



# College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

## PRAYER GUIDE

### MARCH 2023

**1 PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Discipleship **Josh Maurer** and Admin. Asst. for Small Groups and Discipleship **Mary DeMoss**—the new small group leaders and groups to grow together for God’s glory and the good of the church. **Curt** and **Karen Cole**, Avant, Worldwide—Curt and Karen’s financial support; their Latino missionaries who are soon to be joining their teams around the world; their grandkids as they grow to continue to seek the face of Jesus.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Janet B, Helena Boyd, Valerie Chase, Brad Hiben, George Nelson, Josh Sherrard. **Greg** and **Debby Nichols**, GEM, Czech Republic—the Ukrainian Youth Club, launched in February, to help build relationships and share Christ’s healing with Ukrainian youth in Prague; the housing situation of their Ukrainian families as owners of two of the three places they are renting would like their properties back as the war is just past the one-year mark; their monthly outreaches to Ukrainians in Prague and the March outreach featuring painting Easter eggs. **Dick** and **Roslyn Albright**, TLI, Wheaton/Worldwide—praise God for the successful completion of training in Des Moines, IA for pastors who have been displaced from their home countries; other displaced pastors participating in a training course in the Quad Cities IA/IL in early March; God’s peace to rest on Dick and Roslyn as they deal with Roslyn’s degenerative brain disease which continues to progress.

**3 PRAY FOR: Michael Walker**, Faith and Learning International, England (through summer 2024)—the opportunity to join a neighborhood basketball league and form connections there; the Lord to give Michael resilience in his evangelism. **Melissa Warner**, OMF, Thailand—the students who stopped by the OMF booth at Urbana 22 and are interested in serving God in East Asia; Melissa as she leaves the U.S. in mid-April to work in Asia; her OMF international orientation in Singapore that begins in July. **Hanoi Bible College**, Vietnam.

**4 PRAY FOR:** the **Men's Gathering** this morning to encourage the men who participate; the **College Group**—the college students on spring break. **Mike** and **Carol Beth**, Asia. **WOL Bible Seminary**, Sao Paulo, Brazil. The **Sanctity of Human Life Task Force** and **Caring Network DuPage**, Wheaton—those attending Caring Network's church summit today; change in the FDA abortion pill policy; Caring Network to fill its job openings due to expanding their gospel and practical outreach.

**5 PRAY FOR:** **Karen Bradley**, WBT, Worldwide—their family to depend on the Lord day by day and to treasure his Word; praise the Lord that the Omi New Testament was dedicated in January; God's Word to change hearts and lives among the Omi in the Democratic Republic of Congo; praise the Lord for three new teachers joining their English team; their students, serving in Bible translation, to make great progress in the English skills needed for their work and global communication.

**6 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Bill Anderson, Mary Atkison, Kathy Balc, Brian Bauer, Bert Bunn, Ron Chiodras, Jean Crane, Shawn DeMoss, Jean Dusek, Jeff Dusek, Carol Eickhoff, Ruth Feldmann, Sheri Fuller, Ed Hollatz, Jody Piety, Don Ryan, Jim Siple, Joe Slone, Brian Smidesang, Seth Walter. **Missionary health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Nan Green, Marjorie Okoro, Pam P, Cheryl Warner. **Jim** and **Lynette Hatcher**, GEM, Austria—three close family members in the U.S. who are dealing with cancer; their church in Vienna, which is shorthanded as leaders are traveling; blessed visits in California and a safe return to Austria in the middle of the month.

**7 PRAY FOR:** **Steve** and **Mirian Cox**, WOL, Brazil—the Coxes as they lead the married couples; son Richard as he decides his plan for post-college. **Jonatán** and **Teresa Simons**, SIM, Colombia—God to use the seminary to raise leaders who will promote the peace, unity and purity of the church in Colombia; God to raise up leaders at the local, state and federal levels and at the seminary, who will make wise decisions about the future; praise God for the start of the school year, and pray that students will learn and grow in their knowledge and love of the Savior, his Word and the church.

**8 PRAY FOR: STARS Family Services (SFS)**—wisdom for the SFS board in key decisions that need to be made. **Brian** and **Warrie Blackburn**, Mercy Ships, TX/Worldwide—the crew of the Global Mercy, the newest Mercy ship, as the first ever mission with this vessel begins. It will be docked in Dakar, Senegal,

for the first half of the year, and then in Freetown, Sierra Leone, the second half of 2023; Brian and Warrie as they serve with Mercy Ships and parent twin daughters Addison and Alyssa, who are freshmen in high school; wisdom, effectiveness and fulfillment.

**9 PRAY FOR: Tim**, N. Africa. **Jim** and **Julianna Gieser**, YMCA, South Africa (mid-term to January 2024)— their community to grow in Christ together over the course of the year; their kids to thrive in their respective grades (Timo, fifth grade; Mattias, third, and Hawkins, kindergarten; Ruth at home); gentleness and patience with parenting their kids; deeper growth in the Lord.

**10 PRAY FOR: the high school spring retreat** this weekend at Dickson Valley Camp; students to rest in the truth of God's Word, grow in their relationships with each other and have fun. **Sara Klopfenstein**, YFC, France—the new singers in the various gospel and youth choirs to find friendship and belonging and to hear the message of Jesus as they sing his praises; wisdom in sharing the message of Jesus in a predominantly Muslim inner-city neighborhood; the first rehearsal on March 25 of a recently finished major work based on the Book of Revelation to discover if it's possible to present it next year.

**11 PRAY FOR: The women's Monthly Gathering** this morning; meaningful conversations as the gathering discusses Kevin Harney's book, *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*. **Dan** and **Beth Long**, SIM, U.S.—follow-up connections via Zoom with people from Niger and Pakistan from Dan's recent chaplain trips; plans for the home assignment trip to California this month, where Dan will see his family and connect with their support team; Beth as she stays in Fort Mill (SC) with her folks; wisdom as Dan puts together his travel schedule for the rest of the year; the logistics in planning these trips that can be overwhelming but also a good opportunity to trust God to get Dan to the right place at the right time.

**12 PRAY FOR: Chad** and **Leanna Wiebe**, SEND, Ukraine. **Jeff** and **Marilyn**, Asia—an increasing faith among many who are hearing Bible stories in their own language for the first time; his blessing and protection the groups coming to begin crafting Bible stories in their languages; His way forward in the next set of equipping believers for Scripture-based trauma healing training; workers to help further Bible translation efforts among those who need Scripture in their language and discernment in beginning new projects.

**13 PRAY FOR: Thad and Joy McAuley**, GEM, France—the approximate 100 college students who will serve as interns across Europe with GEM this summer—their preparation, hearts and resources; God to work in them during the experience; Joy as she takes on a new role in GEM involving spiritual direction, writing and coaching. **Mom2Mom**.

**14 PRAY FOR: Church family serving in the military**—Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik, Hannah Kosirog, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, Wesley Schmidt, David Tebbe, Joshua and Elizabeth Wiltgen, Douglas Yates. **Center for Applied Christian Ethics**, Wheaton. **Daniel L**, Forman Christian College, Pakistan—the students who are currently writing their theses and for their advisors; God to grant them wisdom in their research; the big challenges Pakistan faces right now (economy, security, politics, fiscal stability); God to bless this country and provide for all in need; Daniel to learn Urdu well, make friends, demonstrate God's love in how he relates to people, and teach effectively. **St. Trivelius Institute**, Sofia, Bulgaria.

**15 PRAY FOR: Hospitality Committee**—thank God for a fruitful year of serving at visitor lunches, Sunday morning coffee, the Welcome Center and receptions; the current committee members as they finish the year well and the final events of the church year; the Lord to provide the six new committee members coming on in May; clarity of how the committee can grow and evolve with church needs. **Nathan and Vera Beck**, GEM, Czech Republic. **Scott and Jenny Hawkins**, ISI, NC—the Spring 23 edition of Supper Club that is underway and meeting four times in groups of 6-10; thank God for the strong interest with student participation (160 students, the majority from India); the need for church volunteer-hosts did not match the interest, they hope to implement two different Easter outreaches in April—one will be hosted by a partnering church in their facility, a second will be outdoors on Duke campus with much student leadership.

**16 PRAY FOR: Missions Pastor Curt Miller** as he leads the missions and outreach ministries of College Church, Missions Ministry Associate **Esther W**, Missions Coordinator **Marilyn Papierski**, Admin Asst **Kathy Bailey**—the Czech Republic team of high schoolers serving over spring break later this month. **Robbie and Lauren Becker**, RCE, Colombia—God to be glorified in all they do and in those around them (it has been a hard month with a teacher leaving unexpectedly, which has been very difficult for their

community—students, teachers and parents alike); the opposition they have experience as they train and prepare Colombians to go to the mission field; God's will and perfect timing in all of this; thank God that his ways are always better than theirs; their house church, which has been such an incredible blessing to them, with between 15-25 adults every week and about 12 kids.

**17 PRAY FOR:** thank God for the Keenagers dinner and program this evening; baritone soloist Burt Kettinger as he presents a blend of traditional and contemporary music. The **Board of Missions** and Chair **Jim Tebbe**—wisdom for the board in the decisions it makes with the growing missionary family.

**18 PRAY FOR: STAMP teams** and the **STAMP Committee**—all the teams to have a gospel impact through their words, actions and attitudes. **Charley** and **Cheryl Warner**, Barnabas International, Ukraine—the final leg of a ministry trip in Europe that began in February with a retreat in Poland for Ukrainian missionaries, then ministry in France, Hungary and Spain and concluded earlier this month at a conference with Central Asian ministry leaders; the Warners to be able return to their home in Irpin, Ukraine, this summer; praise God for the gospel witness of Irpin Bible Church as it serves hundreds of people each week at volunteer centers; an end to the war. **Paul Adams, WordPartners**, Worldwide—Paul's friend who is suffering from a leg injury to receive complete healing and to trust the Lord in the process; the WordPartners team as it seeks to be faithful to the Lord in a season with a lot of changes.

**19 PRAY FOR:** the new series Ephesians, The Heavenly Places, that begins with Pastor Moody preaching on Ephesians 1:1-2; the visitors lunch today; those who are new to College Church to discover how they can be involved in church life. **Stephen** and **Karis Rigby**, Serge, Kenya— their home assignment in the States and interactions with people across the country; God to use their words to invite others into the story of God's global kingdom; their family as they process the realities of life as a missionary family; grace and wisdom in laying gospel foundations in their children's lives; the ongoing work of Ambassadors Football across Africa; God to bring many boys and girls, men and women from darkness into his glorious light; the coaches they work with to grow in their love of Jesus and their ability to share this love with the players; wisdom as they partner with different church denominations across Africa.

**20 PRAY FOR: Hope Fellowship Church** (fourth church plant in Lombard), Pastor **Eric Channing** and the congregation—the church to treasure Christ and

his Word; an increase in expressing dependence on the Lord through corporate prayer; faithful gospel witness in the western suburbs; the church to experience the joy of new spiritual birth and see God bringing unbelievers to faith and being disciplined at Hope; God to grow their hearts (and capacity) for local and global outreach; God's direction in identifying two to three additional elders by August. **Emmanuel** and **Adugna Tahear**, SIM, Wheaton.

**21 PRAY FOR: Christ Church of South Metro Atlanta** (the most recent church plant in Tyrone, GA), Pastor **Zach Fallon** and congregation—God to continue to give the new church family unity of heart and mind in the truths of the gospel; more shepherds/elders to minister to the flock God is building; God to allow the church to have a positive impact on the state of the church in its area of south metro Atlanta. **Daniel** and **Heather**, Asia.

**22 PRAY FOR: Midweek Prayer Meeting**—thank God for Zoom meetings that make it possible for missionaries to give real time in-country reports. **Greg** and **Faith Hurst**, SIM, Bolivia— a multigenerational movement of discipleship in their churches and city; mature and equipped church planters to prepare believers to be sent “across the street and around the world” by a consortium of churches in La Paz; Greg as he participates in five training events this year as a “city catalyst” for La Paz along with leaders from 40 Latin American cities who share a vision of the gospel and church planting; Faith and Becky as they grow in their ability to train the wives of church planters, God's provision for special financial needs.

**23 PRAY FOR: New Covenant Church** (church plant in Naperville) and Senior Pastor **Chris Castaldo**—the Lord to strengthen, protect and use the families of New Covenant Church for his glory.

**24 PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers:** Dorothy Anderson, Vivian Borrink, Peg Carlson, Ruth Comfield, Patty Edmonds, Jerry Haddock, Julia King, Marve Mayer, Dick Peterson, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Lillian Smith, Tony Zalar, Forrest Zander. **Jon** and **Kathy Haley**, WV, Spain— excellence for Jon as he prepares for two classes (Greek 1 and Hermeneutics) each week; the Lord to grant the students a deeper hunger to know, understand and teach God's Word with passion and authority; their son and daughter-in-law as they pursue greater health in their marriage and that they would increasingly be filled with the fruit of the Spirit, prompted to love and good works; Jon and Kathy to prioritize each facet of their ministry daily to what is most important and carry that out in a way that honors and pleases the Lord.

**25 PRAY FOR: Outreach Community Center,** Carol Stream. **Holy Trinity Church** (church plant in Hyde Park, Chicago, with congregation in the Loop, on the west side and on the north side), Pastors **Jon Dennis, Kyle Edwards** and **Oscar Leiva,** respectively and all the congregations.

**26 PRAY FOR: Living Hope** (formerly Christ the King Church, second church plant in Batavia), Pastor **Ken Carr** and the congregation. **John** and **Pam P,** AIM, Chad—Pam’s recovery from hip surgery; their travels this month and in April as they connect with special friends and family (California and Canada); new team members who have arrived in Chad to settle into their communities, persevere in language learning and share truth with others; a replacement to carry on hosting the Retreat as they look toward retirement in 2025.

**27 PRAY FOR: Mihai and Tamara Lundell,** OCI, Italy—Mihai as he serves on the pastoral leadership team of their church in Genoa; the church in this transition and the three leaders as they grow together in this new role; wisdom for the global area leadership of One Challenge and the important decisions made for their field teams, while Mihai and Tamara hosted the group; Mihai as he attends Member Care Europe board meetings in Spain and welcoming new representatives from three countries, praise God that Member Care Europe is growing, and more mission workers are being cared for around Europe; God to bring wisdom and genuine hearts for mission to these workers. **Rod** and **Kathy Duttweiler,** Faith & Learning International, Tennessee—praise God that the final Cohort training in Kenya with ASDM in February went well; Rod as he and his travels to Sierra Leone for a pastor’s training conference; continuing connections and ministry opportunities in Memphis that need the Lord’s direction; ongoing closeness to the Lord in their daily devotional and prayer times.

**28 PRAY FOR:** Church Librarian **Lisa Kern** and library staff—an increase in circulation. **José Pablo** and **Jane Sanchez,** Decisión/OCI, Spain—the Lord to guide José Pablo as he steps down from administrative duties as director of Decisión in August (he plans to keep working as long as God gives him health and strength and focus on teaching and mentoring at Decisión); the Lord to use the shoe box distribution in a Muslim country in North Africa to advance his kingdom.

**29 PRAY FOR: Pastoral Residents Josue Alvarado, Matt Anthony** and **Richard Moomjian**—the residents as Matt and Richard teach in student ministries and Josue teaches in Men’s Bible Study. **South Asian Friendship Center,** Chicago.

**30 PRAY FOR:** **Jake** and **Honah Finn**, OMS, Thailand—for southeast Asian countries to find better ways of crop rotation than the field burning that threatens their health and safety; Honah’s health and plans to go to Bangkok for doctors who will work with her; praise that all their kids’ bones are healed and Norah is currently doing physical therapy to help her re-train her muscles and walk properly.

**31 PRAY FOR:** Director of Communications **Wil Triggs** and Creative Communications Coordinator **Kathryn McBride**—the final preparations for the opening of the spring art exhibition, New Beginnings, at the ArtSpace gallery in the Crossings; people in the community to visit the gallery. **Steve** and **Teri Pardue**, TeachBeyond, Philippines—the students this new semester to engage with their whole hearts and minds and experience real change; wisdom for writing and editing projects that Steve will be working on; their kids to grow close to Jesus.

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### MISSION ACRONYMS:

**AIM** - Africa Inland Mission

**GEM** - Greater Europe Mission

**ISI** - International Students, Inc.

**OCI** - One Challenge International

**OMF** - Overseas Missionary Fellowship

**OMS** - One Mission Society

**RCE** - Resourcing Christian Education

**TLI** - Training Leaders International

**WV** - World Venture

**WOL** - Word of Life

**WBT** - Wycliffe Bible Translators

**YFC** - Youth for Christ

### PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

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