

PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN October 2025

Thank you for joining us in praying for all Faithful Witness teams

1. Pray that mission workers walk closely with God, abiding in Jesus:

A worker in Mali writes, 'When I first stepped into the mission field, I carried the weight of many expectations. I felt inadequate. Now, I am learning to be a disciple first. I want to be His eyes to see the overlooked, His mouth to speak truth in love, and His hands to serve with compassion. I am learning to abide in Him, not strive for approval. I am choosing presence over performance, obedience over applause. I may not always meet the expectations of those around me. But I pray that in my weakness, Christ's strength will be made known. That through my imperfect witness, others will see the perfect love of Jesus.'

From Asia, 'Life often feels hard, harsh, and exhausting. I want to live with joy knowing the promise of eternal life, and that as God's child I've already received the blessings of heaven. But unless I'm seeking God daily and staying in His presence I can easily lose sight of that and forget. I sometimes pause, asking, Is the living water Jesus promised really flowing from my life?'

A worker on sabbatical leave writes, 'I approach this season with a deep desire to humbly stand at the feet of the Lord, to contemplate Him, to know Him better so that I may worship Him more. May the words of Luke 10:41-42 help me to remain centered on Jesus.'

2. Pray for believers facing opposition and persecution:

From Asia: pray for the persecuted church. The situation for believers is increasingly difficult, including churches recently shut down, and pastors and workers who have been detained or are facing legal action because of the gospel.

From Chad: we sense a degree of spiritual opposition. Pray this will not prevent our team and other Christians from sharing God's love and transforming power in Christ in culturally sensitive and respectful ways. Pray that the door will remain open for ministry. Pray for those who have to believe secretly, that God would protect and encourage them and give them support and strength in their difficulties.

3. Pray for fruitful relationships and ministries:

Pray the good news is clearly heard, leading many to believe and follow Jesus.

May gospel seeds be sown, watered, and cultivated, producing abundant new life.

In Mali a worker writes about a new believer, 'As he was reading his Bible, an old woman approached and inquired what he was reading, to which he responded that it was the Bible. In a state of shock the woman asked, "Why? Are you not a Muslim?" To which he simply responded, "I have chosen the right way."'

MALI

- Pray for the Faithful Witness team who have been evacuated from their location due to security
 challenges. Ask peace of mind and joy from above in this difficult decision to leave a blooming ministry
 and the people. Give thanks for their faithful labours. Pray for godly wisdom and guidance in decisionmaking. Pray workers are agents of peace, Christ-like as they choose peace and forgiveness.
- Pray for protection and the good health of workers.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's transformative work within all that have heard the good news of Jesus, and all
 blessed by the meeting of physical needs. In the wake of violence, pray for people's recovery—may God
 restore what was broken and bring healing to those affected and comfort the families of those who lost
 their loved ones.
- Pray for economic, political, and security stability in Mali.

SOUTH ASIA

• Give thanks for God's protection of the team. Pray also for good health. Ask for good progress in language and cultural understanding. Ask God's blessing upon team children. As a family seeks to join the team ask God to prepare and equip them, and to make a way for visa options.

- Ask godly wisdom and security for the team as they navigate through recent law changes and developments that will make it more difficult to share good news and work here. Pray 2 Cor 4:8-9 asking for perseverance and effectiveness as workers live for God in this difficult context, for the glory of God.
- Pray for our continuing business as mission journey—may the business be more fruitful and grow and find new opportunities. A new structure has been developed—may this bring advancement and generate income. Pray good news will be seen and heard within the community.

MIDDLE EAST

- We are thankful for short term visas, though we must make frequent trips out of the country. Pray for wide open doors for us to get annual visas, the process seems to be getting more complicated! Pray for new visa opportunities. Pray new workers come.
- Pray from Eph 3:7 asking encouragement of this worker serving without teammates—may she be gifted with God's grace through the working of his mighty power.
- Give thanks for new connections with various families. Pray for wisdom and boldness to know how to share Christ with them in ways they can understand. Pray for the teenagers to be open to deeper spiritual conversations.
- Pray that the church kindergarten, under new leadership, will be a place of integrity, love and fair
 education and that they will be willing to work with children with mild special needs in an inclusive and
 supportive way.

CENTRAL ASIA

- Pray for the smooth arrival and transition of a worker joining us for a 7-month stay. Ask fruitful connections, and clarity about his long-term calling.
- We're in need of a reliable and spiritually discerning interpreter/translator to assist both our current and incoming workers. Pray for the right person—someone gifted, trustworthy, and aligned with the mission.
- As we move forward, there have been increasing efforts to sow division among both local and foreign
 workers. Stand with us in prayer for deep unity, mutual understanding, and spiritual protection over our
 team. May we be quick to listen, slow to speak, and anchored in love.
- We're grateful for answered prayer and God's peace during a team member's recent move north, and as roles and responsibilities shift. Continue to pray for clarity and grace in this season of transition. The discipleship retreat and training were deeply encouraging—participants left refreshed, challenged, and more equipped for ministry. We're praising God for the hunger we're seeing in this next generation of leaders. Pray continued growth in knowledge, spiritual depth, and impact.

AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- Pray concerning Thailand's ongoing monsoon season, asking relief for those experiencing flooding. Ask God to pour out his Spirit upon the Thai nation.
- Pray for a worker's mother as she has surgery to remove cancers on 9th October. Ask wisdom and skill for the surgeon. Pray for her recovery. May we manage time for family and for ministry.
- Pray for good health for the team as a few of us (children too) are unwell.
- Ask God's help and blessing with the planning and the gathering of people for church camp 17-19
 October. Praise God for fruitful discipleship of a couple, and that a local girl comes to church regularly and enjoys time with believers.
- We praise God as we see him working in 2 communities as we spend time with children and visit their families.
- Pray for guidance and good planning for various Christmas outreaches.
- Pray for workers teaching in the bilingual school and also government schools, asking wisdom, and
 continued open doors to share our faith and show the love of Jesus to children and teachers. Pray the
 young people of Ayutthaya come to know God. Pray strengthening and protection of workers—the
 spiritual battle is intense.

NORTH AFRICA

- Praise God for the baptisms of two teenage believers last month—pray they continue to grow in maturity of their faith.
- Pray for a worker now over halfway through her pregnancy, carrying twin girls. Next month they begin
 maternity leave. Pray for the handover of responsibilities throughout the month as they prepare to return

- home. Give thanks for those who will be taking on more roles or new responsibilities—pray for them as they learn these roles and step into them.
- Pray for our third-culture kids as the school year begins—some are in public schools, some in international schools and others are being home-schooled. Education is a major issue for all worker families in the region.

NORTHERN NIGERIA

- Seek God's guidance, strength, and favour as we minister among Fulani communities. Pray for clear vision, alignment, wise strategies, and fruitful implementation of ministry. Fulani people are marginalized—pray for societal and church attitudes to change. May believers welcome Fulani ministry and foster restorative relationships. Give thanks for the way women workers are reaching Fulani women and children—pray for safety, discernment, and lasting impact. Pray for the Fulani to open their hearts and lives to the Lord, surrendering to him and experiencing his salvation.
- The Nigerian economic situation is very difficult, with the cost of living rising sharply. Ask God's provision for the people of Nigeria and for his hand to bring stability and hope to the nation. Ask for a bountiful harvest. Violence has been spreading to many regions. May God bring peace and stop the source of this unrest.
- Ask team unity, resilience, and gospel-centered love. May workers know physical, emotional and spiritual strength, wisdom, protection, and perseverance. Pray for God's guidance, provision, and strength as we trust him to continue the work he has started. Many workers continue to experience financial shortfall—pray God's provision of mission partners.
- Pray for smooth onboarding of new workers asking for smooth immigration processes, provision, guidance, and unity as they join the team. A family on home assignment and delayed by the need to raise considerable finances ask vision and blessing as they minister in the waiting time in discipleship of women, of Muslim-background believers, and among orphans.
- Pray for children's education, asking provision of school fees and success in learning. One family have enrolled in local schools— pray for wisdom, strength, and perseverance as they adapt to this new learning environment. Ask protection for one child travelling alone 10 km daily on local transport.

EASTERN CHAD

- Pray for new workers—it is difficult to find people who know Chad exists, let alone feel called to come and serve here. There are many opportunities to teach English, teach literacy, and to respond to human need.
- As several leave for Home Assignment, pray for remaining team members carrying increased responsibilities. Pray Home Assignment is a good time of rest, and connecting with families, friends and supporters. Ask open doors for fundraising and mission partnerships. Ask good health for a mother and baby due to be born in December. Pray for wisdom and opportunities to continue discipleship ministry remotely.
- Pray for healing and resources for a worker struggling with back pain/disc problem. Ask the blessing of good health for all workers, and sustenance, joy, and encouragement. Pray for protection amidst increased opposition and suspicion within the community—may gospel work continue and bear fruit.
- Give praise for many Muslim friends hearing the word of God through the audio player, may the Holy Spirit guide them into all truth. Pray for new students for literacy classes and the story book about to be printed. Ask grace and wisdom as workers share good news.
- Pray for local people impacted by a cholera outbreak. Ask God to open avenues for the provision of a secure, nurturing environment for vulnerable children (and vulnerable adults) in the refugee camps, and in the town.