



PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

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

- 1) Ask God's protection as ministry continues despite local unrest, warring neighbours, and instability in many of the home countries of Faithful Witness workers. May God be a refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2) Pray workers know the peace of God and are able to 'be still' to see the glorious works of the Lord.
- 3) Give praise that the Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us (Psalm 46).

EAST AFRICA

- Pray for peace during this month of national elections.
- We are at a crossroads in our team life as we see the end of ministry working in the medical field, but also the beginning of something new. Since coming here we have helped members of the old team to finish well. The outcome of these years of training is fantastic, with more than 40 doctors trained and working as consultants all over the country.
- Now our focus has shifted as we seriously think and pray for the Lord to bring workers to join the team, and we look to God to start something new together. Our prayer is that God will reshuffle things in us and help us to cast a new vision for the work here in this country.
- May the Lord bring us people who see opportunities. We envisage possible work in the field of languages and also in business entrepreneurship. There is definitely a change happening. In the meantime we pray for continued favour with the institution that secures our visas.

MIDDLE EAST

- Praise God for several really good home visits where we were able to pray and share stories about God, which was encouraging. Pray for the children, families, and the new children in the kindergarten I have yet to build relationship with.
- Ask strength and wisdom for the team leader. Pray too for her mother who has been unwell.
- Pray for unity and harmony between the small evangelical churches and also with majority background believers. It was sad to hear of recent tensions and differences of opinions, and divisions. Jesus was so right when he prayed for unity among the believers before he went to the cross! He knew it would be so hard and would be an area under attack.
- Pray for more people to come to this city to pray for, serve, and live with the people.

CENTRAL ASIA

Ask guidance and direction as we consider opportunities that will be a powerful platform to reach the most unreached of this region. Pray for wisdom in undertaking the right and appropriate opportunities. Pray for strength. May God bring light and salvation into this region.

Ask God to send workers who will be faithful and passionate in discipling Christ-like followers.

Pray for strength and growth in local followers of Christ.

ASIA

- Ask physical, spiritual, and relational protection for our families and our team.
- Pray that we could find a first generation local believer to join our team.
- Pray for the local church we are part of asking God's blessing, and protection from all oppression.
- Ask blessing and encouragement for our new team members and their children as they learn the local language, culture, and build relationships with people.
- Pray for the wisdom and refreshment for the team leader and family on Home Assignment amidst a busy schedule. May it be a fruitful time visiting churches, seminaries, and gatherings to share, raise support, and encourage churches and believers for mission.

NORTHERN NIGERIA

- We thank God for His protection and provision amidst ongoing security challenges, protests, and a difficult economic situation. Pray for peace in Nigeria.
- Pray for growth in language ability as ministry continues in Fulani communities, villages, and towns. Pray for receptiveness to hear and receive good news.
- Pray for a family due Home Assignment leave but needing provision of air tickets and other finances, made more difficult by devaluation of their home currency (Ethiopia). Their children's education has been repeatedly interrupted since 2019 with transition to Nigeria and Covid. Ask God to intervene allowing time back home, equipping of all their needs, and rapid return to Nigeria to resume schooling and ministry. Ask godly wisdom and encouragement.
- Workers and their families are on Home Assignment in Nigeria and in Ethiopia. Pray that visits to churches would strengthen missionary vision and faith—may the first love of churches not grow cold. Ask provision of financial and prayer support needs, and encouragement. Ask provision of children's schooling needs.

MALI

- Pray for stability in Mali. Ask protection of team members. Ask favour and open doors with local government. May the Lord continue guiding us and grant us the grace we need to be good teammates for his glory and for the expansion of His Kingdom. Ask God's provision of financial support needs of the team leader.
- Pray for newly arrived workers as they adjust to the climate, cultures, and languages of this region. Ask good health, provision for dental problems, support, and encouragement. May God provide strength and zeal to quickly learn French. Ask God's intervention as visa processes delay the arrival of a new worker from Peru.
- Pray for a teacher in our language institute with whom we are sharing the Good News. He wants to experience the call of God personally and has started reading the Bible. Pray God reveals himself to him in life-transforming ways. Pray that God opens my classmates' hearts, giving opportunities to share the gospel with them.
- Pray that ministry activity in the villages will resume smoothly as roads become passable again after rain and road blockages. Pray for communities impacted by flooding. Ask God's help to communicate effectively, bringing fruit from our evangelism and discipleship efforts. Ask God's hand upon Christmas outreach plans. For a believer facing trials, ask spiritual protection, reconciliation with family, and God's comfort, wisdom, and strength—may faith endure and be a source of new life in Christ for others.
- Pray that the Kingdom of God will make inroads into the Moor, Fulani and Soninki people groups in Mali, that we will see believers coming from these communities.
- Give praise for opportunities to bless the community through health care. Ask God to open the door for a medical outreach. Pray for the women in the market as I build relationships with them. Pray for our sports ministry—if God opens the door I would like to start Sunday classes with these street children. Currently, migrants from Nigeria are needing practical support—pray God opens their hearts to receive his love and truth.
- As workers prepare to return from Home Assignment, ask God's wisdom, leading, and financial provision of support needs and the cost of children's education. Pray for grace for those in transition. Ask great blessing and eternal fruit as ministries with sending churches conclude, ask God's provision of replacement leaders for these ministries.

EASTERN CHAD

- Pray for opportunities to share good news with those around us—may God open hearts and transform lives.
- Pray for my landlady who is pregnant with her 11th child and soon to give birth, pray for safe delivery.
- Ask protection and good health for workers and their families. Give praise for the safe delivery of a worker's newborn son—pray he thrives. Pray God's healing and provision for a worker suffering back pain with sciatica. A worker recently married while on Home Assignment and has returned to Chad and awaits the arrival of his wife next year—ask provision of the finances and processes needed to make this possible and pray for encouragement of them both.
- Join several workers in prayer as they look to God for provision of financial support needs.
- As workers visit new believers, pray for growth in faith and that they are encouraged to look to God for his presence and help. Ask protection in travel, and for the family at home.
- Pray for a Sudanese refugee family I recently made contact with—ask for opportunity to share Christ.

NORTH AFRICA

- Pray for us as a team as we look for ways to serve and love our community.
- We thank God for some recent opportunities to challenge South Saharan students to be reaching out with the message of hope to the local people around them. This is a challenging concept for them to grasp hold of—pray God gives them soft hearts and love for their North African neighbours. It's wonderful that they now meet regularly to pray for our city.
- As Bible studies happen weekly with students, pray God will open their eyes to know and trust him. Ask for more open doors to share the good news.
- Pray God will raise new young generations of local believers who will advance the kingdom of God, without fear.
- Ask continued good health for a worker expecting her third child, and protection of this little one.
- As the team leader and his family resettle here following Home Assignment, ask for grace as school commences, that the gap in schooling can be caught up—pray for strength and God's enabling for this new term of service. Pray for another family as they travel to Burundi for 3 weeks—may God use this time to challenge his people there and stir their hearts for the unreached. Give praise for good adjustments for a family taking sabbatical leave.

AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- Pray for Thailand recently hit by severe floods, especially in the north of the country, with lives lost. Many people have lost their homes.
- Pray for Ayutthaya, the city where we live and for the people in it, that their hearts will be open and they will be ready to hear the gospel.
- Our teams are planning together for various Christmas outreaches. Pray that these plans will glorify God and we will use this period to share the gospel to as many as possible.
- Pray for unity for our team, that despite all our differences we can understand and support each other. May we put our faith and trust in God and know his guidance in ministry. Pray for safety spiritually and physically as we serve here. Ask healing for several different health issues.
- Ask fruit and blessing as ministry in local public schools continues, along with other initiatives to spend time with local kids and our neighbours.
- Give thanks for brothers and sisters at Rojana Peace Church and the chance to visit, encourage and pray for them through the week—may every person grow in deep love and knowledge of Christ and in trust of their Heavenly Father's provision.
- Give thanks for the Bangkok Campus Crusade team deciding to explore Ayutthaya as a potential new ministry. Pray for wise counsel, godly wisdom, and trust in the Lord as we consider this opportunity and think about ministry priorities.