragement and resource in this role.

*"I know that You can do all things; no plan of Yours can be thwarted." Job 42:2*

## **October 26-31**

### **Sunday [26]: Ernie & Elfrieda Reimer**

### **Lithuania**

**Pray** for Ernie & Elfrieda as they provide support for MBMSI projects in Lithuania. Based in Fort St. John, BC, Ernie & Elfrieda face the challenge of doing ministry from a distance. **Pray** for wisdom to be able to overcome these challenges and for safety as they make trips between Canada and Lithuania. **Praise** God for their willingness to volunteer during their retirement years and **pray** that God would continue to give them wisdom, strength and the ability to speak into the lives of people in Lithuania.

*"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58*

### **Monday [27]: Ken & Marilyn Fast**

### **Brazil**

For twenty years, Ken & Marilyn have faithfully served as missionaries at Pan American Christian Academy in Sao Paulo. This year marks their final year in Brazil. **Praise** God for this couple who have generously given so much of their time, gifts, energy and love to the students at PACA. Please **pray** that God will bring others to fill in and continue their various roles at PACA and at their church, Calvary International, after they leave Brazil. **Pray** that they will have the energy and focus to finish well as they continue to build into the lives of students this year through athletics and through tutoring. **Pray** that they will have many opportunities this year to speak into the lives of their students and teams.

*"You shall teach them the statutes and the decisions, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do." Exodus 18:20*

### **Tuesday [28]: Amber & Amanda Griffioen**

### **Thailand**

Amber & Amanda are part of MBMSI's Operation 2nd Wave team in Phuket. Both sisters are gifted at starting new relationships with people in their community and through that, have had many opportunities to share the love of Christ with their neighbors. **Pray** that they would always be ready to engage with the people whom God puts in their paths. **Pray** that their team would experience unity and clarity of vision as they discern their next steps in ministry.

*"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him." Psalm 22:27*

### Wednesday [29]: Baudouin & Marie-Brigette Nsulunka South Africa

The Nsulunkas are church planting among Congolese refugees in Durban. As they continue the process of registering their church, **pray** for favor with authorities and that this necessary process would be expedited. Last month, thieves broke in to their church. **Praise** God that while the church was ransacked, nothing was stolen. **Pray** that their church will be a significant witness to the community even in the midst of trouble, and pray for meaningful relationships to be built as refugees often find themselves on the fringes of society. **Pray** that the Lord would use the Nsulunkas to speak for peace, love, and grace in their neighborhood, and to be an encouragement to those in their congregation.

*"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18*

### Thursday [30]: TREK

### Germany, Thailand, Brazil

Three teams of young adults are being commissioned today for service with the Pritzkaus in Berlin, Team 2000 in Chonburi and the Nightingales in Sao Paolo. **Pray** that these teams will be marked by unity and love for each other and for the cultures which they are entering. As they build into new communities, **pray** that they will have abundant opportunities to proclaim the gospel to their neighbors. **Pray** that each TREKer will be able to maintain the heart of a servant as they minister alongside long term missionaries over the next seven months. **Pray** for safety and health as they travel to their various assignment locations tomorrow.

*"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34*

### Friday [31]: Stacy Kuhns

### Mexico

This year, Stacy will be engaging in ministry with the Matthew Team in Guadalajara as a Jornada participant. Her work will include church planting support as she joins the first class of the Matthew Training Center, led by Trever & Joan Godard. **Pray** that her transition into a new culture would be smooth and that God would grant her understanding and discernment. As she studies Spanish, **pray** that God will give her the ability to learn quickly so that she is able to connect well with people in her neighborhood and city. **Pray** that the Lord would prompt people to continue to engage in her ministry through prayer and financial support.

*"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14*

## Prayer for the Nations

### Burkina Faso



Burkina Faso is a West African country that oftentimes goes unnoticed by the rest of the world. But with roughly the same population as Florida, this nation is filled with people that God loves.

In a way, no news is good news. It means that Burkina Faso has not been plagued by major natural disasters, civil war, or any of the other tragic events that tend to draw African countries into the world spotlight. Still, life in Burkina Faso is far from perfect. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, where families often have only the food they can grow themselves and the meager earnings from their cotton fields each year.

Although most people in Burkina Faso still participate in their animistic traditions, over the last few years Islam has been rapidly gaining ground. This could be seen as discouraging, or as an indication that the Burkinabé are searching for God.

### Please pray:

- That the hearts of the Burkinabé will open to accept the wonderful news of salvation in Jesus.
- For godly leaders to be trained and placed in positions of influence throughout Burkina Faso.
- For the MBMS International missionary team: *Phil & Carol Bergen*, that God would bless their translation work and relationships in the village of N'Dorola. *Blain & Michelle Warner*, that they might have a great time of peace, rejuvenation, and reconnection in North America before heading back to Burkina Faso in December.

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