



PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

September 2024

Thank you for joining us in prayer for all Faithful Witness teams:

- 1) Pray for encouragement of workers. As they cast their cares upon the Lord, may they be sustained, strengthened, and remain unshaken (Psalm 55:22).
- 2) Transformation takes a long time. Give thanks for answered prayers. Pray workers know that the Spirit is at work and are resourced and encouraged to remain long term in their communities. "Change does not happen in days, weeks, or even months—we build true friendships through our business. I see great potential to testify about the One True God."
- 3) Pray from Philippians 1:6 asking God to bring to completion the work he is doing through the Faithful Witness teams. A worker writes, "discussion is deep and encouraging—pray for open eyes to respond to the truth and that there will be fruit that will last for eternity." From another worker, "I see subtle changes in world view and actions; evidence of how they are internalising God's word and the witness that they have experienced." Another writes, "Amidst a dry season spiritually I have seen God answer some of my prayers specifically. God taught me how important it is for me to trust in him at all times, even when things are going wrong." Join another worker in giving praise for many opportunities to share God's love with people, and to enter deeply into their lives through visits, care, and a listening ear. Another writes, "I am constantly reminded of God's love for me and for this people I live amongst. Even in the midst of hardships there is a reason to rejoice and be thankful because of Who He Is."

MIDDLE EAST

- As our 'Emerging Team' leader returns from Home Assignment, ask God to call others to the work of the gospel in the Middle East. Pray for many new workers, for more sowers of the Word and for more harvesters, and companions to join her in ministry.
- Pray Father God will transform a barren, dry land into fertile land producing fruit that will last for eternity!
- As I reconnect with the families with children with special needs, pray for energy and wisdom to know how to move forward with project work and how to share Jesus with them in ways that they understand. Pray for an unveiling of eyes to be able to hear and see who Jesus is.
- May churches in the Middle East stand strong in faith and witness, as beacons of hope. Pray believers find the peace that only Jesus gives and persevere in faith. Ask wisdom to share the hope they have in Christ with their neighbours, many of whom are afraid.

CENTRAL ASIA

- Ask for the salvation of the people of this region. Pray many people recognise the authority, honour and sovereignty of Jesus and obey him. May they seek God's eternal rule (Daniel 7:13-14).
- Pray God will send many more faithful workers.
- God is opening many opportunities for us to start work that will be a powerful platform to reach the most unreached. Pray for wisdom in undertaking the right and appropriate opportunities. Pray for strength, wisdom, protection, and encouragement for each worker, physically, spiritually and emotionally.

ASIA

- Pray earnestly for the salvation and transformation of the people of this region.
- May the Father's Kingdom come in our lives, our families, church and community. Pray the local church will be equipped with the Word of God, demonstrating life in the Kingdom and winning many with the love of God.
- Pray for the new workers as they learn the language. May they and their children settle well and become rooted deeply into their community and into society.
- Pray for the protection and blessing of both families as the team leaders begin Home Assignment—ask spiritual renewal, and physical and mental refreshment. Ask favour as the eldest daughter applies for university scholarships, and the other children continue their studies. Ask also for spiritual growth.

- May the business grow and involve people in a way that influences them with our Kingdom values and foundation built upon the presence of God. Especially pray for the full-time employee working alone—may he and his family come to Jesus, the one true God. Ask grace and good time management as the team leader works remotely while on Home Assignment.

EAST AFRICA

- Pray the people of this land hear of God's love and accept his gift of Jesus. May many people believe in Jesus and not perish but receive eternal life (John 3:16).
- Ask God's encouragement of workers. May he lead them through difficulties and go before them and guide them.
- National elections are scheduled this year but have already been postponed a few times. There is growing concern that this may happen again and the planned elections in November may not happen. Pray that elections will take place and peace will prevail so that the work of the Lord can continue.

EASTERN CHAD

- Pray leaders in Chad serve the people well.
- Pray for Christians persecuted in parts of Chad. Praise God that, despite this, recently 7 people, both men and women, were baptised. Pray that believers have courage, are strengthened by God, and stand firm. May their faith witness strongly to those around them.
- Areas of Chad have experienced flooding. Pray for many people struggling with sickness, hunger, and loss.
- Ask God's protection of workers, and restoration to full health for those feeling unwell. Pray for those on Home Assignment in Australia and Burkina Faso. May all workers know full provision of funding needs. One worker's hometown in Ethiopia experienced terrorist attacks—ask God's comfort.
- Ask wisdom to recognize the right time to share the gospel with my language helper. We have been reading Old Testament stories for many months and we have just started reading the birth of Jesus and other New Testament stories.
- Pray for the ongoing crisis in Sudan to end, and for refugees and internally displaced people to find peace, hope, healing, and new life. Ask great blessing as literacy teaching at the refugee camp continues, along with encouragement of Christians, and witness among Muslims. May those who have accepted a Bible encounter Jesus.

MALI

- Pray for peace and protection, and also for improved security in this region.
- Ask wisdom and discernment for the team leader/field director as important decisions are made.
- As another new worker arrives and one returns from Home Assignment, give praise for the encouragement this is. Ask for safe travel, and smooth transition to the culture, environment, and language learning. As the team grows, may God open new opportunities. Pray for a family on Home Assignment as they prepare to return in December, including fundraising to provide for their children's educational needs.
- Pray for good care and God's healing for a worker with a dental problem. Another has pressing financial support needs.
- Give praise for a Children's Evangelism program that gathered more than 150 children and teenagers, along with some parents. May the creation story and the message of Jesus their Saviour be understood and received and take root, producing a harvest.

NORTH AFRICA

- Though we are few in number, we praise God for the opportunity to be his representatives and make him known. Pray for team unity, understanding, protection, and our friendships. As maternity leave finishes, ask God's provision of excellent care for a baby, and grace as this worker returns to her complex regional responsibilities.
- Tension and discrimination against Sub-Saharan workers and students continues, and police have at times disrupted activities. Ask God to be at work through it all. A worker writes, "It is hard to live with rejection. Yet, upon reflection, we are amazed to see how the Lord has used us to bless many in North Africa through discipleship, pastoral care, blessing the sick, and offering hospitality."
- Give thanks for opportunities to visit and share with university students.

- Ask godly wisdom as we seek to walk with and encourage the local believers in our city as we meet together to worship, for Bible studies, and services. Pray we all grow deep in maturity and in loving and obeying our Creator.
- Pray for a family on Home Assignment as they settle children into university studies and raise support. As another family commence sabbatical leave after 15 years of service in North Africa pray for good adaptation to climate, food, and church life. May God provide a good school for the children. May the Lord renew and speak to us during this sabbatical period.

NORTHERN NIGERIA

- Give thanks for God's provision and protection during times of protest and economic inflation in Nigeria.
- Pray for Fulani ministries and workers to prioritize time with the Lord and work through the Spirit, as did the early missionaries in New Testament times. Join our workers in worshiping the Lord and fasting, that many more workers would be set apart for Kingdom work among the least reached peoples of our world (Acts 13:2).
- Ask God to overcome the barrier we face in connecting with and witnessing to the women in Fulani communities. Constant visits and gradually building relationships makes us feel a part of their families, though we have only been able to meet with the men. Ask continued open doors and welcome, greater understanding, and wisdom to see where God is at work.
- Pray for continued progress in language study, safe-keeping in the rainy season, encouragement in ministry, and good health. Ask God's provision amidst escalating costs especially impacting the schooling of children, and ask protection and nurture of children in the context of secular education. Pray our children will grow close to God in prayer and reading God's word.
- Praise God, a friend recently accepted Christ as I shared the good news.
- Pray for families on Home Assignment, asking God to provide the resources needed to return to Fulani ministry. Ask protection, and great blessing as they reconnect with family, friends, supporters, and churches.

AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- Give praise for a day camp that was held, with great attendance. During the event, we shared about the prodigal son, leading to the gospel of Jesus. These teenagers had heard little of Jesus, and this was the first time to hear the good news of salvation. Pray God will draw these teenagers to himself. We've built a good relationship with six teenagers that meet with us every week.
- Attendance at Kid's Club has been erratic. Pray for chances to meet again and that God would cause his Word to bear fruit in his time. May we have genuine love for each of the kids.
- Pray for encouragement and perseverance as workers serve and partner with local churches. Pray for the church to grow together in love to maturity in Christ. Pray for continued joy and contentment in our relationship with Christ, growing ever deeper in love with him.
- As good news is shared with friends, pray for the Spirit to open eyes to the truth and goodness of that news and for fruitful conversations.
- Pray for continued progress in language and cultural learning/adaptation.