

**30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS** 

#### A Call to Prayer

Throughout the Scriptures, a clear link between intercession and missions emerges, offering us a glimpse into God's heart. As we pray for others, we seek to align ourselves with His will, asking Him to break our hearts for what breaks His.

Jesus Himself exemplified the importance of prayer in missions. He dedicated 40 days to prayer and fasting before beginning His earthly ministry. Throughout His mission, He sought His Father in prayer and prayed for those who would be reached through the proclamation of the Gospel by His followers.

Our goal for this missions prayer guide aligns with God's great purpose for the world – to fill it with His glory and worshipers from every nation. From the spiritual seed of Abraham, all families of the earth will be blessed, and our mission is to be active participants in this divine plan through the powerful tool of prayer.

As we join together in this journey of praying for missions, we must recognize that our calling is to be active partners in God's redemptive work for the world.

Here are a few tips for embarking on this journey:

- Set Aside Dedicated Time
- Find a Quiet Space
- Start with Silence
- Stay Consistent

# PRAISE AND THANK GOD

for Atis redemption plan

Try to imagine that you have just created the entire universe. Your creation is complete, and it is very good. The pinnacle of your creation is humans. You've created them in your image, and you look forward to having a mutually loving relationship with them. But then they lose trust in you. They betray you. They lie to you.

DAY 1

What would you have done? I may have snapped my fingers and just ended it all right then. But thankfully God did not do that. Instead, He made it His mission to reconcile humanity to Himself. Why? Because He loves us that much! In John 3:16 we read that because God loved the world so much, He sent Jesus to redeem the world and restore the perfect relationship that once existed between God and humanity.



#### As we begin this prayer journey, let us start with praise and thanksgiving by praying these Scriptures:

- Psalm 36:7, for His priceless and unfailing love.
- Isaiah 54:10, for the surety of His love for His creation.
- Isaiah 44:22, that God has redeemed us.
- Colossians 1:13-14, for rescuing us from darkness and bringing us into His Kingdom.



## PREPARE OUR HEARTS to play for missions

For many of us, prayer does not come easy. But just because it is challenging doesn't mean we shouldn't commit to it.

As we faithfully pray for missions, we are actively engaged in the Great Commission. And when we are actively engaged in the Great Commission, Jesus promised that we'd never be alone. We read in Matthew 18:20 that Jesus promises to always be with us.

As we prepare to continue this prayer journey, let's pause to invite God to prepare our hearts for this work.

#### Read and meditate on these verses: John 15:16, Ephesians 6:18, and Colossians 4:2.

- That we would not lean on our own strength, intellect, or strategies to win the nations for Jesus.
- That we would continuously look to God to bless our labor and reveal the fruit of its efforts.
- That we would remain humble and be reminded that every victory in missions belongs to God.





Abby is ministering in the Middle East as part of a pioneering church-planting team among unreached Arab Muslims. She is currently in full-time language and culture learning and is building relationships with local friends, initiating spiritual conversations as opportunities arise and as her language ability permits.

ABBY

DAY 3

In Abby's country, Islam pervades daily life - the way people speak, eat, dress, sleep and more. It is the only way of life many have ever known. They will not know the way of Jesus, the life of freedom, joy, and peace unless followers of Jesus go and tell them the Good News. Her heart is burdened for them. She longs for them to know the One True God.

As Abby wrote, "I am compelled by God's love, the great need for the Gospel, and His command to make disciples of all nations."



### **Pray:**

- For more teammates.
- For Abby's local friends and neighbors to be adopted into the family of God.
- For understanding and endurance while learning a new language and culture.
- That Abby will continuously trust in the Lord and His timing in all things.

Reach out to Abby and let her know you are praying for her -<u>abby1coc@gmail.com</u>

## K AND N DAY 4

God has called a married couple, K and N, to work with Global Gates to bring the Gospel of Jesus to West African Muslims. They primarily do this among the Fulani people that have immigrated to the United States and are now living in New York City.

The Fulani were the first people to receive Islam and are responsible for spreading it to the other sub-Saharan groups. The Fulani are 99.99% Muslim. God has given K and N a vision of the Fulani becoming followers of Jesus and being houses of Gospel light for all West Africans living in the U.S. and in Africa.



K and N search their community for Fulani people who want to know more about Jesus. They partner with local West African believers to share the Gospel and make disciples. One way accomplish this they is by strategically collaborating with short-term mission teams in order to multiply their efforts to find Fulani people who are interested in Jesus. K and N have recently started a Fulani house church, and there are now Fulani believers in 3 U.S. cities who are continuing to share the Gospel with other Fulani people.

## Pray:

- That God opens the eyes of the Church in America to see the nations in our neighborhoods, schools, and communities.
- That many more Fulani living in NYC follow Jesus and become Gospel houses of light for West Africans.
- That God raises up career laborers to reach the Fulani people that come to global cities.
- That God continues to work in K and N's family and each of the other families connected to this work: in their health, finances, and the constant spiritual warfare they face.

Reach out to K and N today to tell them you are praying for them -<u>AfricansforHisKingdom@globalgates.info</u>.

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### DAY 5

## **ROBERT AND DONNA**

After going on several short-term mission trips, taking the Perspectives course, and spending countless hours in prayer, Robert and Donna decided to follow God's call into full-time missions work.

It was during this time of discernment that God broke their hearts for unreached people groups and helped them gain focus on going specifically to unreached Muslims. In 2020, they left Charter Oak Church to serve full-time with Frontiers in a large metropolitan city on an island in Southeast Asia.



To carry out this work, Robert teaches business, mentors Muslim university students, and spends time walking the streets near their home, building relationships with Muslim men. Donna teaches English to local Muslim children and spends time praying for and visiting local women and children. They each lead discovery Bible studies at the university where Robert works.

The Muslim people that Robert and Donna love and are trying to reach are mostly in a neighborhood adjacent to their home. Most of them have no concept of who Jesus is and have never heard the Gospel. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and with love and respect, Robert and Donna seek to invite all Muslim people to know and follow Jesus.



- For Jesus to reveal Himself to their Muslim friends in their neighborhood and the university.
- For the Holy Spirit to move mightily in their city.
- For Robert and Donna to have boldness as they share their faith.
- Against spiritual warfare on them and other followers of Jesus in their city.



Reach out to Robert and Donna to let them know you are praying for them - <u>rdgabler@protonmail.com</u>.

# **AARON WYLIE**

### DAY 6

In 2017, Aaron came to Charter Oak Church and was the first campus pastor at our Mount Pleasant–Scottdale campus. After Aaron's father died, he sensed God was calling him to move home, take care of his mother, and start a disciple–making movement in his hometown. In 2021, Aaron, his wife Janelle, and their five children moved to Northern Michigan to reach unbelievers and make disciples. In addition to trying to pray with and invite spiritually confused and lost souls to Jesus, Aaron also seeks to empower believers in this area of Michigan to reach and disciple their circle of influence to hear, obey, and share Jesus' commands.

Aaron is confident that the Holy Spirit led him and his family to go and do this work. As he wrote, "To be honest, I know that being a missionary and disciple maker in Northern Michigan does not sound glamorous; and it is not. But the longer I'm here, I am more and more aware of the deep spiritual darkness that can only be transformed by the light of Jesus." And so, Aaron continues doing what he can each day to bring light into that darkness.

### **Pray:**

- Aaron lives next door to one of the world's largest horse shows, and he leads a chaplaincy outreach there. Ask God to direct his path and bring fruit from this endeavor.
- Aaron's 12-year-old daughter Lydia has been suffering with Crohn's disease and recently had surgery. Please pray for her healing and for Aaron, Janelle, the rest of the family, and the doctors as they deal with this illness.
- Raising financial support is challenging for all of our missionaries. This is especially true for a family of seven. Pray that Aaron raises and maintains the financial support he needs for his family.

Reach out to Aaron to let him know you are praying for him - <u>a.wylie@big.life</u>



## DAY 7 DAVID AND MARIANELLA BUENO

David and Marianella, both born and raised in Uruguay, had different spiritual journeys. David began playing competitive soccer at fourteen and, despite being saved at thirteen, prioritized soccer. By nineteen, he achieved his dream of becoming a professional player but felt distant from God. Marianella grew up aware of God, but not knowing Jesus personally. She met David while he was playing professionally, and his mom invited her to a church meeting where she accepted Jesus as her Savior.

As they continued dating, David and Marianella grew in their faith and married in 2002. They soon felt called to serve full-time in Panama with SCORE International Missions. They share Jesus' love through teaching sports in public schools, providing inner-city ministries, feeding the homeless, providing medical care, visiting indigenous villages, and engaging with families. In 2018, God added Mariela to the team as the lead basketball coach and nurse in charge of medical ministry. Marianella says, "She became the perfect addition to our team. The people in Panama love her so much!"

Today, they describe themselves as ordinary people trying to be the face of Jesus to everyone they meet.



## Pray:

- That the Bueno family will remain faithful in the work to which God that has called them.
- That the Lord will continue to provide their needs to reach their goals.
- Pray Matthew 5:16 over David and Marianella, that their lights will *"shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

According to David and Marianella, "There are people who will never attend a church or read the Bible. So, we drive many hours, walk and ride the streets, and spend time with people to know their needs, love on them, and share the Gospel with them."

Reach out to David and Marianella to let them know you are praying for them - <u>mariaydavid@hotmail.com</u>

Thank you for joining us in prayer this week! **To view the full prayer guide, click <u>here</u>.**