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Prayer Guide

PARTNERSHIP IN PRAYER

“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

(Eph. 6:11)

Prayer support is foundational to everything we do. You play a critical role as you partner with us in prayer for mission workers overseas, in the United States, and at the U.S. Mobilization Center. We feel the prayers of our partners carrying us. Your prayers help further the kingdom of God around the world because they strengthen, encourage, protect, and carry those who are “on the front lines.” In times of great spiritual harvest and in times of spiritual drought, the prayers of partners and supporters keep mission workers fulfilling God’s work. Know that your prayers matter every day.

In this document, we have highlighted some of the ways you can pray for different teams and places in the world. We trust you will be deeply blessed as you bring these requests to the Father.

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Workers

- PRAY for the defeat of the Adversary. – 1 Cor. 16:9
- PRAY for their health and the health of their children.
- PRAY for their testimony – in words, actions, and attitudes.
- PRAY for their physical needs, safety, and security.
- PRAY for their financial needs.
- PRAY for harmony among colleagues and the many organizations with whom we partner, a spirit of unity powered by the Holy Spirit.
- PRAY for their children's protection, sense of security in new places, and personal journey with Jesus.
- PRAY for knowledge and discernment from the Lord when making strategic decisions.
- PRAY for a great harvest of souls won to the Savior and the joy it brings.
- PRAY for a love for the people they are serving and the workers they serve alongside.
- PRAY for perseverance and God's perfect peace in the midst of hardships, persecution, or suffering.
- PRAY for wisdom in all aspects of their ministry and family life.

Global Alliance Team

- PRAY for the Lord's direction for the GA Guidance Team as they seek to facilitate effective communication and collaboration among the 15+ mobilization centers.
- PRAY for the Lord's direction in leadership roles for the GA Collaboration Resource Team.
- PRAY the Lord will bring the personnel needed to effectively follow through on the growing number of strategic ministry opportunities the Lord is opening up.
- PRAY that the team can provide mutual coaching, training, and sourcing of materials for anyone in our GA family who wants to be involved in Diaspora Ministry.
- PRAY that God will raise up "Diaspora Champions" in each of our OC Global Alliance Mobilization Centers.



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The OC Global Alliance is a voluntary association of OC mobilization centers for the purpose of sharing resources and experience.

The GA is made up of 15+ centers, with a commitment to partnering together to deploy mission workers to serve on multiethnic and multinational teams.

Global Impact Teams

Global Ministry Team

With the risk for Americans overseas— and Christian workers in particular— increasing at an alarming rate, please:

- PRAY for U.S. churches to become better equipped to deal with multiculturalism (within and around their churches).
- PRAY for doors of ministry to open in five different churches locally (Colorado Springs) as well as in Africa and Europe.
- PRAY for a better support base for four of the GM team. Their deficits are limiting their ability to respond to ministry opportunities.
- PRAY for creative opportunities to raise more support and for wisdom in adapting to salary adjustments for those who are beginning to change their work status.
- PRAY for teams and departments as they continue to discover God's revelation of their bearings, destination, direction, and first achievements – that team members would continue exploring with the Lord and with one another in a unifying fashion.
- PRAY for OC leaders as we explore ways for the organizations to be more mutually supportive, collaborative, and synchronized. Pray for clear and effective multi-level communication.

Sports Ambassadors

- PRAY for those who will be traveling throughout the year recruiting, touring with teams, training, and holding coaching workshops and player clinics.
- PRAY for God's purposes to be realized through these efforts.

International Ministry Team

- PRAY for good health for teammates.
- PRAY for travel mercies and powerful ministries for our many team members.

Global Research Team

- PRAY for the many research projects in process—some just starting, others nearly finished, and quite a few at some point in their development.
- PRAY for perseverance to see each project through to its useful end with the goal that these projects will assist in wise, Spirit-led decisions.

Lifeworkx

- PRAY for the growth of the Lifeworkx team in unity, strength, and numbers.
- PRAY for wisdom as Lifeworkx grows its organizational vision, structure, and outreach to be led by the Lord especially as Lifeworkx has a new director.

Missional Challenge

- PRAY for God's provision of the financial and other resources we need to advance disciple-making movements globally.
- PRAY for a successful piloting of a Community of Practice for OC Global Alliance field workers and ministry partners who are working to advance disciple-making movements.

Africa

Our teams are in great need of personnel (Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and a future team in a French-speaking West African country). Several doors are wide open and the needs are even greater. Please pray with us to the Lord of the Harvest, who oversees the affairs of the nations.

South Africa Regional Team

- PRAY for registrations for the Mission Shaped Ministry course, a course to equip others in planting and sustaining fresh expressions of church.
- PRAY for the expansion of the training in other parts of South Africa.
- PRAY for the final phase of GF's doctorate research studies on the transformation of African communities using the theology of work: focus on the family. Pray for the Holy Spirit's enlightenment, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, strength, discernment, and stamina. Pray that Joybringers will remain optimistic, hopeful, and enlightened for what is yet to come from their research.
- PRAY that the online Introduction to God Movement course participants would be envisioned and equipped to form teams in their cities to multiply disciple-making groups among unreached social groups.

Zimbabwe

The Zimbabwean economy is in deep trouble with 90% formal unemployment. There is a deep commitment to church, but a lack of solid theological teaching.

- PRAY for dedicated Christian leaders who are carrying big ministerial loads while desperately trying to find ways to make ends meet.
- PRAY for a significant spiritual breakthrough – lives that flow out of relationship with him as opposed to a legalistic lifestyle.
- PRAY that OC lays a solid foundation in the country and gains the trust and awareness of Zimbabweans so that doors will open to fruitful ministry.
- PRAY for revival and renewal among Zimbabwean pastors resulting in deep personal restoration and fresh expressions of a vibrant, biblical faith community.
- PRAY for our ministry associates, and the farming plots they use to provide for their needs, so they can focus on ministry to pastors in Zimbabwe.
- PRAY for graduates and young adults from the student ministry to grow in conviction and confidence to be disciple-making disciples, sowing into the kingdom wherever they live.

CAMENA Area

In this time of turmoil and uncertainty in much of the region, pray the tragedy and chaos producing this uncertainty will also result in greater kingdom fruitfulness. Many of our Global Alliance personnel in the region face some sort of transition and expectantly wait on the Lord for his marching orders.

- PRAY for the widespread Arab Regional Team functioning broadly in the region.
- PRAY this team of gifted Arabs and Arabic speakers will continue to seek Christlikeness and kingdom fruitfulness.

- PRAY God will help workers in North Africa and Central Asia be fruitful in disciple-making and training disciple-makers.
- PRAY also for new workers to join OC workers in these unreached places.
- PRAY for a new shared leadership model.
- PRAY that we can teach those in this region to practice a culture of prayer, mobilize workers, continuous coaching, and spiritual community.
- PRAY for our people serving on the field.
- PRAY for Turkey and Syria. That the window of opportunity opened after a catastrophic disaster will result in new disciples and churches will multiply and start a movement.
- PRAY that local believers' outreach will be blessed with great fruit.

Asia

In the last few years, God has blessed the collaborative efforts of our Asian mobilization centers and field personnel to launch new ministry fields and ministry partnerships. Even in the midst of difficult situations, our teams have found creative avenues to meet educational, physical, and spiritual needs.

Southeast Asia

- PRAY for national leaders to rise up for the anti-human trafficking ministry.
- PRAY for traveling mercies and safety on coaching trips and for the participants to be blessed.
- PRAY for spiritual teachers to be raised up by the Holy Spirit to strengthen the believer groups in truth and grace.
- PRAY the Holy Spirit would do a great work in the hearts of top Cambodian church leaders who attended the Southeast Asia Church Planting Network meetings, and that follow-up could breathe new life into the Cambodian national church planting movement for His glory!

Indonesia

- PRAY that the lord would provide for Mountainview Christian School all that they need to be stable and continue to pursue their mission of supporting Christian service workers living in Indonesia.

- PRAY for the capital campaign that is raising funds for the construction of a new science lab and two large classrooms.
- PRAY for the 20-7-3 leadership development program that focuses on large area leader groups and leadership succession.
- PRAY for the development of an Android app platform for Bible Study materials and short videos in multiple languages, that these resources would be widely used and contribute to the qualitative and quantitative of our family of linked movements.
- PRAY for Rebekah Ministries and for the neighborhood leaders (who are facilitating groups of 10-12 people), that they would be trained and equipped for ministry.
- PRAY that these leaders would grow in their faith and trust in the Lord for every situation, their ability to discern God's voice in solving problems, and their ability to minister to the women in their area through prayer and inner healing.
- PRAY for the aftercare of those recovering from human trafficking and for the ministry of PEARL as they equip helpers and minister to survivors.
- PRAY for wisdom for team members to know how to best support the mission and development of this seminary, especially as it faces increasing government regulation and accreditation standards; please pray that the school would excel in academic study, contextual ministry, genuine worship, and effective discipleship.
- PRAY for us and other cousin-focused ex-pat workers here (different organizations), for our collaboration, synergy, and “brotherhood”, so that our oneness impacts others here. We are in the very beginning stages of building this.
- PRAY for Apostolic Agents and Local Workers thirsting to be coached, mentored, and trained and to serve our Lord reaching the cousins here.
- GIVE THANKS for new research that was shared with us that heightens our focus on how and who to train, coach, and mentor and that this research be integrated into the Lord's work here.

Philippines

God has been opening doors for Philippine Challenge (PC) to help other countries in church planting training.

- PRAY the Lord will guide PC to plan strategically and would raise up more trainers to respond to the call of assisting these countries.
- Pray the Lord will bless their efforts in assisting Myanmar and Nepal in church multiplication.
- PRAY for the mobilization of the body of Christ in updating the database and utilization of the system to accelerate church planting in the country. Pray also for the needed funds for the maintenance of the system.
- PRAY that these Training for Trainer networks both in the Philippines and Thailand will continue to yield more fruit; that the Outreach Bible Study groups will develop to become new churches with strong new disciples that will also lead to movements.

Singapore

- PRAY for the development of a Cross-Cultural Training Center for UPG workers. Ask the Lord to give those in leadership positions creative minds to know how to achieve a method of equipping, supporting, and sending workers out in conjunction with local congregations.
- PRAY for a partnership mindset, discernment, a conquering faith, and hope against all obstacles.
- PRAY for kingdom advancement through meetings with Thai church leaders interested in an OC partnership and Discipling A Whole Nation (DAWN) methodology suitable for the Thai context.

Malaysia

- PRAY that several of our members can make the most of Bible training in the surrounding countries through a mix of in-person, online live, video, and hybrid teaching experiences.
- PRAY for a revival of God on the MK international campus where several members of our team have children. The growing number of nominal Christian and non-Christian families at the school of over 700 students is a ripe field for harvest!

India

- PRAY for the teams in different areas of the country. They endure much spiritual warfare in ministry and family life.
- PRAY all may get the protection of the Holy Spirit. Praise God for his ever-present peace He gives in the midst of trials.
- PRAY for all those who will be touched by every member of the teams in and outside the country.
- PRAY for financial support as the ministry needs an increase.

Nepal

- PRAY for the developing church planter coaching networks and for the churches that will be planted as a result.
- PRAY for the growth of the team and for God to send new workers into the harvest.

- PRAY for the many unreached peoples of the nation whose hearts remain closed to the gospel.
- PRAY for the DMM effort and that God would continue to grow the leaders and the meeting groups in faith and in numbers.
- PRAY for our leaders to be able to implement what they learned in the business training they attended so they can become self-supporting.

East Asia

- PRAY the budding Christian education movement would flourish.
- PRAY God would continue to overcome increasingly tighter government restrictions and grant visas/residence permits for workers.

Taiwan

- PRAY for the 100 or so participants from denominations, local fellowships, and agencies at the Global Church Planting Network conference.
- ASK God to continue to raise up new workers from within Taiwan to join OC Taiwan for both the ongoing need to reach the unreached of Taiwan and for mobilization to other places.

China

- PRAY for timely and smooth approval of visa renewals.
- PRAY for the refreshment of the spirits of those on the field.
- PRAY for guidance from the Lord and new and increased opportunities for impact.

- GIVE THANKS as the Hong Kong Board hosts their upcoming Annual General Meeting in early May and will have a meeting to share a renewed vision of how God has led and brought the team together. The last such open meeting was in 2017 when we launched the team.

Europe

The spiritual needs in Europe are huge, and our teams are tiny. Please pray the Lord of the Harvest will send more personnel to Europe this year.

Austria

- PRAY for the continued growth, both spiritually and numerically, of the Austrian Leadership Forum "The Way of Reconciliation/Round Table," particularly for the process of leadership selection for the coming years.
- PRAY for unity in the leadership team and an outpouring of the Spirit of God in Linz.
- PRAY for the development and actualization of a lay counseling training program for believers in Vienna.

Bulgaria

- PRAY that relationships with the new landlords and new neighbors would be used by God at the new office location.
- PRAY for two new outreach ministries the team is mentoring, which would result in young adults coming to faith in Christ.

- PRAY that the church planters, pastors, and other leaders that are being mentored by the church planting committee would see abundant fruit in their churches.

Germany

- PRAY God would launch a church planting movement within the German state church through leaders of a church planting network.
- PRAY for those serving at the MK school, Black Forest Academy, and their small group ministry to students.
- PRAY for wisdom for the BFA and Teach Beyond boards.

Greece

- PRAY for the continuing impact of the Christian newspaper in Greece, Sunday fellowships, and the dial-in ministry.
- PRAY for churches to be generous and effective in assisting their members and others in these challenging economic times.
- PRAY for the people of Greece to turn to the Lord.

Romania

- PRAISE God! The team opened a new Pro-Life Ministry Center in partnership with Mercy Action Ministries Inc. Please PRAY for the women who are coming to the center for counseling.

- PRAY the team can obtain the necessary information to update the national church statistics for Romania, a very helpful tool.
- PRAY for the National Member Care Network in Romania and the summer rest and renewal program for furloughing Romanian mission workers and an important member care conference in the fall.

Ukraine

- PRAY for an end to the war, and for Ukrainian political and economic leaders.
- PRAY for Christians who are losing jobs or being drafted and as they struggle with bitterness, anger, and depression.
- PRAY for the safety of our team and volunteers who are delivering humanitarian aid and working with refugees near the front lines.
- PRAY for wisdom and guidance for those who look toward the end of the war in Ukraine and anticipate their return to the mission field there. To understand business can be reopened and how God may be using this complete reset to redirect their ministry and business focus.

The Americas

God is using North, South, and Central Americans all over the world as a significant sending force. Pray for the setup, religious visas, team members, and necessary funds to go to the countries God is sending mission workers to.

Latin America

Brazil

- PRAY for Sepal Brazil as the board tackles the challenges of sending mission workers into other fields, as well as strengthening national ministry teams.
- PRAY for the Lord 's leading to find directors of team expansion and member care for Sepal mission workers outside of Brazil.
- PRAISE the Lord for a growing number of Sepal Brazil mission workers serving in Africa, Europe, and Asia.
- PRAY for OC workers as they serve the leaders of the Brazilian evangelical church in the area of missions mobilization, mentoring, and pastoral care.
- PRAY for workers to have wisdom and clear direction as they work to build out regional membercare teams for the Brazilian national mission workers and for the Lord to give wisdom and compassionate hearts and skill to the leaders of these teams.

Colombia

- PRAY for God's provision of finances. The number one challenge for Colombian mission workers is to raise support.
- PRAY that the team can build a multi-cultural team in Peru in the next few years and also contribute to the team starting in Chile.

Guatemala

- PRAY that God will show each member of our Sepal team their part as new mission workers from Guatemala and from the US-MC are inducted into the team.
- PRAY for God's provision for the monthly support requirements of the team members.

Mexico

- PRAY for the continued growth of the Mexico Discipling and Pastoring of Pastors movement.
- PRAY for graduates of the Cross-cultural Training Center who are now missions mobilizers in Mexico as they disciple others.

North America

Near Frontiers

(formerly One Challenge USA)

Near Frontiers, exists to partner within the diverse body of Christ to stimulate intercultural unity and gospel transformation among the diaspora and under-served peoples who have moved into our neighborhoods in the U.S.

- PRAY God will clearly open doors of ministry and influence for each team member.
- PRAY as members strategize with other people on how to impact churches in the USA.

Outreach Canada

- PRAY for the team's outreach to immigrant workers. The cities of Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City, and Vancouver are four of the most ethnically diverse cities in the world.
- PRAY for the ministry partnership with Church Planting Canada where the team works with many denominational leaders to share research and resources to promote church planting efforts across the nation.
- PRAY for the leadership of Outreach Canada as at the end of 2023 they will be going through a major transition when the executive director steps into a different role. Pray for the board, executive team, and transitional leadership through this time.

OC Marketplace Ministry

- PRAY for more relationships with US-based sending partners (churches, universities, seminaries).
- PRAY for more relationships with international receiving employers who want North American workers.
- PRAY for the development of an annual short-term sending program.
- PRAY for fruitfulness in their capital funding campaign.

US-MC

President's Office

- PRAY for the Lord to be honored and his kingdom advanced with OC's president, through U.S. Board decisions, and outcomes from the five-year strategic direction board meetings (March).
- PRAY for God's hand upon OC as it follows God wholeheartedly into fresh adventures of faith for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.
- Pray for OC to be increasingly used by the Lord to bless partner churches and support their vision.

Executive VP's Office

- PRAISE God for his daily provision and pray for wisdom and discernment in the stewardship of what He has given.
- PRAY for eyes and ears to adjust to God's plans and his thoughts for this year. May God reveal to OC leadership His vision for the future.

Finance

- PRAY for the ongoing finance software updates to our internal donor database as well as our online giving portals to ensure good security and functionality. Pray for clarity in learning the new systems, the ability to run the reports we need, and patience to care for our donors.
- PRAY for grace in juggling workloads.
- PRAY for upcoming staffing needs. May the right solution be found.

Communications

- The Communications team is evaluating how we can be more efficient in the many deliverables we produce. Join us in asking God for the creativity, wisdom, and discernment to choose the priority of Comm projects.
- PRAY that all communication coming from the mission, from monthly letters & receipt thank yous, to website stories & videos, to internal news & external social media posts, will deepen partnership between mission workers, ministry partners, and financial partners. Our aim is creative communication for kingdom impact.

Information Technology

- MAY the Lord grant wisdom in the use of new technology, potentially including surveillance equipment for better security of the building.
- PRAY for funds for new hardware and software and additional staff to research, purchase, design, and support these endeavors.

- PRAY for continued protection from ‘Bad Actors’ who want to compromise our systems and try to do us harm.

Member Care

- PRAY for summer programs, participants, venues, facilitators, finances, counselors, and staff.
- PRAY for the Global Care Team as we navigate care in our ever-changing and challenging world.
- PRAY for our Child Safety Program, wisdom, and discernment.

Operations

- PRAISE God for the office rental space that is being filled in the Colorado Springs building.
- PRAY for affordable maintenance of the aging building.
- PRAY for our building staff as they care for the practical needs of our OC team and our tenants; that Christ’s love would be evident in them.

Personnel

- Join in PRAYING Luke 10:2 – that God would send more harvesters into his harvest field, and direct the ones with OC hearts to us. ASK the Lord to provide the resources and people needed to facilitate and serve them well.
- PRAY that OC’s pre-field training will minister to the exact needs of each new appointee.
- PRAY for those who mentor and journey with each appointee.

- PRAY the Lord will bless the works of our hands and the words we speak as we care for the training, mentoring, and PRAYING of our appointees.
- PRAY for staffing needs, program development, provision of resources, and God's good hand of blessing on the summer programs of worker training (CORE), Transition Orientation in June, and Personnel Enrichment Program (PEP) in July. For all who participate may these be times of strengthening and refreshing, inspired with wisdom from the Holy Spirit.