

# OCTOBER 2020

# PRAYER

## GUIDE

**1 PRAY FOR:** Senior Pastor **Josh Moody** and Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—wisdom for church leadership in responsibly reopening; God’s glory during this season, unity and love among the church family; the conclusion of the sermon series in James and the new series in Nehemiah. Receptionist **Lorraine Triggs**. Missionaries: **Anita Deyneka**, ME, Worldwide—God’s wisdom and direction for Anita and her colleagues to know how best to continue ministries now and for the future, and at the same time, respond to immediate needs for orphans and vulnerable children as a result of COVID; thank God for good health and productivity, and for the ability to work at home as she has asthma and is taking careful precautions.

**2 PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:** Peggy Hackett, Ken Heulitt, Jon Gieser, Alta Johnson, Sarah Lindquist, Heidi Lomasney, Jeff Mann, Ginny O’Brien, family and friends of Jean Sawyer, retired College Church missionary Gene Taylor. Evangelism Committee and chair **Rich Howard**—thank God for the monthly prayer walks; the prayer walk in Englewood on October 17.

**3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs:** Mike Bowman, Jean Crane, Carolyn Denning, Carol Eickhoff, Ellie Eklund, Diana Fries, Sheri Fuller, Lee Gerwin, Angie Krc, Andrew Lamb, Ruth McDonald, Jim Siple, Joe Stone, Chris Steenwyk, Tavinya Taylor, Ed VanderMolen, Ron Waldschmidt, Rich Wilson. **Missionary health needs:** Roslyn Albright, Karis Keating, Esther W. Missionaries: **Jeff and Jane Pelz**, IVCF, U.S.—the Lord to be with Jeff and Jane as they try new things for ministry outreach; Jane and her involvement nationally with training staff who work with international students; additional funding to come in for Jane to increase her hours to full-time; their travel plans to New Zealand for Christmas.

**4 PRAY FOR:** Englewood Family Outreach and its church “replant” in the community; College Church folk to participate in these church services on Sunday afternoons through November. Missionaries: **Joshua and Kara Dunckel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary. **Gerrie and Anneth Castillo**, SEND, Spain—a smooth leadership transition; God’s abundant grace and wisdom for the new leadership; God’s protection for the whole family against COVID-19; their sabbatical that began in August and ends in April 2021; God’s continued financial provision and his clear direction for them.

**5 PRAY FOR:** Director of Children’s Ministries (Kids’ Harbor) **Cheryce Berg** and Ministry Associates for Children’s Ministries **Gail Mudra, Jill Tweeten** and **Karin Tuurie**— Gail as she ends her service in Kids’ Harbor this week; the gospel to be proclaimed and children to feel love as programs open; moms and dads to grow in discipleship of their children at home; sensitivity to the Spirit’s leading as the children’s ministries team needs to continually shift methods of ministry. **Moms Night Out**—the small group discussion on *Glory in the Ordinary* by Courtney Reissig. Missionaries: **Katherine**, Middle East—strength to persevere even though she might not be able to visit coworkers face-to-face until the new year; God to reveal how he wants her to use this time; the new habits of prayer she has developed to continue and deepen.

**6 PRAY FOR:** Midweek Evening Boys Program, Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and staff. Missionaries: **Victor and Leslie Trautwein**, KA, Dominican Republic—the protocols and restrictions Kids Alive put in place to be effective; the DR to be spared from many deaths; current partners and donors to be generous givers despite challenges; Kids Alive DR personnel to trust and glorify God through this crisis. **Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya.

**7 PRAY FOR:** Midweek Evening Girls Program, Supt. **Judy Ford** and leaders—thank God that the club program is up and running for all grades; good friendships to be established; the girls to grow in their knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**8 PRAY FOR:** Admin. Assts. for Children’s Ministries **Angie Schroeder, Liz Stahler** and **Sarah Tews**. Elementary Bible School Supt. **Dan Burden** and teachers—thank God for volunteers who teach God’s Word to children; positive attitudes to the changes in children’s ministries. Missionaries: **Todd and Sue Kelly**, LRI, Wheaton/Worldwide.

**9 PRAY FOR: Women's Bible Study**—thank God for a good start to the in-person and virtual small groups. Missionaries: **John and Esther**, Eurasia—God to be glorified in Esther's life and in their family in light of her cancer diagnosis; wisdom for doctors in recommending a treatment plan; the body of Christ in Istanbul to demonstrate their hope in Christ and reach out to others in love; wisdom for their church's leaders as they plan to resume in-person services and seek to be faithful in fulfilling their purpose.

**10 PRAY FOR: The Missions & Community Outreach Festival events** today—the **Women's Monthly Gathering** that features missionary testimonies, the **Sanctity of Human Life** task force prayer gathering outside Planned Parenthood Aurora and a Zoom call with **Eric Mason**, director of South Asian Friendship Center in Chicago. Middle School (KMs) Pastor **Dan Hiben** and Program Coordinator for Students and Sports Ministries **Audrey McEuen**—students who are doing online school to have opportunities to maintain friendships and relationships; students who are in school to stay safe and make the most of this time; parents to know the peace of Christ during this especially stressful season. Midweek Morning Children's Program and Supt. **Suzanne Shirley**. **John and Vivi Wickberg**, WBT, U.S.

**11 PRAY FOR: Global Missions Sunday** and the festival missionaries as they share in the worship services, Adult Communities and student gatherings; the congregation to give generously to the Missionary Christmas offering; the festival to be a good time of connecting with missionaries, in person or online. Missionaries: **Josh and Brittany**, U.S./Asia—praise for the safe delivery of Jack Boden; thanks for the hundreds of people who are seeing and engaging with Christian social media; people in East Asia to know Jesus as their Savior; Josh and Brittany to love each other and their children. **Rick and Janice McKinley**, MAI (1), Wheaton/Worldwide—the transition to his new role with MAI headquarters in Charlotte, NC (began August 1); Rick is excited to focus on discipleship and training with their international partners, college coaches and MAI staff around the U.S.; the sale of their home in Wheaton and subsequent move; wisdom to know when to restart their training with partners overseas (one is tentatively rescheduled for November [Bangladesh] and Rick is keeping an eye on developments.)

**12 PRAY FOR:** **Twice is Nice** and **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and all those who volunteer in the stores and help with donation pick-ups—the stores as they sort through an incredible amount of donations. Missionaries: **Joan** (missions associate), Asia—open hearts when her Women’s English Club and University English Club begin to meet in her house; Siwi to seek Isq (Jesus) during these stressful days; Joan as she reconnects with her students to have a deep understanding of their needs; God continued work in their hearts.

**13 PRAY FOR:** Recording Secretary **Carol Schick**. Events Manager **Diane Stephen** and Wedding Coordinators **Mary Beth Butler, Jody Maas, Charis Ellis** and **Marilyn Papierski**.

**14 PRAY FOR:** **Men’s Bible Study**—the men to grow spiritually and form solid relationships as they study systematic theology. Missionaries: **Stan and Faith De La Cour**, SIM, U.S.—thank God they were able to hold the gatherings of three SIMStart applicant screening evenings in-person on their SIM USA campus; the significant staffing needs they have in the People Group to be filled; praise God for Anna and her fiancé, Mitch, and the many decisions Anna needs to make over the next months.

**15 PRAY FOR:** Missionaries: **Jim and Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S./Bolivia— thank God for his protection from the coronavirus; the health precautions to not inhibit Bible training and discipleship; God’s mercy on Bolivia and their health crisis to pass; the church to be strengthened in faith and witness; God’s provision for the shortfall in their monthly support. **Tim (and Judy) Sattler**, LRI, Wheaton/Worldwide—when the international borders open to travelers from the U.S. that God would grant wisdom in how to proceed; God’s continued protection; the revision of workshop materials to be complete before travel begins again.

**16 PRAY FOR:** College Church evangelist **Daniel Bair** as he gives an update about Englewood Family Ministries in Sunday’s services; the people who headed to Englewood for the prayer walk this morning; Missionaries: **Jeremy and Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—Christy to step into her Dutch class and member care work with ease and confidence; Jeremy to balance his time well and to step back into the classroom with renewed energy; opportunities to share the love of Christ with their neighbors and others in their community whom the Lord puts in their path; the boys to reintegrate well into school.

**17 PRAY FOR:** High School (HYACKs) Pastor **Zach Fallon** and the ministry associates for high school **Kolby** and **Bethany Atchison** and **Katie Nussbaum**—students to continue to stay engaged in Christian community and grow in God’s Word as the cold weather begins to come; the upperclassmen in Bridge Fellowship to desire to serve Christ and entrust their futures to the Lord; the underclassmen to make good friendships at church and be rooted in Christ, understanding what they believe and why. Missionaries: **Bob and Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria—praise God for the witness their ministry has been to the local community throughout this season; wisdom as they lead their staff; grace and joy to be abundant amid their team and volunteers; them to act responsibly, stay safe and remain healthy.

**18 PRAY FOR:** Nursery Supt. **Kristin Hughes** and staff and Preschool Bible School Superintendent **Sarah Mikolajczyk** and teachers—the youngest generation at College Church to know Jesus’ love from an early age. Organist **H. E. Singley**—“praise the Lord, praise him with strings and pipe!”

**19 PRAY FOR: Women’s Ministries**—a pleasant October morning for the Mom2Mom outing as moms, children and mentors are outside, exploring God’s creation. Missionaries: **Matt and Lisa Befus**, UWM, Costa Rica—families who face difficult decisions because of dramatically reduced income; LPDV leadership that faces economic uncertainty and difficult decisions in planning the 2021 school year; encouragement for Matt and Lisa and their girls; praise that students continue classes online from LPDV staff who care about their spiritual and academic needs—the school year ends around Thanksgiving.

**20 PRAY FOR:** The Zoom town hall meeting tomorrow with World Relief on a timely topic, “Thinking Biblically about Immigration; thank God for a great Missions & Community Outreach Festival; people to be open to God’s leading to become involved in global and local missions.

**21 PRAY FOR:** Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**. Admin. Asst. for Music **Delena Ollila** and **Elaine Meyer**. Ministry Associates for Music **Jennifer Wheatley** and **Ruth Gregornik**. Accounting Manager **Deb Carlburg**. **Phil and Ann Baur**, Pioneers, U.S.—new Muslim believers who are already facing persecution as a result of their faith in Christ; praise God that he is at work around the world in the pandemic; good preparation and discernment to know the when, where and how for 390 Pioneers missionary appointees preparing to serve overseas; God to open doors for greater participation in their neighborhood and to work through them as they pursue relationships with those who live around them

**22 PRAY FOR:** Pastoral Residents **Josh Maurer**, **Mike Solis** and **Michael Walker**—the Maurer family as they adjust to having a newborn in the house; clarity and wisdom in plans for fall ministry in this unique season; Josh to have extra strength, stamina and clarity of mind for his dissertation work; Mike to have both confidence and humility as he pursues ordination, with his exam on October 25; Michael to continue to have joy in God; his upcoming job search; God to heal his hands. **Judy Blumhofer**, CHSC, Honduras—Honduras in the wake of COVID to see and know how to best address needs of families without food or medicine; Cornerstone (the parent organization over Casa Santuario, Hospital Loma de Luz, etc.) and financial provision the ministry; Judy and her boys to live the gospel in work and action to the community and to lead wisely when so many are hurting. **New Theological College**, Uttarakhand, India.

**23 PRAY FOR:** Chair of the Council of Elders **Mark Taylor**, Vice Chair **Dave Gieser** and Secretary **Rob Wolgemuth**. **Philip**, South Asia—opportunities to connect with people and be spiritually helpful with the church in Thailand; to communicate God's good news in Thai in ways people can understand; God to lead him to a new visa that would allow him to be involved in discipleship with the church in Thailand.

**24 PRAY FOR:** Today, pray for elders **Phil Nussbaum**, **Dan Lindquist**, **Tom Nussbaum**. **James and Patricia**, U.S.—their family to begin to make connections in their home community of Schaumburg despite the limitations of the pandemic; Patricia as she teaches (at the school building); their two daughters (kindergarten and second grade) as they learn remotely from home; James as he oversees their learning.

**25 PRAY FOR:** elders **Tad Williams, Randy Jahns and Heinrich Johnsen. Kyle and Dariana Bradley**, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic—spiritual, emotional and physical health for their staff, athletes and families; wisdom and guidance in opening up the ministry responsibly; creativity and agility to show Jesus and the gospel to those around them despite obstacles to ways they've traditionally ministered.

**26 PRAY FOR:** Elders **David Bea, Howard Costley and Jeremy Taylor. Home-bound and care centers:** Joyce Anderson, Jeanne Blumhagen, Bob and Peg Carlson, Pat Duhey, Lois Erickson, Arlene Hare, Julia King, Bob Klepack, Margaret Lyda, Jean Sawyer, Lillian Smith, Irene Watt, Priscilla Weese, Shirley Whitecotton, Tony Zalar. **Dan and Michelle**, Asia—God to provide a new home in the next few months; Dan and the students he teaches; students and parents who are overwhelmed with online schooling as they wait to reopen the school; thank God for safety and good health. **Tiranus Bible College**, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

**27 PRAY FOR:** DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) —PADS to be able to safely meet the needs of people in the community. **Jim and Michelle Albright**, WBT, Papua New Guinea (mid-term to 3/1/22)—patience and clear thinking for Jim as he helps departments resolve months-old data entry errors and make sense of financial statements as the fiscal year ends; renewed strength and passion for Michelle's work in a hospitality program for families with sickness or other crises; Michelle as she homeschools their four children, along with a toddler present; their children to see their joy in serving the Lord and choose to follow him no matter what sacrifices there may be.

**28 PRAY FOR:** **Giles and Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain—the Spain Youth Mobilization Team; Giles as he writes and teaches, and Debbie as she produces and supervises; Giles as he prepares to teach the youth ministry course at IBSTE Theological Institute in the fall of 2021; the English club at their church that Giles leads; Maria, Jesus, Cesar, Eva, Marta, Jose Luis, Lorena, Soyde, Julian, Chanez, Maria, Diana, Peter and Miren to step closer and closer to the Lord.

**29 PRAY FOR:** **Jane**, Asia—God's timing for her return to the field; peace during uncertainty about her future in that part of the world; coworkers to be able to stay; Jane to have a deeper and deeper trust in him no matter what happens.

**30 PRAY FOR:** President **Donald Trump**, Vice-President **Mike Pence** and the 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). **John and Vivi Wickberg**, WBT, NC—thanks for good health and the ability to continue their work from home; the Paratext team can get good user feedback from test versions and have a fall release for Paratext 9.1; all leaders during this time of uncertainty—constantly changing plans and budgets can make things too heavy to bear.

**31 PRAY FOR:** **Debbie Hollinger**, **Lea Lamb** and **Brad Warren**, children's choirs—the children to adapt well to singing while wearing masks; a sense of joy as children worship and praise God through music.

*Continue to pray for ministries and leaders as colder weather settles in. Thank God that he is infinite, and the pandemic is not.*

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

**CHSC** – Christian Health  
Service Corps

**CRU** – Campus Crusade for  
Christ

**IVCF** – InterVarsity Christian  
Fellowship

**KA** – Kids Alive

**LPDV** – La Palabra de Vida (The  
Word of Life)

**LRI** – Leadership Resources  
International

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

**ME** – Mission Eurasia

**SIM** – Serving in Mission

**SV** – Salt Ventures

**UWM** – United World Mission

**WBT** – Wycliffe Bible  
Translators

**WV** – WorldVenture



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