

## PRAYER GUIDE

## **JUNE 2025**

**PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Discipleship and Care **Josh Maurer**; Admin. Asst. for Discipleship Ministries **Mary DeMoss**—Josh as he introduces and teaches the Summer Forum this morning on praying together through the psalms. **Curt** and **Karen Cole**, Avant Ministries, U.S—Karen as she coaches new missionary parents on educational options for their kids; their travels to northeast Brazil in July to attend Avant mobilization meetings.

**2** PRAY FOR: Dan and Beth Long, SIM, U.S.— preparations for a chaplain trip to Angola in July; good connections with missionaries around the world; their Emmaus team of local chaplains on retreat; Beth as she cares for her mom. **Mom2Mom**—the park playdate meet-up this morning to encourage young moms as they enjoy the morning.

**3** PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss: George Brichacek, Susan Brush, David Dick, Becky Faber, Elin Klauke, Debby Nichols, Bob Wenninger. **Melissa Warner**, Thailand—Melissa and Bank's wedding planning; the needed time and communication to make decisions together; their bilingual pre-marital counseling with a Thai pastor and his wife, who is a professional counselor; praise God for providing an affordable house and ample time to settle in before the August wedding.

PRAY FOR: Mike and Carol Beth Sprenger, Reach Global, US-based—wisdom to encourage and support the families under their care; them to bear fruit for his kingdom and glory; their adult children and grandchildren to grow in Christ, especially their Thai foster son, Nut, as he continues his university studies and work in Chiang Mai, Thailand; their stateside travels and encouraging connections with the Reach Global folks they will meet with to debrief in June and July. WOL Bible Seminary, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**5 PRAY FOR:** the volunteers staffing our display table at Cream of Wheaton through Sunday; those who stop by the table to come to Summer Fest on Sunday. **College Group**—the summer Bible study; the college interns to gain ministry and practical experience this summer. **Karen Bradley,** WBT, US-based—the six-week SIL course she is teaching in Nairobi, Kenya, this summer for African colleagues in translation and language projects; staff and students to arrive safely, to teach and learn well and grow in relationship with each other and the Lord.

**PRAY FOR: Jim** and **Lynette Hatcher,** GEM, Central Europe—a long-term, sustainable meeting location near good public transportation for the Kagran Church before its rental contract expires in December; Jim as he mentors two emerging leaders, that they would be ready to step into leadership roles as elders within the next year.

**7 PRAY FOR: Summer Fest** tomorrow afternoon; visitors to feel welcome. **Jonatán** and **Teresa Simons**, SIM, Colombia—the students at the seminary to grow in faith, knowledge and practice; the administration to make wise decisions; the admin and faculty to steward well their gifts and opportunities; the Simons family to take every opportunity to do good to all people, especially the Lord's own; wisdom in the midst of great darkness as they thank God for all he is doing.

PRAY FOR: Pastors of visitation Roger Burgess and **Bruce Main**; Women's Ministry Associate for Care and Visitation Joan Engeseth. Barb Delew and Admin Asst. of Congregational Care Christy Chiodras—thank God for the support and encouragement Roger, Bruce, Barb and Joan provide. Ongoing health needs—Mary Atkison, Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Gary Brunette, Bert Bunn, Sirene Christman, Liz Cook, Shawn DeMoss, Jean Dusek, Phil Dylhoff, Lisa Eckert, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Rob Gibson, Sara Jo Gogots, Anna Gunther, Mary Haddock, Jan Kay, Barbara King, Gary Knosp, Stephanie Lamberson, George Nelson, Janel Prichard, Raynie Smith, Gunnar Terhune, Terry Van Someren, Seth Walter Missionary health needs: Brian Blackburn, Jim and Nan Green (retired), Jonathan Harris, Elizabeth M., Ben Pehrson, Susan Perlman, Muriel Stilwell (retired), Bob Wenninger (retired)

**PRAY FOR: Tim**, N. Africa. **Jim** and **Julianna Gieser**, YMCA, South Africa—a successful opening in July of a new coffee shop on their premises as part of their strategic goals for hospitality and income; praise God for wonderful schools, teachers and friends

for each of their four children; them to continue to know and follow Jesus. **Brian** and **Warrie Blackburn**, Mercy Ships, U.S.—their family as they face a challenging chapter in the life of their daughter Addison (age 17); the crew of the Global Mercy (Sierra Leone) and the Africa Mercy (Madagascar) as they serve the poor and needy of Africa.

10 PRAY FOR: The Hospitality Committee— thank God for the behind-the-scenes work the committee does in making the church a welcoming place. Sara Klopfenstein, YFC, France—the June gospel concerts and that many kids from the youth choir will participate in their annual concert on June 21; intentionality in sharing the message of Christ through their various venues, especially in the new school year; thank God that Audrey and Nathan have thrived this past year in their new programs (occupational therapy undergraduate and a master's in event planning management).

PRAY FOR: Greg and Debby Nichols, GEM, Czech Republic—Debby as she continues to grieve the loss of her brother, Dan White; Greg as he disciples others through leader development; Debby as she disciples others through spiritual formation; a sustainable end to the war in Ukraine. John and Pam Propst, AIM, Chad—their last month in country as full time workers; their hearts and minds as they have much to process; their goodbyes to dear friends; full-time workers to host this place, which provides rest for workers of many organizations in Chad; the annual AIM conference that begins tomorrow at The Retreat; the speakers to bring the words that they need; refreshment from the Lord.

12 PRAY FOR: Chad and Leanna Wiebe, SEND, Ukraine—comfort for the family as Leanna's father passed away recently; believers living in these current conditions and have many questions; God to enable the church to continue to support its missionaries, minister to its own people as well as the needy and lost around them; rest as the nightly bombardments are wearing; God's solution to the whole situation; guidance for daughter Jessica as she decides on further schooling or a job in her field.

PRAY FOR: Thad and Joy McAuley, GEM, U.S.—God to use GEM's 73 interns working across Europe for 10 weeks this summer to grow their passion for the global kingdom; Thad as he prepares and leads a cohort of mission leaders through a new developmental program this coming school year.

Church family serving in the military—Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik,

Hannah Kosirog, Ben Lemp, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, John Stough, David Tebbe, Joshua and Elizabeth Wiltgen, Douglas Yates.

- 14 PRAY FOR: two workers, Asia—his Spirit to move through the ministry of Scripture audio players; good success for a local believer they have been training to continue this ministry in their two-month absence; meaningful times with their children and their new grandchildren while in the U.S.; wisdom for him as he begins serving on their field organization's global board. The Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton. Daniel L., Forman Christian College, Pakistan.
- **15** PRAY FOR: Nathan and Vera Beck, GEM, Czech Republic—God to sort through the long list of ideas for future ministry partnerships; praise that daughter Sophia's test scores placed her into her first-choice school.
- 16 PRAY FOR: Robbie and Lauren Becker, RCE, Colombia—God's blessing as they return to Bogota on July 1; the kids to resume their friendships in Bogota and a smooth transition back to school; Robbie to have motivation, time and energy to study Spanish, which he has not done previously; God's provision for the \$200-300 increase in their monthly support; guidance in finding a car; thank God for the wealth of learning and refreshment of the past months and global connections.
- 17 PRAY FOR: The Board of Missions and Chair Jon Smalley—new board members as they get to know the missionary family. Scott and Jenny Hawkins, (missions associates) ISI, U.S.— the significant number of Hindu-background students who participate in their outreach opportunities; the Spirit of God to draw many to Jesus through group and individual interactions; them as they seek to keep in step with the Spirit about relocating and revising their part in international student ministry.
- PRAY FOR: STAMP teams—decisions about upcoming trips; people to apply to the STAMP trips. Charley and Cheryl Warner, Barnabas, Ukraine—a just and lasting peace in Ukraine; families separated because of the war, and people recovering from war-related trauma; two men in Charley's Bible study who were drafted into the army, the four women in Cheryl's Bible study married to servicemen and one guest whose husband recently died in battle; Barnabas International staff meetings and visits to three churches in the Midwest this month.

- 19 PRAY FOR: Stephen and Karis Rigby, Serge, Kenya—this season of annual reviews with the missionaries they supervise to reflect God's work; their goals for next season of ministry; the upcoming internship and their teammate Nate Mast as he leads the program this summer for the first time; Karis as she supervises Nate; the Rigbys to make getting their home and lives in order a priority.
- 20 PRAY FOR: Hope Fellowship Church (church plant in Lombard) and Pastor Eric Channing and associate pastor Jared Cochrum—the church to grow in the Word and its care for each other. Emmanuel and Adugna Tahear, SIM, U.S.—Adugna and her team from Pennsylvania as they prepare for the Ethiopian medical/dental mission in July; their safety as the country is not stable; the Lord's guidance and wisdom in dealing with patients with infectious diseases and overcrowded conditions; the Multi-Nations Fellowship at College Church; their CCX ministry in connecting cultures for Christ; Emmanuel as he focuses his ministry in the Burmese and Vietnamese churches.
- PRAY FOR: Pastoral Residents Caleb Aulie. **Ethan Kim** and **Jacob Samuel Raju** as they begin their residencies. James Seward, pastor of community; Gary Cook, ministry associate for small groups; **small groups** and **leaders**—James as he steps into his new position as pastor of community; small groups to grow. Hanoi Bible College, Vietnam. Mihai and Tamara Lundell, OCI, Italy—Tammy as she travels to Uganda today through July 6; wisdom and clarity as she teaches the Spiritual Formation component of OC's discipleship internship program that's followed by five months of weekly online training in discipleship; the spiritual and physical preparation of the leaders from the U.S. and Italy for the Beach Volleyball Camp in Genoa July 7-11; at least 20 young people to sign up for the camp; God to be glorified as they share about his transforming power during the summer season; their church to be well-attended throughout the summer when many people decide not to come when the weather is beautiful.
- PRAY FOR: The Sanctity of Human Life Task Force—good donations to Caring Network's Baby Bank during the summer (drop off your donations in the crib in the Commons) to Baby Bank. Caring Network DuPage—thank God for the new Caring Network clinic in Chicago. Greg and Faith Hurst, SIM, Bolivia—wisdom as they help a family who is joining their SIM La Paz team; help in navigating a difficult situation in the mission; God's guidance as they care for both their mothers, who face health situations: the

selection of candidates for the Incubator, a two-year training for 15-20 church planters starting this year.

**PRAY FOR: Jake** and **Honah Finn**, OMS, Thailand—Jake's stepdad (Pop-Pop to their kids), Jim Mayer, passed away; Jake's mom, Judy, as she grieves and transitions into a new norm; their home assignment this summer; safety as they travel to visit friends, family, supporters and churches. **Holy Trinity Church** (the first church plant in Hyde Park), with congregations downtown, the northside and Pilsen, and Pastors **Jon Dennis, Kyle Edwards**, **Oscar Leiva** and **Sully Curtin.** 

PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers: Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Harold and Liz Cook, Marcia Daniels, Jean Dusek, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barb King, Wally Lorentsen, Marve Mayer, Carol Nickerson, Bill Pollard, Margaret Roy, Evey Setran. Bob Wenninger. Jon and Kathy Haley, WV, Spainthe Lord to use what Jon's students have learned for his glory in the churches where they serve; churches throughout Spain to be grounded in God's Word; the gospel to be proclaimed and bear fruit; creative inspiration and consistency as they continue to build out the Greek study toolkit for Jon's Greek classes and the Exegetica.net website, adapting much of what Jon taught at IBSTE to an online setting; thank God for their translation team, especially their translator, Beatriz; thank God for significant improvements in her health; her physical health and her salvation.

PRAY FOR: José-Pablo and Jane Sanchez. **43** Decisión/OCI, Spain— José-Pablo's research as coordinator of the Lausanne Movement Spain; the Lord to guide them to valid and useful conclusions that would bring many native Spaniards to Jesus; official permits for the campaign activities from July 3-12 in Salobrena and no last-minute obstacles; thank God that the online course "Dialogue with God," created by Jane, has been published; the course to be a blessing to many. **Dick Albright**, TLI, U.S.—the 100 pastors in Ethiopia, who recently graduated from TLI's expository preaching workshops, to use the skills they learned to accurately and powerfully preach the Word; Dick's preparation and scheduling for upcoming trips between now and the end of the year; clear and compelling teaching for the pastors he will train.

**26** PRAY FOR: Living Hope (formerly Christ the King Church, second church plant in Batavia), Pastor **Ken Carr** and the congregation. **Steve** and **Mirian Cox**, WOL, Brazil—their new car to be used by the Lord; thank the Lord that many schools are open to the public-school ministry several churches and Word of Life have in their town.

**27 PRAY FOR: Paul A.**, GTN, US based—Paul as he prepares for two upcoming teaching responsibilities; the Lord to direct him about what to teach and give him the words to communicate it; wisdom in raising their son in a godly, patient and loving way; thank God for fruitful workshops with pastors and leaders in East Asia in the Book of Genesis. The **Prison Task Force**—thank God that the good news of Jesus is being proclaimed to prisoners.

**28 PRAY FOR: Outreach,** Carol Stream—a good summer of ministry to the families in south Carol Stream. **New Covenant Church** and Senior Pastor **Chris Castaldo. Rod** and **Kathy Duttweiler**, Faith & Learning International, U.S.—a gathering with twenty ASDM in Ghana coming from seven different West African countries; provision of the funds needed to purchase property for East Mountain; their ongoing walk with the Lord and all the family connections.

**29 PRAY FOR:** Director of Communications **Wil Triggs** and Communications Coordinator **Kathryn McBride**—the plans for upcoming ArtSpace gallery shows and workshops.

**30** PRAY FOR: Stephen and Teri Pardue, TeachBeyond, Philippines—Orgil as he finishes his project, and other students writing theses or graduating to finish well; discernment in the admissions process; Steve and Teri as they face the hurdle of increasing their level of funding; praise that Teri's preschool year finished well.

## **MISSION ACRONYMS:**

**AIM**—Africa Inland Mission

**GEM**—Greater Europe Mission

GTN—Global Training Network

**ISI**—International students, Inc.

**OCI**—One Challenge International

**OMF**—Overseas Mission Fellowship

**OMS**—One Mission Society

RCE—Resourcing Christian Education

**TLI—**Training Leaders international

**WBT**—Wycliffe Bible Translators

**WOL**—Word of Life

**WV-**World Venture

YCF-Youth for Christ

## PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

WANDA POOR



Proclaiming the Gospel