

# APRIL 2021

# PRAYER

## GUIDE

**1 PRAY FOR:** Senior Pastor **Josh Moody**. Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—Pastor Josh's family as the funeral for his mother is April 6; the upcoming Annual Meeting in May; Pastor Josh as he teaches at the European Leadership Forum in May; continued growth and fruitful impact of the radio ministry of God Centered Life, a separate but connected ministry to College Church, that broadcasts Pastor Josh's sermons on over 50 radio stations and online worldwide.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** James H, Mary Hamm, Steve Ivester, Josh Moody, Jeff Oslund, Sarah Williams, Janice and Jenny Youngwith, Forest Zander. **Evangelism Committee** and **chair Rich Howard**—the committee as it undergoes changes this year; eyes to see and ears to hear the cries of those who need the gospel.

**3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Emilie Boyd, Jean Dusek, Diana Fries, Sheri Fuller, Angie Krc, Ruth McDonald, Phil Sheridan, Jim Siple, Joe Slone, Marge Teiwes, Ed VanderMolen. **Missionary health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Nan Green, Karis Keating, Esther W., Laurie. Director of Children's Ministries **Cheryce Berg**—Ministry Associates for Children's Ministries **Sarah Herr, Jennifer Miller** and **Karin Tuurie**—families to read and respond to the gospel children's literature distributed at the Greatest Treasure Easter event and Easter Sunday services; God's continued provision of volunteers as the ministries grow weekly; Summer Crew staff team—Claire, Hope, Autumn, Brianna and Bethany—and the planning and preparation of this program. **Jeff** and **Jane Pelz**, IVCF, IL.

**4 PRAY FOR:** Admin. Assts. for Children's Ministries **Angie Schroeder, Liz Stahler** and **Sarah Tews. Joshua** and **Kara Dunckel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—wisdom and discernment for Joshua and his leadership of the strategic partnering team; new team members to help equip European movement leaders with clarity, to coach them, and to connect leaders to resources in order to build up the church; wisdom for the Duncckels as they make travel plans for ministry in Europe and for a brief home assignment. **Gerrie** and **Anneth Castillo**, SEND, Spain—them to accomplish their goals for their sabbatical; God's clear direction for their next phase of ministry; complete healing from the flu for daughter Joan and for Lemuel who works in Oman and was diagnosed with kidney stones when hospitalized.

**5 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Girls Program,** Supt. **Judy Ford** and leaders—a good finish to this unusual year in Pioneer Girls; thank God for the leaders who demonstrate Christ's love to the girls each week. **Katherine**, Middle East

**6 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Boys Program,** Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and staff—thank God for the boys and their enthusiasm and energy as they participate in Boys Brigade; praise God for the men who invest in the lives of these boys. **Victor** and **Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—continued protection from COVID-19; positive reconnections with children who desperately missed the loving attention at their schools; their counselor and other staff who have opportunities to help children traumatized from family difficulties and the isolation of the pandemic; rest and rejuvenation for the residential staff who have been largely quarantining inside their facilities with children; wisdom for Leslie as she guides the Kids Alive ministries medically; Vic as he supports the leaders of the ten Kids Alive projects with guidance and resources. **Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya.

**7 PRAY FOR:** Nursery Supt. **Ashley Ramsland** and volunteers—thanks for volunteers who stepped forward to serve during Good Friday and Easter services. Preschool Bible School Superintendent **Sarah Mikolajczyk** and teachers—thank God for classes at capacity each Sunday, for teachers who serve well each week and make classrooms a welcoming place for young children. Preschool Children's Church Superintendent **Lisa McKenna**.

**8 PRAY FOR:** Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase** and staff—Elementary Bible School Supt. **Dan Burden** and teachers—thank God for flexible and loving teachers who take changes and COVID protocols in stride. **Todd** and **Sue Kelly**, WordPartners, Wheaton/Worldwide—the Spirit to reveal understanding to the pastors they are training; these pastors to grasp how to correctly interpret the Bible; unity in WordPartners teams worldwide; these partnerships to reflect the gospel.

**9 PRAY FOR: Repeat Boutique**—wisdom and God's guidance about the boutique's future. **John** and **Esther**, Eurasia—the Lord to raise up a new administrator for their church office and facility; a recent sermon series on reconciliation to bear fruit in the community; thank the Lord that Esther's initial cancer treatments were successful; her to remain healthy during the next two years of immunosuppression.

**10 PRAY FOR:** Junior High (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hiben** and Program Coordinator for Students and Sports Ministries **Audrey McEuen**—adult leaders as the school year finishes to have opportunities to talk with students about the most important things; students to stay committed to church as more and more opportunities open up; students also to see the importance of church and grow in their love of being a part of it; parents to have perseverance near the end of what has been an incredibly tough school year; parents to have endurance to continue to point their children to Christ, even when it's hard to do so. **Midweek Morning Children's Program** and Supt. **Suzanne Shirley**—the gospel seeds planted in young hearts to take root and flourish in years to come.

**11 PRAY FOR: patience and genuine love for each other as COVID-19 protocols are lifted at the 11:15 service this morning; Twice is Nice and STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and all those who volunteer in the stores and help with donation pickups—staffing needs to be filled by the right people; donations to come in at a steady pace. **Josh** and **Brittany**, Asia—doors for effective digital outreach to remain open in an interestingly restrictive environment; opportunities to partner with locals and be able to connect them with local believers; their team to walk humbly before the Lord; Josh and Brittany to treasure knowing God and his Word.

**Rick and Janice McKinley**, MAI, North Carolina/Worldwide—Rick in his transition to his new role at MAI headquarters; the upcoming scheduled ministry trips to the Dominican Republic and Brazil as well as domestic ministry in Charlotte and Nashville.

**12 PRAY FOR: the High School (HYACKs)** ministry—students to grow in their love of the Lord and service to him; adult leaders as they welcome Baxter Helm as high school pastor; a good transition and God to be at work among the high school students. **Joan** (mid-term through May 2021), Asia—Siwi, her brother, Angga and his wife, Atik to come to know Isa as Lord and Savior; the college students who are having a hard time studying in their rooms; the Korean mothers who are teaching their children online at home and are trying to study with them

**13 PRAY FOR: Church Recording Secretary Carol Schick**—Carol as she continues accurate recording of key congregational meetings and next month's annual meeting.. Events Manager **Diane Stephen** and Wedding Coordinators **Mary Beth Butler, Jody Maas, Charis Ellis** and **Marilyn Papierski**.

**14 PRAY FOR: Stan and Faith De La Cour**, SIM, U.S.—the need for workers to be filled; Stan and his brother Ed's family as they mourn his loss; discernment for their son Joseph who has been working in a toxic environment for more than two years and contemplates his next steps.

**15 PRAY FOR: Jim and Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S./Bolivia—wisdom for their staff as they consider the applications for enrollment and provide counseling, their Bible teaching will be more than academic but that they will encourage spiritual growth and maturity. **Tim Sattler**, WordPartners, Wheaton/Worldwide—Tim as he leads 12 lay pastors now trained to help develop and oversee a national leadership team—a growing work in the U.S; their work in the U.S. military to establish churches near every military base; praise God for all the revisions made to their materials during COVID restrictions.

**16 PRAY FOR: Jeremy and Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—strength and joy to persevere in teaching, preaching and counseling over Zoom (even though worn out from screen time); both of them as they push forward with their Flemish (Dutch) language learning; Jeremy and Christy to continue to improve, especially in their speaking; balance of heavy ministry and work commitments and church responsibilities; them to be fully present with their three small boys.

**17 PRAY FOR:** **Bob and Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—**Judy Blumhofer**, Christian Health Service Corp., Honduras—the discipline to rest well on sabbatical and not overcommit to new opportunities; her return to studies and her applications to be accepted and classes to go well; favor and the right connections as she delves into a new focus within pediatrics; her continued growth and learning of this new focus.

**18 PRAY FOR:** This evening's congregational meeting over Zoom to approve **Baxter Helm** as the new senior high pastor and to amend the Bylaws. Service & Engagement Committee and Chair **Jan Jones**—committee members as they connect the church family.. Organist **H. E. Singley**. **Chancel Choir**.

**19 PRAY FOR:** **Thank God** for **Pastor Josh Stringer** and his good and faithful ministry to the College Church family; pray for Josh and Shana in their move to Georgia to begin Josh's pastorate at Living Stones Church in Cumming, GA. **God's Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program) and Director **Sarah Herr**. **Instrumental ensembles**—**Matt** and **Lisa Befus**, UWM, Costa Rica—praise God for the nearly 300 students who returned to in-person classes at LPDV for the 2021 school year; financial provision for many families who have reduced work hours and income because of COVID-19; wisdom and clear communication for Matt as he navigates various legal situations for the ministry.

**20 PRAY FOR:** **Jim and Michelle Albright**, Wycliffe, Papua New Guinea (mid-term to 3/1/22)—healing for Michelle's leg from a spider bite and perseverance in the ongoing treatment; praise God that Jim's co-worker has returned as Jim has been juggling too much during the last months; their organization to have wisdom about managing ongoing staffing shortages.

**21 PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**—Admin. Assts. for Music **Elaine Meyer** and **Delena Ollila**. Ministry Associates for Music **Jennifer Wheatley** and **Ruth Gregornik**. Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer**—a quick learning curve and adjustment for Dan in his new position. **Phil and Ann Baur**, Pioneers, FL— the leadership team of Pioneers USA as they consider the lessons learned over the past 13 months and how to incorporate them into office life going forward; the many missionaries who returned to the U.S. to be able to travel back to their areas of service soon, Lord willing; praise God that he did not stop calling workers into the harvest field last year (Pioneers USA appointed more than 120 new missionaries in 2020).

**22 PRAY FOR:** The **Front Door Ministry team.** **Anita Deyneka**, ME, Wheaton/Russia—the vulnerable families and their children whom their global partners have been seeking to help with spiritual, financial counseling and other help; Sure Start, the expanding ministry in Ukraine and its spread to other countries who are helping vulnerable families; the First Lady of Ethiopia who is a Christian and seeks to help many more orphans in her country. (She and her husband have adopted a child.) **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India.

**23 PRAY FOR:** Chairman of the Council of Elders **Mark Taylor**, Vice Chair **Dave Gieser**, and Secretary **Rob Wolgemuth**—wisdom as the elders continue to evaluate options regarding the full reopening of services; wisdom as they evaluate how best to use the space in the Crossings building; a surge in giving as the end of the fiscal year is a week away (April 30); Baxter Helm as he becomes the new senior high pastor. **Philip**, South Asia—God’s help in learning the Thai language and serving with the church in Thailand; upcoming travel and relationships with supporters during his two-month home assignment; the home assignment to conclude with a new visa, a smooth re-entry to Thailand and future ministry partnerships.

**24 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Dan Lindquist** and **Tom Nussbaum.** **James** and **Patricia**, Chicagoland—James as he grieves the loss of his father, John, who passed away last month at the family home in North Carolina; direction in ministry for James and the possibility that he can work with refugees; Ravi who is suffering from depression and is open to hearing and praying to Jesus; Patricia as she explores job opportunities in Districts 200 and 89 schools; daughters Emma and Anna soon to have a few good friends; praise the Lord that Emma and Anna are enjoying school.

**25 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Phil Nussbaum, Tad Williams** and **Randy Jahns.** **Kyle (Dariana) Bradley**, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic—safety for their coaches and athletes; wisdom as they make decisions about reopening their sports ministry.

**26 PRAY FOR: Homebound and care centers:** Joyce Anderson, Jeanne Blumhagen, Peg Carlson, Lois Erickson, Arlen Hare, Julia King, Bob Klepack, Margaret Lyda, Lillian Smith, Priscilla Weese, Shirley Whitecotton, Celia Yu, Tony Zalar—thank God for his tender care of these saints through all of life. **Dan** and **Michelle**, Asia—**Tiranus Bible College**, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

**27 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Heinrich Johnsen** and **David Bea. John** and **Vivi Wickberg**, WBT, NC—good health; Vivi to be able to continue ESL classes by Zoom; Vivi to continue a Bible study with an ESL student from China because so far it has been hard to get together, the Paratext team as it continues work on Paratext 9.2 that will make it easier to edit Study Bibles, improve online group editing sessions and allow more people to make extensions for Paratext.

**28 PRAY FOR:** Elders **Howard Costley** and **Jeremy Taylor. Giles** and **Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain—Escribete—a new devotional book Debbie is leading the federation of youth leaders to write and publish, Traspasar (Piercing) a new Christian fiction book Giles is publishing, the second of four in his fictional series; the new deacon of youth position Giles is taking on at their church.

**29 PRAY FOR:** **God's Children Sing** (Sunday evening music program) and Director **Sarah Herr** and its online version that began this month. **Instrumental ensembles.**

**30 PRAY FOR:** President **Joe Biden**, Vice-President **Kamala Harris** and administration. The U.S. Senate and Senators **Tammy Duckworth** and **Dick Durbin**. The U.S. House of Representatives, Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** and Representatives **Sean Casten** (Dist. 6), **Bill Foster** (Dist. 11) and **Lauren Underwood** (Dist. 14).

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## PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER WANDA POOR MISSION ACRONYMS:

**IVCF** - IntersVarsity Christian Fellowship

**KA** - Kids Alive

**MAI (1)** - Missionary Athletes International

**ME** - Mission Euroasia

**SIM** - Serving in Missions

**SV** - Salt Ventures

**UWM** - United World Missions

**WBT** - Wycliffe Bible Translators

**Word Partners** - formerly Leadership Resources International

**WV** - World Venture

# NOTES



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