

## May Prayer Guide 2024

## Introduction

We are so thankful that you are joining us to pray for our partners around the world this month. Each of our partners have sent specific prayer requests for their work, and they have expressed deep gratitude for the prayers. As we pray, let us remember these words, knowing that the prayer of a righteous person avails much. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 4:6-7) -Mission Team



## May 1 | Eswatini

Our work in Eswatini is focused on establishing visible, practical models of the kingdom of God in this land. At Timbutini and Ntabas CarePoints, as we help care for each child's body, soul, mind, and spirit, we can begin to disciple the surrounding communities. Eventually, the community will impact the area and, gradually, it will affect the nation.

About 69% of Eswatini's people live below the poverty line, unemployment stands at more than 40%, and 27% of Swazis are undernourished. One in five Swazi children do not attend school, and 18% of children have lost a parent to HIV/AIDS. With 1.4 million people, this tiny nation—slightly smaller than the state of New Jersey—has lost an entire generation of parents, leaders, and workers as HIV/AIDS has destroyed much of Eswatini's economic and societal fabric. Eswatini suffers from the world's highest adult HIV prevalence rate of 28.8%. Many children are orphaned due to losing parents from HIV/AIDS, lending Eswatini the nickname, "Nation of Orphans." Through our partnership with Adventures in Missions, this next generation can experience hope by being empowered to become holistically transformed and to build healthy relationships in their families, neighborhoods, and throughout their nation.

- The Bomake (caretakers) at each care point as they prepare food and serve the children at Timbutini and Ntabas.
- The Adventures in Missions staff as they disciple and pour into all of the children.
- The sustainability project at the Umdoni Farm, may it be fruitful for the ministry and the communities.

## May 2 | National Day of Prayer



#### WHY PRAY FOR AMERICA?

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we can receive wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we'll be changed, and we'll see transformation in America through prayer!

### **OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." I Timothy 1:1-2

#### **OUR UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

It is vital that we be praying for all of the elections forthcoming in the next months. Our privilege and responsibility to cast our vote should never be taken lightly. We must exercise this opportunity with utmost seriousness and be prayerfully prepared to help elect God-fearing and God-directed candidates to serve the purposes of God's Kingdom on earth.

#### STATE GOVERNMENTS of GA and SC

Pray for Governor Kemp (GA) and Governor McMaster (SC), Executive Leaders, Legislative Leaders, Judicial Leaders.

#### **CSRA** - the Central Savannah River Area

Pray for Mayor Johnson (Augusta) and Mayor Williams (NASC), City Counsels, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Judges, County Officials.

- Our military
- The media
- Businesses in the CSRA
- Educational leaders
- Warren (Augusta, Grovetown, Belvedere & Crossbridge)
- Your family

## May 3 | Simpson Family - Honduras

Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere with more than 60 percent of the population living in poverty (2018). In rural areas, approximately one out of 5 Hondurans live in extreme poverty (less than US\$1.90 per day). Another major challenge is the rampant crime and violence due to the activities of gangs and drug cartels which seem to go largely unchecked. Access to elementary education is widespread but less than half the population attends high school. Many of the pastors in our Mobile Bible Institutes are from rural areas. Nearly all of them must work a second job to support their families. Those commitments make it difficult to participate in formal education. Our ministry/training programs are strategically designed to meet this challenge.

#### PRAY:

- Please pray for our team's endeavors to plant churches and train church leaders among the Lenca people group.
- Please pray for wisdom to lead the other 5 families that serve with World Reach, Inc. in Honduras.
- Please pray for our family, for God's provision, protection and the growth of our children.



## May 4 | Central Church - Augusta, ME

Central Church is one church meeting in multiple locations across the State of Maine. Our goal is to help people discover the life that God has for us through His son, Jesus.

## PRAY:

 Please pray for us as we seek to serve and reach the lost in one of the most unchurched states in our country. Please pray for our outreach to the prison systems around us.

## May 5 | Howard Family - Southeast Asia

We have been living in Southeast Asia for 15 years, working to spread Christianity among an unreached people group whom we call the Buffalo people. There are 8.5 million Buffalo people, 99.9% of whom are adherents to Islam. The Lord has been working to establish an identity to allow others to enter, bringing several other workers there, and now more Buffalo people are hearing the Gospel. We aim to proclaim the Gospel to every person in the region, make disciples, and establish healthy, multiplying churches among the Buffalo people.

#### PRAY:

- Pray that God would lead us to people here who are open to hearing the good news of Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to send laborers into His harvest. Pray for the team already serving made up of nationals and Americans unified, one mind, heart, and voice in Christ Jesus.
- Pray that Jesus would strengthen His church here and cause her to multiply in proclamation of the Gospel, love for the lost, and that He would add to her number daily.
- Pray that the Spirit of God would be the One who convicts and convinces the people here and that we would be filled with His power as we live out the Gospel before them in word and in deed.



## May 6 | ITEC



ITEC is a valued ministry partner of ours that develops tools to train indigenous Christ followers in skills to open doors to the Gospel, and equipping others to do the same both domestically and abroad. Please be in prayer for them:

- Smooth adjustment for our team with our new COO and Executive Assistant.
- Training in Peru and two trainings in Mauritania in May.
- Site visit to Ghana in May.

## May 7 | Jeremiadoss family Kaabong, Uganda

#### PRAY.

- Pray for the Jeremiadoss family to abide in Jesus, love each other well, find rest and renewal during their stateside assignment, and that they will glorify God through their relationships.
- Pray for the Kaabong church leadership to seek wisdom, embody mercy and compassion, and grow in boldness, as well as for new leaders to be raised up from new church plants in the area.
- Pray for Mother's Union, a group of karamajong women, as they enter a new season, seeking to minister to hurting members with love and sacrifice. Pray for the support and accountability of other women to multiply and for the leading of the Holy Spirit in their outreach efforts.
- Pray for the Wildflowers discipleship and jewelry-making group, for integrity and courage in their work to please God.
- Pray for our teammates who are on the ground in Kaabong currently. Pray
  for strength and discernment for them. Pray for unity and harmony for us as
  teammates and that the enemy would be thwarted from any kind of division
  between us.
- Continue to pray for the 20+ students who meet weekly at Bush Seminiary Classes. Pray that God would raise up strong families in this community, and for wisdom and diligence for Selvin and Shaun as they lead the men. Pray these leaders would live with truth and boldness as they shepherd their churches

## May 8 | Unreached People Groups



In our world today, many have not yet heard the good news of the Gospel. Over 3 billion people in over 7,279 different people groups have yet to hear or accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. As we focus on those unreached, pray for each of those individuals who have not yet heard or been taught about God.

- that more missionaries will be sent out to reach those who have not heard
- that the individuals will be open and ready to hear the good news of the Gospel



## May 9 | Impact Church - Harlem, GA

This outlying community of the CSRA is rapidly growing. Warren Church has helped to start a new church in the heart of downtown Harlem. Impact Church is growing rapidly. They moved into their new rented facility at the beginning of this year with plans for future land development. Recent studies showed that over 35% of those living within a 10-mile radius do not attend any church. PRAY:

- Ask God to bless and use Pastor Dustin Driggers as he continues to minister to Harlem through impact church and beyond.
- Talk to God today about guiding the church toward the future land purchase and expansion which will be needed to continue reaching the community for Christ.



## May 10 | Good News Club - Released Time

Good News Club provides a gospel witness to children to establish them in the Word of God through after-school Bible clubs. This one-hour program includes a Bible lesson, songs, scripture memory, omission story, and friendship.

Released Time is an off-campus Bible education for public school students. This ministry helps to fill spiritual gaps by teaching the Bible to public school children during normal school hours. Classes are held at nearby churches or non-school buildings.

- Ask God to draw many children and their parents to agree and support these excellent ministries which will supply spiritual character and development.
- Take time today to ask God how you might support these ministries through volunteering, praying regularly, and referring boys and girls to participate.

## May 11 | Homeless

In Augusta alone, we have so many who are struggling in the position of homelessness. Being the city with the third largest homeless population in Georgia, our church has seen the plight of many of our neighbors. As a church, we provide resource lists and blessing bags for the homeless. We encourage you to pray for our fellow Augustans who are struggling in a homeless situation.



#### PRAY:

- That the number of homeless population in Augusta drops, and they can find affordable housing.
- That they are open to hearing the truth of the Gospel.
- That they are given opportunities and work hard to climb out of homelessness.

#### TIPS WHEN YOU SEE A HOMELESS PERSON:

- Listen; they often just need a listening ear.
- Do NOT give money or pay for hotels- instead, pack a blessing bag and keep it in your car to give instead! (A blessing bag can be a gallon-size bag with some snacks, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, a small bible or tract, washcloth, and water bottle)
- Use their name throughout the conversation. They are a person, a human being with a soul, so using their name gives them dignity.



## May 12 | New City Church - Bath, ME

At New City, we're a family of broken people all trying to follow hard after Jesus. Loving, serving, and caring for one another in an authentic community. PRAY:

- Please be in prayer for us as we reach our community for Christ and help our people grow deeper in their faith to develop a meaningful relationship with Christ.
- Ask the Lord to help us with a new and permanent facility in which to worship, train, and teach the Word of God. We are currently in negotiation with a strong possibility but need to come to an official agreement.

## May 13 | Park Slope Community Church Brooklyn, NY

Warren's relationship with Park Slope Community Church has been developing and growing since 2019. Plans are being made for two potential mission trips in 2024 to share Christ through clothing and educational ministries. New York City is one of the most influential cities in the world and the cultural and business epicenter of North America. Brooklyn is the most populous of the New York City boroughs and hosts a multicultural population that speaks over 200 languages. Only 4% of the population attends a gospel teaching church.

### PRAY:

- Pray over the multiple efforts to reach families, young professionals, and college students within this community.
- Ask God to bless and anoint Pastors Logan Dagley and Rob Wong as they reach out and care for this family of faith.



## May 14 | Engage - South Asia

ENGAGE serves to equip and establish churches in Second and Third World nations to become disciple-making, church planting churches; training church-planters and encouraging the next generation of Christian leaders to reach the nations with the Gospel.

- For wisdom in decision-making that relates to expanding into new territory within the area of South Asia where they serve.
- For the new cohort of 31 students who recently commenced their 2-year church planter training program, for the new cohort of students who will begin their 6-month residential training in mid-April, and that God will solidify their call to reach their nation with the Gospel.
- That the churches will grow in the grace and knowledge of God and increase in their zeal to reach the unreached with the good news of God's grace in the Gospel.
- For the team to have a close communion with Christ, for spiritual, physical, and emotional strength, courage, and boldness in the face of opposition to the Gospel.

## May 15 | Ben & Lindsey Central Asia

### PRAY:

 Over 400 people in over 50 groups have recently started in South Asia. Pray for personal transformation, growth in obedience, multiplication of these groups, and the emergence of healthy disciples, churches, and leaders.



- Praise God that the movement family we are serving has been seeing
  great fruit: many new disciples and new churches. Pray for boldness
  and courageousness as they continue to share the good news in the
  face of local opposition. In addition, the movement has identified 5
  key strategic cities in our area where they are pouring in lots of time,
  energy, and resources. Pray that the Lord would bless this work.
- Praise God for the relationships that he has blessed us with here in our city. Ask that the Spirit would lead us to more People of Peace who are ready to listen and obey the Word. Pray that hard hearts would be softened. And pray that the word would fall on good soil and that many new discovery groups will be started.

## May 16 | Trenado Family - Toronto, Canada



David Trenado serves as the National Director of Sport for FCA Canada, ensuring that programs are executed at a high standard and collaborating with local churches and organizations to reach communities with the Gospel. They also serve as a pastor in a local church, showing a passion for serving, connecting, discipling, and sharing the Good News with others.

- Pray over the decision which will affect where we live and our family.
- For my youngest daughter Sofia and the transition to the University.
- A balance of family, church, & FCA Sports.

## May 17 | Together at Warren

Warren Church has developed a powerful ministry for God's differently-abled and their families. We desire to provide a safe and loving environment for individuals with different abilities and to offer care, support, and encouragement for the entire family. PRAY:

- Ask God to bring more helpers to be a "buddy" willing to offer support and help.
- Spend time today asking the Lord if you are to be a classroom leader assistant or greeter for this ministry which touches the lives and families of many.



## May 18 | Shores Church - Wells, ME



Thank you for praying for Shores Church on the Southern Coast of Maine. PRAY:

- We will have baptisms in the Spring and are asking God to give us multiple people who desire to be baptized.
   Please join us in praying for this!
- We have a connection with a retired NBA player who used to play for the Heat. He has offered to pilot our first summer sports camp. Pray for the schools here to open up and let us use their gym. Last year that door was very closed, but this year they seem more receptive.
- We are continuing to ask God to help us advance in our church-building process, as the Lord is continuing to bring volunteers to help us.

## May 19 | Willis Family - Nairobi, Kenya

Please be in prayer as we share Christ among South Sudanese refugees in Nairobi, Kenya!

### PRAY:

- Pray for God-ordained appointments to meet and share the love of Christ with this people group.
- Pray for the refugees as they continue to experience and process unimaginably hard and difficult things.
- Pray also for New Life Children's Ministry Center in Rhino Refugee Camp in Uganda as we do our best to lead and encourage the teachers, staff, and students from afar.
- Pray against the schemes of the evil one. May people see and hear from us, the abundant life of our King Jesus.



## May 20 | Missionary Family - Middle East

It's been over six months since the October 7th attack and the beginning of the war. The tension throughout the entire region has been high with a few clashes on our borders. Demonstrations have continued and are growing in some areas, but we are grateful that we have not been overly affected.

- For the return of the hostages and their families/communities.
- For the civilians who suffer.
- · For unity among believers in the region and wisdom for world leaders who are making decisions in this region.
- For wisdom for us as we consider a trip "across the river" at the end of the month.
- For His Word to spread among the peoples here.

## May 21 | Trail Life / American Heritage Girls

**Trail Life USA** is a church-based, Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy to develop character, understand purpose serve the community, and develop practical leadership skills.

American Heritage Girls is dedicated to the mission building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. AHG girls participate in service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.

#### PRAY:

- Ask God to give our boys and girls mentors and leaders with hearts to develop body, mind, and spirit.
- Trust the Lord to use every activity to prepare these children as future leaders within the church and community.



## May 22 | Belmore Family - London, England

Please remember the Belmore family as they reach out to Colleges and Universities in the London area.

- We create a healthy rhythm of family time rest, spiritual growth, prayer time together, and adventure.
- We develop deep friendships with our team and healthy, working partnerships with local pastors.
- Please pray for Ruthie as she navigates her final semester of high school, continues to cultivate friendships at church and across Europe, and prepares for her gap year ahead
- Pray for salvation, growth, and opportunities for sharing the Gospel with the people and students of London, including new believers and other students being drawn to the Lord.

## May 23 | Osment Family - Branch of the Cross

Currently, we are staying at Fort Mountain State Park in North Georgia to share the message of Christ with campers. Our activities include organizing Sunday church services for vacationers, collaborating with local churches and the community to spread the message of Christ.

#### PRAY:

- That we may impact lives for Christ, even if it's just one.
- To start Sunday services at the park soon.
- To stay focused and encouraged without distractions, giving all glory to God.
- For guidance on where we should serve next according to God's plan.



## May 24 | Mongillo Family Broad Street Ministry Center

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the benevolence ministry created to share the love of Jesus by meeting various individual and family needs. BSMC shares the gospel of Jesus through ministry evangelism, counseling, groceries, clothing, and support for the homeless.

- For the leadership and volunteers at Broad Street Ministry Center. Pray that they continue to follow the Lord's Leading.
- For the Director of BSMC, Eric Mongillo, and his family. Multiple health
  issues have hit their family recently. Pray they continue to lift up the name
  of Jesus and praise him through the trials.
- For the hearts of those who enter the center. Let them have willing hearts to hear the Gospel, and let them feel the love of Christ.

## May 25 | Jesus is King Church Portland, ME

Jesus is King Church, located in Brunswick, ME, was planted 8 months ago by New City Church with a mission to expand the Kingdom of God in Maine. With a fellowship of 17 people, they gather 3 times a week for study, prayer, repentance, and evangelism. In the past 8 months, 4 new members have been added and one person has been baptized, and they continue to strive to bring the state of Maine to the Lord.



#### PRAY.

- For a group of teens who are the children of some of our congregants. These teen girls (who, thus far, have not been a part of our fellowship) are starting to pursue Jesus and be pulled out of some bad situations. Two have even come to church in the past few weeks! Pray for healing, salvation, and revival in these teens!
- For a couple of the older folks in our fellowship who are dealing with cognitive issues and memory loss. Pray for their full healing.
- For revival in Maine and for wisdom and unity within the churches in our state to effectively "be the church" in this beautiful, yet broken place.

## May 26 | Reaching Hands Adoption Ministry



The vision of this ministry is to promote awareness by supporting adoptive families in the CSRA through information, encouragement, and financial assistance. The financial costs of adoption can be staggering. Through financial donations made to Reaching Hands, we have been able to help over 30 children from all over the world to come home to their forever families here in the CSRA.

- Ask God to guide families to a heart of compassion and care that would lead to adoptions and provision for children whose homes have been disrupted.
- Prayerfully consider how you might be able to support through ongoing prayers, financial gifts, and referrals to this ministry.

## May 27 | Hope Women's Center

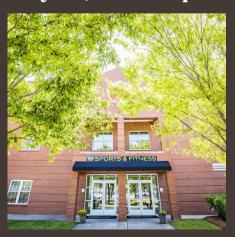
This faith-based ministry strives to provide hope, help, and healing to women in crisis within our community. We provide information, support, coaching, and services needed when they are facing an unplanned pregnancy and considering an abortion. All services are free and confidential. We provide women with pregnancy testing, limited OB ultrasounds, and pertinent information for options that can save God-given lives.



#### PRAY.

- Ask God to draw women to this center so that they can receive guidance, encouragement, and support.
- Seek God's direction by providing donations such as car seats, diapers, and needed items for pregnant and expecting mothers.
- That God would provide opportunities for us to build relationships with our clients and open the door for us to share Jesus in our actions, attitudes, words, and interactions.

## May 28 | Warren Sports & Fitness



With an impact of over 4000, WSF has the opportunity to interact with all generations.

- For the daily encounters and special program opportunities that WSF offers. No matter the age, may those moving their bodies remember the God who made their body, mind, heart, and soul.
- For believers to view their gym time as an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with everyone who walks through the WSF doors.

## May 29 | Better Together Foster Care



The vision is to serve foster families with active placements in the CSRA. The goal is to equip Warren Church to serve the foster community through support in prayer, encouragement, and service. Opportunities for a care team include the weekly provision of meals (once-a-month for individual volunteers), babysitting, mentorship, and friendship for foster families.

#### PRAY:

- Ask God to bring more volunteers who will offer care and comfort for foster care families within our two-state region of service.
- Thank God for providing donations that will equip foster care families to offer loving support for their foster care children.
- All four Warren campuses are participating in the Foster Care Kit Drive this month. Consider your part in helping!

## May 30 | Chongwe, Zambia

Please remember the Leadership Building and Empowerment Ministry as they reach out to those in Chongwe.



- God's divine wisdom and protection in handling both family and ministry projects.
- Three of our children are seeking employment. God's wisdom for our daughter to finish her degree in development studies whose program goes up to 2026.
- Continue to pray for the successful USA Visas and our stay in the USA whenever that time comes.
- God's direction and sustainability of the suggested programs.
- Join us in praying for continued reliable transportation for use at both family and ministry-related programs and projects.
- Continue to pray for the successful completion of all the intended structures on the Wyatt Missions and Skills Training Center.

## **May 31 | Serving Time**

Serving Time is an all-volunteer, non-profit Christian ministry that shares the love of Christ in county detention facilities. This ministry operates in 18 jail and prison venues across the CSRA. The goal of Serving Time is to provide a Christian foundation for men and women in transition from being a prisoner to becoming a productive citizen. Team members lead Bible studies for men and women within their cell blocks, offer free Bibles for spiritual enrichment, and provide resources that can help inmates and their families transition back into the community. Some key milestones of this ministry over the past 6 years include 3,100 visits sharing the gospel, 10,200 Bibles distributed, and 35,000 inmates hearing the Word of God.



#### PRAY:

- Ask God to work in the hearts of those who are incarcerated as they hear the Gospel presentations and receive genuine Christian friendship from the volunteers who minister twice a week.
- Specific need for volunteers to proclaim the Gospel in Lincoln County Jail.
- That Richmond County Jail would allow more visits from our volunteers.
- Prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this ministry through volunteering your time, ongoing prayers, and support for the purchase of Christian materials and Bibles.

This year our summertime BKC/VBS offerings will help to support this ministry locally and also nationally.

## **Backyard Kids Club/VBS**

Continue praying with us for BKC, VBS, and the Children's team who are working effortlessly for this summer's BKC.



## **PRAY WITH US!**

THANK YOU FOR TAKING ON THE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY TO PRAY FOR
THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS THAT WILL BE
PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR!

#### **GENERAL**

- Ask God to place a hedge of protection around every site and everyone who will attend.
- Pray that BKC/VBS will bear fruit for the Kingdom and glorify God.
- Pray that BKC/VBS provides a witnessing opportunity with parents in the community.
- Pray for good follow-up with new prospects and for opportunities to build relationships and share the Gospel.

## KIDS@WARREN STAFF TEAM

- Pray for the Kids@Warren staff teams as they prepare and execute Truth Trek 2024.
  - Pray they will not be overwhelmed.
  - Pray for them to manage the logistics with clarity and organization.
  - o Pray for flexibility and wisdom when difficult things arise.
  - Pray for them to find joy and be refreshed in their work.

#### **VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS**

- Ask God to give energy and stamina to volunteers who will lead kids to worship Him through music, teach them through Bible study, and engage with them through crafts and recreation.
- Ask God to give volunteers and leaders a heart and passion for the families they will reach.
- Pray for leaders to do everything with love and kindness.
- Pray for leaders to build relationships with the kids and share the Gospel with them.

#### **CHILDREN**

- Pray that the hearts of those attending would be open to the Gospel.
- Ask God to help children know that His plan is for them to have a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the children to increase in wisdom concerning God's Word and understand that God designed each one for a plan and a purpose.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give children the power of follow God's plan for their lives.





# Thank You!

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