

# SEPTEMBER 2020

# PRAYER

## GUIDE

**1 PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Discipleship and Small Groups **Josh Stringer**, Admin. Asst. for Small Groups and Discipleship **Sherri Arndt**—strength, patience, wisdom and love as Josh seeks to serve the church well; the details in the various discipleship ministries as he navigates people meeting in-person; praise for Josh's leadership and diligence; God to bless the work of Sherri's hands as she supports these ministries. **Curt** and **Karen Cole**, Reach Beyond, CO/Worldwide—nine new missionaries under Curt's tutelage as he coached and mentored them this past year; praise God for the safety and health of their 500 plus missionaries worldwide; these global workers as some areas have opened and others have shut down.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Norm (Sue) Kapp, Dr. Ben Kietzman, Dr. Tim (Laurel) Kietzman, Donna McAlister, Paul (Linda) Murphy, Kris (Steve) Roth, Mary Anna (Wes) Steffen, Lindsay (Dave) Terhune, Meg (Mike) Zaino. **GriefShare** as it begins on September 15; those who participate to know God's comfort and move toward rebuilding their lives. **John** and **Pam P**, AIM, Africa—a group of new workers coming this month; their travel plans to work out; their time of quarantine and orientation at The Retreat; their involvement in twice weekly Bible reading and prayer time with staff at The Retreat; growth in spiritual wisdom and knowledge to know Father better. **Greg** and **Debby Nichols**, GEM, Czech Republic—discernment for Greg in knowing how, and if, to be involved with the younger Lions football players this fall; favor for the renewal of their visas; Greg's connection with the pastor of the Arabic-speaking church (Firas) and the pastor's growth.

**3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Joe Becerra, Emilie Boyd, Jean Crane, Carolyn Denning, Carol Eickhoff, Ellie Eklund, Diana Fries, Sheri Fuller, Lee Gerwin, Angie Krc, Andrew Lamb, Ruth McDonald, Jim Siple, Joe Slone, Gundy Sprouse, Chris Steen-

wyk, Tavinya Taylor, Ed VanDerMolen, Rich Wilson. **Missionary health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Karis Keating, Esther W. Ash and Katrina, Asia—God to lead them in serving in a new country; direction and provision, especially as they set a timeline; rest after a busy summer where Ash stepped in as a pastor at their local church.

**4 PRAY FOR: College Group**—the students' spiritual health in light of campus restrictions; good community around the Word in small groups; good weather for outdoor ministry. **Mike and Carol Beth**, Asia—Carol Beth in the States helping their daughter, Laurel, prepare for her wedding on September 23 (the Lord willing); Mike as he has stayed behind with Linden, Nut, David, Josh and Kyle and Stella.

**5 PRAY FOR: Grace Groups for mental health**—the leaders and participants in Grace Groups that begin via Zoom on September 14; God to use the groups to encourage each other in a safe environment. **Karen Bradley**, WBT/SIL—Karen as she continues to learn her new role in SIL, helping coordinate the English team that supports national translators and others in the task of Bible translation around the world; praise that Karen may work remotely this next year; her as she parents five adult children without her husband, Dave; each one to walk closely with the Lord and that his Word would stir their hearts and minds.

**6 PRAY FOR: Mom2Mom**—strength and endurance for moms of young children; the mentors to connect and encourage well; wisdom for the leadership team as it thinks creatively on how to minister to these young moms.

**7 Steve and Mirian Cox**, WOL, Brazil—their furlough to be used by God to encourage others; good success in raising more support. **WOL Bible Seminary**, Sao Paulo, Brazil. **Jim and Lynette Hatcher**, GEM, Austria—their Vienna church and its elders in the absence of a pastor; the church to be able to continue renting its current space, even though it was recently sold; praise God for a field leader for Hungary; Jim as he mentors this new leader; Jim as he wraps up a massive research project, analyzing nearly two years of data collection of their 34 years in Austria; wisdom as Jim redesigns the program to meet the needs of a new generation of Austrian churches.

**8 PRAY FOR: Women's Bible Study & Men's Bible Study**—thank the Lord that people long to study God's Word; the leadership teams as they prepare for the year ahead; the teaching teams as they study and prepare to teach; all who attend to grow in their

faith. **Brian** and **Warrie Blackburn**, Mercy Ships, Worldwide—safety of their ship crew (currently in the Canary Islands) during its annual maintenance phase; Mercy Ships leadership as they navigate pandemic concerns and the operation of their ministry—the Africa Mercy is not able to return to Africa until late January at the earliest; the 25 families (including fifty K-12 children) affected by this, as they look for educational options until then.

**9** **Jim** and **Julianna Gieser** (midterm,) Student YMCA, South Africa. **Tim**, N. Africa.

**10** **PRAY FOR: Hospitality Committee**—committee members as they serve in different ways as the church begins to reopen. **Sara Klopfenstein**, YFC, France—praise for a good summer of reconnecting with friends and family in the U.S. (after months of wondering if they could travel); praise for health and strength and growth during months of staying at home; wisdom for how to reopen different ministry sites in this month (the inner city children's program with tutoring and the music and choral ministries).

**11** **PRAY FOR: Pastor of Congregational Care and Family Ministries Eric Channing.**

Admin. Asst. for Congregational Care and Family Ministries **Christy Chiodras**—the people of College Church to be increasingly conformed to the image of Christ; God to ignite a significant movement of prayer here; wisdom in decision-making in the ever-changing environment of COVID-19; daily renewal and growth in Eric's walk with Jesus. **Jeff** and **Marilyn**, Asia—wisdom and his timing for the way back to SE Asia; them to make the most of each opportunity while in the States; the completion of Scripture-based trauma healing materials in their focus country language.

**12** **PRAY FOR: Church family serving in the military**—David Curlin, David Elsen, Wesley Hanna, Jake Johanik, Max Johnson, Hannah Kosirog, Joshua Littell, Christopher Martis, Billy Milford, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick\*, Sarah Powell, Wesley Schmidt\*, Luke Sims, David Tebbe, David Thrasher, Elizabeth Wiltgen, Joshua Wiltgen, Douglas Yates (*\*Serving in the Middle East*) **Chad** and **Leanna Wiebe**, SEND, Ukraine.

**13** **PRAY FOR: Kids' Harbor** as children's ministries opens a nursery and preschool/Kindergarten Bible school today; quick adjustment to the new protocols in place; the two multi-age elementary Bible school classes that will open on September 27. **DuPage PADS** (Public Action to Deliver Shelter.) **Thad** and **Joy McAuley**, GEM,

France—their French church to adapt well to COVID restrictions that affect ministry opportunities, especially when attendance typically goes up this month (Thad is a member of the church council); a local family in their small group and the 40-something husband who is recovering from unexpected open heart surgery.

**14 PRAY FOR: Outreach Community Center,** Carol Stream—volunteer tutors for the onsite academic assistance programs; parents anxious that their children won't fall behind in online schooling; praise for the financial and spiritual support Outreach can provide for families in their neighborhood. **Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton. Daniel L,** Forman Christian College—wisdom and guidance in his return to Pakistan; the renewal process of his visa to go smoothly; protection as he travels in Germany so he doesn't place himself or others at risk. **St. Trivellius Institute** (formerly Bulgarian Evangelical Theological Institute), Sofia, Bulgaria.

**15 PRAY FOR: The Sanctity of Human Life Task Force & Caring Network DuPage,** Wheaton—provision and support for women and men in DuPage County who face unplanned pregnancies on top of hardships such as job loss; the Illinois state legislators to work to legally protect every human life, including the unborn; courage and wisdom for people in the church who counsel those facing unwanted pregnancies. **Nathan and Vera Beck,** GEM, Czech Republic—growth in the new believers the Becks are discipling; God to make them sensitive to his work in the Czech Republic; an increase in opportunities to share the gospel with neighbors and friends; stamina for Nathan and Vera during this season of ministry.

**16 PRAY FOR: Missions Pastor Curt Miller** —the church to have a growing heart for evangelism and discipleship locally and globally. **Missions Ministry Associate Michelle Kelley**—global workers who wait to return to their host countries; protection for those serving in dangerous locations. **Coordinator for Short-Term Missions Marilyn Papierski**—grateful for the opportunity to engage with missionaries “personally” through virtual meetings; endurance for those who stayed in their host countries and are weary emotionally, mentally and physically awaiting the return of colleagues to relieve the workload. **Robbie and Lauren Becker,** RCE, Colombia—the name of Jesus be proclaimed boldly and passionately during this pandemic; their time in the States (through October and perhaps into the new year) to be an encouragement to others; virtual school which has been a challenge and stress on family members; some constants in their children's lives; the people they love back in Colombia.

**17 PRAY FOR: The Board of Missions and Chair Brad Bailey**—wisdom in engaging with global ministry opportunities and caring for missionaries. **Scott and Jenny Hawkins**, ISI, NC— Scott and Jenny as they prudently practice physical distancing; Jesus to equip their local teams and volunteers as they connect meaningfully with international students; the spirit of Jesus to complete his work in Joshua (Netherlands); Joshua to find wholeness in Christ; the Lord to send laborers to partner with them.

**18 PRAY FOR: STAMP teams and the STAMP Committee**—wisdom for future trips (what short-term looks like in the foreseeable future in the context of a COVID environment); for missionaries and ministries that were planning to host teams in 2020 and have had to reorganize and rethink cash flow and personnel lost due to cancelled trips. **Charley and Cheryl Warner**, Barnabas, Ukraine—ongoing virtual member care training for nationals caring for Ukrainian missionaries; the completion of some long-term projects and the beginning of new local ministries; continued good health and wisdom in planning for fall ministry as Ukraine is still affected by the pandemic. **Paul Adams**, LRI, US/ Worldwide—partners in Honduras who have COVID-19 symptoms; Paul's translator Jocsan, who lost his government contract; Jocsan as he depends on the Lord for basic necessities; the Lord to give the Adams wisdom and protection as their son's school reopens; praise for wisdom and guidance; God's grace and his Spirit to help them continue to depend on him.

**19 PRAY FOR: Missions Treasurer Nate Peterson. Stephen and Karis Rigby**, Serge, Kenya—the work of Ambassadors Football Kenya, and though activities are shut down, the making disciples of coaches and players doesn't stop; the family's adjustment to a new baby in the house (good health for mama and baby); the Rigbys as they fundraise from afar—a daunting task in a season where needs abound and they feel saturated by other responsibilities.

**20 PRAY FOR: Hope Fellowship Church** (fourth church plant in Lombard), Pastors **Jeff Brewer** and **Jon Trott** and the congregation—the in-person worship services meeting in an office space that fits only a quarter of the congregation; wisdom for how to serve the congregation, especially those with young children during COVID-19; praise that two people have come to Christ recently; wisdom as the church desires to send out a church plant; the right pastor and place for the church plant. **Emmanuel and Adugna Tahear**, SIM, Wheaton—the Burmese children who were baptized at College Church in

early August; the continued Bible-teaching ministry for these new believers; the children of the ARK in Jarabacoa (DR) and the College Church missionary partners there; their Ethiopia ministry partners during this pandemic; the Lord to open opportunities for continued ministries; his will to be done in their lives and ministries.

**21 PRAY FOR: Small Groups** and leaders—small groups as they meet to build one another up in good works; groups to dig deep into God’s Word and seek to know God better and grow closer to him; group members to be a good encouragement to one another as they all navigate fall schedules. **Daniel and Heather, Hanoi Bible College, Vietnam**—Hanoi Bible College faculty who are stranded in the U.S. and Australia to be able to return before the spring semester; a good balance of work and rest so they are ready for another school year; Seed Christian Literature to find the right person to manage the business and help move the vision of the company forward.

**22 PRAY FOR: Midweek Prayer Meeting**—thank the Lord for these global-minded prayer warriors; for the privilege of praying for cross-cultural workers; and that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16) **Greg and Faith Hurst, SIM, Bolivia**—God’s protection and complete healing for more than 10 families in their congregation who have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive including the families of Pastor Edgar, Pastor Gumercindo and Cesar; the 15 pastors/leaders in their church-planting training group; churches to share the gospel and the love of Christ in their communities; God to use the pandemic to draw his people in La Paz closer to him; revival in La Paz; Kayla and her appointment at the Cleveland Clinic on October 7 for her chronic migraines; her healing and that she would get bumped to an earlier appointment at the clinic.

**23 PRAY FOR: Holy Trinity Church (downtown, north side, Pilsen) and Christ Church** (College Church’s first church plant) and Pastors **Jon Dennis, Kyle Edwards, Oscar Leiva** and **Dave Helm**, respectively, and all the congregations—Holy Trinity as fall ministries begin virtually; Christ Church, which was the Hyde Park campus that multiplied and became a new church in May; Holy Trinity’s pastors and elders as they lead the church through recent leadership transitions.

**24 PRAY FOR: Home-bound and care centers:** Joyce Anderson, Jeanne Blumhagen, Peg Carlson, Pat Duhey, Lois Erickson, Ed Felske, Arlene Hare, Kathryn Hopson, Julia King, Bob Klepack,

Margaret Lyda, Joy Sandlund, Jean Sawyer, Lillian Smith, Priscilla Weese, Shirley Whitecotton, Celia Yu, Tony Zalar. **Jon** and **Kathy Haley**, WV, Spain—their church to serve with joy, sacrifice and fervor and to value, honor and respect their leaders so their service may not be burdensome; the Lord to raise up more laborers for the harvest in Spain; God’s provision for the seminaries to continue serving students; God to raise up pastors, missionaries and lay leaders; the church to give generously to support those whom God calls; the Bible Storybook to find its way into the homes and hearts of families who particularly identify with Catalonia and the Catalan language.

**25 PRAY FOR: New Covenant Church** (third church plant in Naperville), Senior Pastor **Chris Castaldo**—Christian charity and unity to transcend any differences in the church body over politics or social issues; the God of all comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-5) to comfort the church family in all their affliction so that they may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with we ourselves are comforted by God; praise for Jacob Warren and his family as Jacob settles into his pastoral role there; wisdom and guidance for Andrew Fulton and his family as they seek God’s calling and provision; wisdom, grace and strength for Pastor Chris as he leads the church and his family.

**26 PRAY FOR: Missions Prayer Fellowship** and coordinator **Joleen Billingham**. **Living Hope** (formerly Christ the King Church, second church plant in Batavia), Pastor **Ken Carr** and the

**27 Mihai and Tamara Lundell**, OCI, Italy—they as they facilitate the long-range planning team of their church and look at ways their church in Genoa can better reach out to the city during this time; Mihai and Tamara as they listen to, care for and minister to others; pray they were refreshed by their vacation in the south of Italy in August. **Rod** and **Kathy Duttweiler**, UWM, South Africa—opportunities to proclaim the message of Christ and demonstrate his love; safety and wisdom as they reopen their residency program at EM (East Mountain) which has been on pause since April; God’s direction as they restructure many programs and ministry efforts as the lockdown eases in South Africa.

**28 PRAY FOR: Church Librarian Lisa Kern** and library staff. **José-Pablo** and **Jane Sanchez**, Decision/OCI, Spain—a return to recording in the radio and television studios which have new sets; continued good health to serve God with joy after a bout with COVID-19.

**29 PRAY FOR:** Director of Communications **Wil Triggs** and Admin. Asst. for Communications **Jonathan Merry. Jake** and **Honah Finn**, OMS, Thailand—wisdom and grace for Jack and Honah as they balance ministry, parenting and other demands of life; Jake and Cornerstone Counseling staff as they minister and walk with many people through this season of loneliness and grief.

**30 PRAY FOR: Pastoral Residents Josh Maurer, Mike Solis and Michael Walker**—their residencies to equip them to serve God’s church; Josh and his wife, Caitlin, as they welcome their fourth child. **Dick** and **Roslyn Albright**, TLI, Wheaton/Worldwide—pastors around the world who are shepherding their congregations in countries with meager resources during the pandemic; Dick as he works remotely (with travel restricted, TLI is conducting training sessions, updating documents, and writing and producing training and review videos to send to pastoral training groups around the world); healing of Roslyn’s rare brain disease and wisdom to know what treatments might be helpful. **Stephen** and **Teri Pardue**, TeachBeyond, Philippines—praise God that 180 out of 204 students made it safely to their home countries and provinces; thank God for an enthusiastic batch of new students joining the seminary community online this year; provision and comfort for Mercy, a student’s widow from NE India, and their two young children; God’s comfort for those in the school community who were close to him; safety for the students scattered around Asia and for the Pardues—the Philippines has a serious surge of cases and all the private hospitals in Manila are at full capacity; the Lord to provide relief through divine intervention as well as prudent decision-making. **South Asian Friendship Center**, Chicago.

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**PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER WANDA POOR  
MISSION ACRONYMS:**

**AIM** – Africa Inland Mission

**GEM** – Greater Europe Mission

**ISI** – International Students,  
Inc.

**LRI** – Leadership Resources  
International

**OCI** – One CHALLENGE  
International

**RCE** – Resourcing Christian  
Education

**SIL** – Summer Language  
Institute

**TLI** – Training Leaders  
International

**UWM** – United World Mission

**WBT** – Wycliffe Bible  
Translators

**WOL** – Word of Life

**WV** – World Venture

**YFC** – Youth for Christ