



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE

MARCH 2025

1 PRAY FOR: Pastor of Discipleship **Josh Maurer**, ministry associates **Gary Cook** and **James Seward** and Admin. Asst. for Small Groups and Discipleship **Mary DeMoss**—Men's Breakfast this morning; thank God for solid leadership in Sunday morning Adult Communities; small groups to flourish and grow; the **ArtSpace workshop** Improv Fun! this morning to go well; thank God for the gift of laughter.

2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss: College Church missionary Joan C, Rob and Joanne DeGroot, Dave and Carol Fortosis, Wally Lorentsen, John Rozema, Connie Shank, Nancy Swider Pelz, Sr., Kerry and Carol Pfund, Trish Protsman, College Church missionary Mike Sprenger, Carla Stough, family of Jim Walbert, Wayne Widder, Wanda Zander. **Greg** and **Debby Nichols**, GEM, Czech Republic—Debby and her study program as they tackle topics of sexual abuse, harm and trauma; thank God for his goodness and generosity demonstrated through family, friends and supporters. **Dick Albright**, TLI, U.S.—Dick's preaching workshop for Haitian refugee pastors in the Dominican Republic this month; the pastors to gain confidence to exposit the Word in relevant ways to their congregations; Dick's preparations for two workshops with Ethiopian pastors in May.

3 PRAY FOR: Mom2Mom Large Group this morning; God to guide the discussion on anxiety and depression. **Michael Walker**, Trinity Church, Central London, England. **Melissa Warner**, OMF, Thailand—Melissa and her fiancé, Bank, as they prepare for their marriage; Bank and his transition from Bible seminary teaching to a new ministry in its planning stages; Melissa's work with Cornerstone and two conferences where she is the child and adolescent counselor. **Hanoi Bible College**, Vietnam.

4 PRAY FOR: Mike and Carol Beth Sprenger, U.S.—their virtual and in-person ministry with ReachGlobal Asia personnel; travel to Minneapolis for debriefing retreats for personnel on home assignments or in transitions; wisdom and direction as they spend several weeks in late spring connecting with kingdom workers in Asia, with extended time in Thailand; the retreats, conferences, meetings and travel they anticipate in June and July; a road trip to visit MKs and stateside kingdom workers in the fall. **WOL Bible Seminary,** Sao Paulo, Brazil. The **Sanctity of Human Life Task Force** and **Caring Network**—thank God for the new pro-life pregnancy centers set to open in Chicago; staffing for these clinics; the Vision Tour on March 6 at the Glen Ellyn center.

5 PRAY FOR: Karen Bradley, WBT, U.S.—her students in Madagascar training in Bible translation; the teams who have completed drafts of the New Testament in their own languages, now working with other languages in Madagascar; praise God for three new teachers joining the SIL Global English Team to support colleagues in Bible translation and language work. **Curt and Karen Cole,** Avant, U.S.—the new Latino missionaries as they build support and prayer partnerships; praise God for daily grace. **College Group**—the students as spring break approaches.

6 PRAY FOR: Charley and Cheryl Warner, Barnabas, Eurasia—Charley in Armenia through March 12, teaching a missions class at the Armenian Theological Seminary in Yerevan and providing member care at a hospitality house for pastors from Central Asia; Cheryl's trip to Slovenia where she met Slovenes interested in member care; her trip to Spain, March 10-14, as part of the prayer and care team for the Refugee Highway Partnership Roundtable; a just end to the war; endurance for churches bringing the gospel to hurting people. **Ongoing health needs:** Mary Atkison, Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Laura Billsten, Gary Brunette, Bert Bunn, Sirene Christman, Liz Cook, Shawn DeMoss, Diane Dick, Jean Dusek, Lisa Eckert, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garret, Rob Gibson, Sara Jo Gogots, Joanne Hollatz, Barb King, Janel Prichard, Raynie Smith, Seth Walter, Carol Wenninger. **Missionary health needs:** Brian Blackburn, Jim and Nan Green (retired), Elizabeth M., Susan Perlman, Muriel Stilwell (retired), Carol Wenninger (retired).

7 PRAY FOR: Steve and Mirian Cox, WOL, Brazil—thank God that they arrived in Brazil in time for the start of the school year, and to help with the arrival of grandchild number six. **Jonatán and Teresa Simons,** SIM, Colombia—the seminary classes that have started;

wisdom in leadership; energy and clear communication for the profs; growth for the students; their family settling into the school year in Colombia; friends for their children; the Lord to draw their hearts to him.

8 PRAY FOR: STARS Family Services (SFS)—thank God for dedicated staff; new staff as they acclimate in the days ahead. **Brian** and **Warrie Blackburn**, Mercy Ships, U.S.—fruitful outreach for the Africa Mercy in Madagascar and the Global Mercy in Sierra Leone, West Africa; volunteers to serve with Mercy Ships; daughters Addison and Alyssa to have a deeper understanding of their God-given identity and his direction for their futures. The **women's monthly gathering** this morning and its look at Jesus' *I am* statements.

9 PRAY FOR: Jim and **Julianna Gieser**, YMCA, South Africa—their children: Timo and Ruth's adjustment to new schools, and Mattias and Hawkins continuing at their same schools—all are doing well; staff busy with outreach for the start of the year and into the first semester; them to reach out with courage and love; Jim assisting with fundraising efforts to increase their base of financial donors to ensure long-term sustainability; God's guidance to the right people and blessing on their efforts.

10 PRAY FOR: Sara Klopfenstein, YFC, France—thank God that Nathan and Audrey are developing their strengths in their schools and internships; praise God for the care in Olivia's day program; Manu's work situation and needed balance in the chaos of the program he's managing. **Fellowship Meals** this weekend to nurture fellowship and connections in the church family.

11 PRAY FOR: Dan and **Beth Long**, SIM, U.S.—Dan's mom, who has senile dementia, now living in Wheaton with his sister and brother-in-law who care for her; his mom to find her peace in the Lord; wisdom with family dynamics; Dan's chaplain trip to Cyprus; good connections with their workers.

12 PRAY FOR: the Gospel Now Open House this evening; a renewed commitment to pray, give and act for local outreach. **Home-bound and care centers:** Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Harold and Liz Cook, Marcia Daniels, Jean Dusek, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barb King, Wally Lorentsen, Marve Mayer, Carol Nickerson, Margaret Roy, Evey Setran, Bob and Carol Wenninger. **Chad** and **Leanna Wiebe**, SEND, Ukraine—for Leanna and family as they mourn the death of her father. **Jeff** and **Marilyn**, Asia—praise God for the high interest in Scripture

audio players; continued protection over this work; the trauma healing workshops and the translation of the *Strengthening Christian Families* curriculum; thank God for openings that improved understanding and relationship with top church leaders.

13 PRAY FOR: **Thad** and **Joy McAuley**, GEM, France. **Church family serving in the military:** Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Hannah English, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik, Peter Johanik, Ben Lemp, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, John Stough, David Tebbe, Luca Warren, Douglas Yates.

14 PRAY FOR: The **HYACKs spring retreat** this weekend; High School Pastor Baxter Helm, the adult leaders and students as they consider living a bold life for Christ. **Center for Applied Christian Ethics**, Wheaton. **Daniel**, Forman Christian College, Pakistan—hope, peace and opportunities to make an impact with his teaching; people of both the majority and minority faiths in Pakistan. **St. Trivelius Institute**, Sofia, Bulgaria.

15 PRAY FOR: **Hospitality Committee. Nathan** and **Vera Beck**, GEM, Czech Republic— **Jim** and **Lynette Hatcher**, GEM, Austria—the start of a couple more small groups at their Kagran church; the Lord's guidance as the church's contract with the hotel where they meet ends this year; wisdom to negotiate another contract or to find a more sustainable solution; praise God for the increase in visitors in their Sunday services; the church as it helps these visitors find their way to Christ.

16 PRAY FOR: Missions Pastor **Curt Miller**, Missions Ministry Associate **Heather Wiggins**, Missions Office Coordinator **Marilyn Papierski**, Admin Asst **Kathy Bailey**—the missions team members as they connect with missionaries on a regular basis; missionaries who have experienced transitions and/or the recent loss of family members; Pastor Curt's travels.

17 PRAY FOR: The **Board of Missions** and Chair Dave Oster—praise God for the 12 individuals currently enrolled in the Missions Prep Program and the six who are in the application process; wisdom as the board oversees the missions budget and care for our missionaries; the new members God will bring to the board at the annual meeting. **Scott** and **Jenny Hawkins**, ISI, U.S (missions associates)—the monthly Supper Club outreach in 50 homes this spring; thank God that this outreach brings together church

volunteers and international students; a Thursday Discovery Bible lunch discussion to help students understand and begin to appreciate Jesus; their fall travel plans to Cape Town to visit their daughter College Church missionary, Julianna Gieser, and her family.

18 PRAY FOR: STAMP teams and the **STAMP Committee**—decisions related to 2025 trips; God to call individuals to apply to the teams. **Robbie** and **Lauren Becker**, RCE, Colombia—wisdom for their future and decisions about ministry; their kids to transition well back to Colombia and grow in the Lord; a team of 300 people to join them in regular prayer.

19 PRAY FOR: Midweek Prayer Meeting—more people to participate in the Zoom prayer meeting and in-person church prayer meetings. **Stephen** and **Karis Rigby**, Serge, Kenya—humility and wisdom as team leaders and regional supervisors; them to listen, lead and love well; the soccer ministry coaching course this month to encourage participants to bring God's kingdom to their teams and communities; Stephen and Karis to find rest and refreshment in God; them to care well for their children in this busy season.

20 PRAY FOR: Hope Fellowship Church (church plant in Lombard), Pastor **Eric Channing** and the congregation—an embrace of the Holy Spirit's work and a response to him in faith; an increased dependence on the Lord through prayer; God to work through his Word to magnify Christ, save souls and build up Christ's body at Hope. **Emmanuel** and **Adugna Tahear**, SIM, U.S.—the Lord's provision as they serve their community and overseas; provision and open doors for Adugna's dental mission to impoverished communities; the preparation for this summer's Ethiopia medical and dental mission.

21 PRAY FOR: Christ Church of South Metro Atlanta (church plant in Tyrone, GA), Pastor **Zach Fallon** and congregation. **Paul A**, GTN—a ten-week online workshop on Genesis with three groups of pastors and church leaders in East Asia; the Lord to open hearts and minds to learn how to proclaim the Word; the Lord to provide funding for training among a second language group of pastors in Sri Lanka in May; their ministry to flow out of Christ's strength and love.

22 PRAY FOR: the first session of **Grace Marriage** today; our marriages to reflect the gospel. **Greg** and **Faith Hurst**, SIM, Bolivia—the second Incubator La Paz earlier this month, a two-year church-planting training in partnership with City to City Latin America, that help equipped 27 church

planters and their wives, representing 15 church plants in four cities; the three-day SIM retreat that Greg led in February for the mission's core leaders as they looked at SIM Bolivia's ten-year strategic plan; God to lead the board and SIM missionary family in Bolivia in this important process.

23 PRAY FOR: New Covenant Church (church plant in Naperville) and Senior Pastor **Chris Castaldo**—Chris and Daniel Owens as they faithfully preach the Word and care for their congregation. **Jon** and **Kathy Haley**, WV, U.S.—consistency with ongoing tasks and inspiration for creative tasks that they have as Jon teaches; the continued editing of the ZECNT (Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament) translations; the update to a second edition of the sermon-writing process on Exegetica.net; thank God for encouraging interactions between Jon and his students; Jon's opportunity to help prepare workers for the ministry of teaching God's Word.

24 PRAY FOR: Jake and **Honah Finn**, OMS, Thailand—their executive director, Minh, as he returns from sabbatical; the office space they're building on their back property; praise for Korean clinician and Wheaton graduate, Yungsuk Mun, now on staff; a grant distribution project for the development of Christian mental health in Thailand; the logistics and funding for their time in the States in June and July.

25 PRAY FOR: Outreach Carol Stream—the after-school program at Villagebrook for children in grades two-four; thank God for our high school students who volunteer in this program. **Holy Trinity Church**, Chicago (downtown and Northside), Pastors **Jon Dennis** and **Kyle Edwards** and congregations.

26 PRAY FOR: Living Hope (second church plant in Batavia), Pastor **Ken Carr** and the congregation. **John** and **Pam P**, AIM—them to finish well as they retire at the end of June; the staff being trained to do reservations, invoices and finance; another missionary couple to take their place as hosts; an ENTRUST training for the Chadian church earlier this month; the Holy Spirit to help the participants to understand and apply their training.

27 PRAY FOR: Mihai and Tamara Lundell, OCI, Italy. **Rod** and **Kathy Duttweiler**, East Mountain, U.S.—wisdom and guidance for Rod and his Zoom mentoring sessions with faithful men all over the world; good results from his three-country trip to Africa with ASDM on training in church-based discipleship; East Mountain engaged in the residency

program through May 15; the equipping of ministers of the gospel in theology, identity and mission; financial resources to purchase property for sustainable ministry efforts of East Mountain in South Africa.

28 PRAY FOR: José Pablo and **Jane Sanchez**, Decisión/OCI, Spain—praise as they celebrate 48 years of service to God and the local church in Spain; pray as they want to continue to reach more lives with the gospel message.

29 PRAY FOR: Pastoral Residents Felipe Chamy, Tate Fritz and **Matt Heaton**—the three residents as they are equipped for future ministry in the church. **South Asian Friendship Center**, Chicago—thank God that the center is a hub for conversation and connections with families in its neighborhood.

30 PRAY FOR: Director of Communications Wil Triggs and Creative Communications Coordinator **Kathryn McBride**—the artists as they submit work to the ArtSpace Gallery show, “LifeSpring” that opens April 3.

31 PRAY FOR: Steve and **Teri Pardue**, TeachBeyond, Philippines—ThM and PhD students starting a new semester; the admissions process at the preschool and in the ThM/PhD program; praise God for his provision for the ministry to which he has called them.

MISSION ACRONYMS:

AIM—Africa Inland Mission

GEM—Greater Europe Mission

GTN—Global Training Network

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



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