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“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us...”

Colossians 4:2-3a

PRAYER POINTS

PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES

Every day, your missionaries work to impact lostness. They engage communities, proclaim the gospel, make disciples, train leaders, and partner with sending churches and churches overseas—all to advance the gospel and bring glory to God. As we steadfastly pray for the lost, let us also pray for our missionaries among them.

Through prayer and fasting, God breaks through discouragement in a Hungarian church

By Jennifer, IMB team member in Hungary

Our local pastor in Hungary longs for more healthy churches, but his congregation sits in hard spiritual soil. Attempts to reach the community yielded inconsistent results, leading to deep discouragement. When my husband and I joined the church, there was renewed energy and hope that God was answering the church's prayers for helpers. Excitement grew when six students accepted Christ at a summer camp. But that fall, only three young people remained in the youth group, and internal conflict caused others in the church to fall away. A spirit of discouragement again gripped the congregation. Members lamented how attempts to reach their community had not yielded much fruit. The internal church conflict also added to the distress. I suggested prayerwalking, but the idea met indifference. Then I shared a prayer request on [IMB.org/pray](https://www.imb.org/pray) so supporters in the United States could join us in praying for this church to have renewed passion to reengage

the community. Within a month, we saw an answer! The pastor announced a day of fasting and prayer. The church realized only God could bring spiritual and relational health, and only He could break through the hard spiritual ground in their community. During the church's seven-hour time of prayer and fasting, the youth group prayerwalked the community, using verses about Jesus' authority over demons. One student, fearful of local witches and the museum they operate to generate interest and sell their products, boldly prayed for the museum's closure. This taught them to pray God's Word. Simultaneously, repentance and reconciliation abounded as the church worshiped and prayed together. A woman apologized for her hurtful words, and the church embraced her with forgiveness. Believers understood they must reflect the love of God that they desire to share with the lost, beginning with their own spiritual and relational health through prayer and fasting. This day highlighted the power of partnership in praying to the God who hears and works mightily through prayer.

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Over 50% of IMB missionaries among South Asians have been on the field for under three years. Last year, we prayed for them to be rooted in Christ, strengthened in their calling, and faithful in language and culture learning. Thank you for praying. One couple experienced difficult changes on their team, lost loved ones, and welcomed new babies to their family. Praise God they learned the local language and have even become team leaders!

1 IMB MISSIONARIES. Pray God will call more laborers to the harvest field to plant churches and support existing work.

2 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray for a global missionary partner (GMP) couple working at the Casa Belen Refugee Center in Cúcuta, Colombia. Pray they will be effective in their ministry and efforts toward building the kingdom of God.

3 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Some missionary families have multiple schooling options for their kids, while others have one. Pray for parents to shepherd their children well and for missionary kids to thrive spiritually and academically.

4 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. "Our family recently started stateside assignment in the United States. Pray for us to rest well and engage with church partners. Ask God for more laborers to join us. Pray our four children will grow in their love for Jesus and have godly friends while we are here." *Mark and Rebekah Bishop*

5 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. "Missionaries are often put on pedestals, but we are regular people. At times, we argue with our spouse, worry about our kids, and wake up wishing it were the weekend. Pray we abide in the Lord, receive His grace, remember His promises, and take up our cross daily." *Betsy Norris*

6 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Two workers have been displaced but deeply desire to live among their people. Praise God for their hearts that are so willing to go where the Father leads and

desire that their people know the gospel. Pray the Father will give them wisdom as they make plans to relocate.

7 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. In some parts of Europe, missionaries are seeing greater openness to the gospel. Pray for bold, creative strategies to seize this unique opportunity, and for perseverance and great joy as they labor alongside local brothers and sisters for the work of the gospel.

8 DEAF PEOPLES. Pray for new global missionary partners (GMPs) to join IMB missionaries in the work of sharing the gospel with Deaf around the world. Help IMB missionaries to cast vision for them, support them, work alongside them, and invite GMPs into their teams.

9 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. A missionary met animosity while praying through a remote valley with no access to the gospel. Years later, during a Send Relief project, several women heard the gospel. After follow-up visits, one believed, then her friend, then two more! Pray they'd read God's Word together.

10 IMB MISSIONARIES. Pray God will sustain missionaries, giving them endurance to minister cross-culturally.

11 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Missionaries ministering to Central Asians labor and live in places of deep lostness. Many have had to relocate due to turmoil in their host countries. Pray they will find their peace, joy, and hope in the Lord. Ask Him to sustain them.

12 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Missionaries in Europe are training their national partners to spread the gospel broadly and plant healthy churches. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they walk alongside these Christians. Ask God to use these trainings to reignite Europeans' hearts for kingdom work.

13 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Even though Victoria had to evacuate from a war-torn city, she has continued her friendship with local women. Pray for Victoria to know the Spirit's guidance as she offers hope in Christ to those in need of hope. Pray that she will be able to see her dear friends again.

14 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Anthony, a global missionary partner (GMP), returned home due to his father's medical crisis. While others advised Anthony to care for his parents, his family blessed his return to the field, urging him not to worry. Pray for GMPs making sacrifices to serve.

15 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Before missionaries left Niger unexpectedly, they gathered Fulani believers from rural areas and cities, providing Bibles and audio recordings. New believers were baptized in the Niger River. Praise God! Pray for boldness and faithfulness despite persecution and difficulty.

16 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Praise God for sending many new missionaries to serve among South Asians. Team leaders are walking with them through culture shock and frustrations with language learning. Pray for new missionaries to endure these challenges and find opportunities to practice sharing the gospel.

17 DEAF PEOPLES. Pray for students who are serving on IMB teams among the Deaf during their spring semester. Thank the Lord for these students who are taking part in the work of bringing the gospel to Deaf communities around the world.

18 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Allen and Ella Bristol are discipling the next generation of leaders in their church. Pray Allen engages young men to grow deeper in the Word and relationships. Pray Ella encourages their wives to be women of prayer. Pray for the gospel to spread in their community.

19 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Europe is spiritually dark, and missionaries often face rejection and ridicule when sharing the gospel. Ask God to protect them. Though the enemy "comes only to steal and kill and destroy," thank God that in Jesus, we "may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

20 IMB MISSIONARIES. Pray God will give missionaries fruitful partnerships with U.S. churches and local believers on the mission field.

21 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Praise God that for years, missionaries in Niamey, Niger, shared, discipled, taught, and encouraged the Church. Most missionaries have left the area, but the Church remains. Pray for the body of Christ in Niamey to have boldness and wisdom as they continue faithfully serving.

22 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. "Please pray for missionaries parenting teens in remote places. Ask God to give us creativity and energy in discipling our children while we strive to reach unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs) with the gospel." *Katie Weeks*

23 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Many missionaries in Central Asia are planting new churches in areas where there are none. They work hard to disciple believers and train leaders. Pray for missionaries to love and serve their churches well. Ask God to grow churches in depth and in love for Jesus.

24 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. As a global missionary partner (GMP) rented a room from a widow while studying language, she shared the gospel. Even after the GMP moved away, she continued to share, and the widow and her daughter professed faith! Praise God for missionaries proclaiming the gospel wherever they are.

25 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Learning language and culture is crucial in having spiritual conversations. Pray for those who've newly arrived overseas to have ears to hear and minds to understand. Pray they will courageously enter the community, practice what they've learned, and make new friends.

26 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Pray for missionaries in northern Germany as they work together to reach Europeans and immigrants. In the multi-cultural church plant started by this team, pray God would be glorified and many people will hear and believe the truth of Jesus.

27 DEAF PEOPLES. Africa is one of the fastest-growing continents in the world, and only a few IMB missionaries work among the Deaf there. Please pray specifically for the growth of IMB's Deaf team in Africa.

28 AMERICAN PEOPLES. "Most of our team has now moved to Cusco, Peru. We thank God for this! Please pray for peace and discernment as we settle in, seek Peruvian partners, and walk through doors the Father opens for us. Ask God to prepare hearts to hear and respond to His Word!"

29 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Each day holds challenges for Margot and her family. She serves in Europe because she wants North African women to know and follow Jesus. It's hard to continue when most don't care to know about Jesus. Pray for perseverance and strength. Pray Ephesians 6:10-20 for her.

30 IMB MISSIONARIES. Pray for missionaries to have creative ideas and open doors for sharing the gospel with others.

A missionary gives a Bible to a Songhai chief in a village outside of Niamey, Niger.



God answers prayer and confirms missionary's calling

By Leanna Gwyn, IMB missionary

I hadn't thought about going overseas as a career missionary. Then, at 19 years old, I went to South Asia on my first mission trip ever. I came back to the United States with so much love for South Asia. I just knew God was calling me. I applied to be a Journeyman right away.

As my senior year approached, I felt convicted to pray with open hands about where God would send me, even though I was 110% set on South Asia. I hesitantly prayed. Then, a country in West Africa I'd never heard of began popping up everywhere. My French professor, guest speakers, and an IMB missionary at a campus ministry missions night all pointed me to West Africa.

The IMB missionary connected me with her team. Five minutes before a video call with them, I prayed, "God, I really have a heart for the South Asian population, but if it's West Africa, help me pay attention." The missionary's first words were apologizing for the background noise—their many South Asian neighbors were celebrating Holi. God caught my attention.

A week later, I was back home sitting behind my parents in church, silently lamenting my South Asia plans that kept falling through.

"Lord, I really thought it was South Asia. I'm pretty sad this hasn't been working out. I just need you to make it abundantly clear. Is it South Asia or West Africa?"

No sooner than I said "amen," my dad got my attention and lifted the prayer guide they passed out right before I came in. He flipped the booklet open to the first page and tapped it: Day 1: West Africa.

I have never had a prayer answered so fast. At that point, I knew it was West Africa.

I accepted the West Africa job, and since then, God has given me a huge heart for the work here. I realize now that my call to South Asia was actually a broader call to missions. God patiently led me to West Africa, taking my questions, prayers, and lamentations with gentle hands along the way. Where He leads, I will follow.

How you can be praying for Leanna and other missionaries:

- Thank the Lord for all He has done in Leanna's life. Ask Him to continue leading her throughout her career.
- Pray for new and seasoned missionaries facing transition to trust in God and follow His leading.

Missionary Prayer Bookmark

This two-sided bookmark provides a daily prayer guide to support IMB missionaries serving around the world. Each day features a Scripture reference and a specific prayer focus, helping you intercede for the spiritual, emotional, and relational needs of those on the mission field. The back includes Revelation 7:9 as a reminder of the global vision we're praying toward. Perfect for personal devotion, small groups, or church missions emphasis.

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