

Global Strategy Praises and Prayer Requests—March 2023

- 1—Belize:** Pray for missionaries Alfonso and Elizabeth Ayala, who will spend a week this month hosting a team from the United States, which will join the Benque Viejo church to work on its first permanent sanctuary.
- 2—Turkey & Syria:** Pray for the people of these two countries whose lives have been upended by the earthquake and its aftershocks. To date, more than 40,000 people have died. Pray for those who are now homeless, those who have lost loved ones, and those who are working tirelessly to meet the desperate needs.
- 3—World Day of Prayer:** On this day of prayer, pray for the church around the world, that the people of God would be the light of life in their communities, that they would be the presence of God in the midst of prosperity, in the midst of suffering, in the midst of significant disruption.
- 4—Pakistan:** Praise God for the assistance from the Disaster Relief fund at Church of God Ministries to purchase blankets, warm clothes, and shoes for some 400 people in the central province of Sindh, Pakistan. Thousands of families have been left homeless since last September due to flooding that swept away homes and fields.
- 5—East Africa:** Pray for the preparations for the regional gathering of Church of God leaders from throughout East Africa, to be held in Kima, Kenya, in early April.
- 6—Dominican Republic:** Pray for Pastor Juan Santos, who is also the host of CBH Spanish, as he continues to recover from the effects of a small ischemic stroke. Give thanks that he is stable and that he can talk and move.
- 7—United Kingdom:** Give thanks for how Zach and Audrey Langford, missionaries to the United Kingdom, are being used by God. Continue to pray for Zach and Audrey and their children as they provide pastoral leadership to the church in Birkenhead.
- 8—Global:** Today is International Women’s Day. Around the globe millions of women and girls experience violence, injustice, inequity, and poverty. Pray today for an end to violence against women and to the systems that make them vulnerable to injustice, inequity, and poverty.
- 9—Taiwan:** Pray for the Church of God in Taiwan as the island nation experiences the stresses of geopolitical pressure brought on by the People’s Republic of China. The four congregations of the Church of God continue to be strong, led by Rev. Roger Lwo. Pray for Pastor Lwo and for Taiwan.
- 10—Africa:** Pray for John and Gwen Johnson, Global Strategy’s regional coordinators for Africa, as they travel extensively across the African continent in 2023. Pray for safe travel, for health and energy, and for strong relationships with church leaders and with missionaries.
- 11—Brazil:** In mid-March, five seminary students will begin working with Pastors Oreste and Marlene Greiner to plant a church in the city of Apui. With coursework finished, this is a six-month internship prior to graduation later this year. Pray for their safe travel.
- 12—Hungary:** Pastor Peter and Pastor Laszlo continue to effectively lead the Church of God in Hungary as bivocational pastors. Please pray for these two men as they lead their families, work full-time jobs, and provide spiritual leadership to their congregation.
- 13—New Zealand:** Praise God for the growth in new families in the house churches in Auckland. Missionaries Kris and Megan Gilbert have been wrestling with how to maintain a sense of community while meeting in different locations each Sunday. And God has provided a school gym, free of charge, for a monthly gathering.
- 14—Africa:** Pray for the health of the church across the continent, that it might be a beacon of hope in these days. Pray for the Spirit to fill God’s people with wisdom and knowledge to meet the crises of these times—conflict and terror, drought and flooding, economic hardship and food insecurity.
- 15—Native American Ministries:** Pray for missionaries Tim and Kim Wardell and the Lakota Sioux community in Allen, South Dakota. The community has experienced a significant number of deaths in recent months. Pray for the ministry of the people of God in that community.



- 16—Peru:** Pray for pastor and church planter Narciso Zamora and his wife Udelia, who have dealt with significant health problems for many years, as they are currently experiencing an especially difficult time.
- 17—Germany:** Last year, with the help of local church leadership, Pastor Stepan started a worship service for Ukrainian refugees living in Germany. The ministry is touching lives. It has now expanded to include youth meetings, home groups, and Bible studies. Recently, six people decided to follow Jesus.
- 18—Japan:** Leaders at the Church of God girls school, Tamagawa Seigekuin, are praising the Lord for the full number of new students needed to fill the 7th grade classroom. All of the places have been filled, something that is a challenge in Japan given that the population of school-age children is decreasing each year.
- 19—Africa:** Pray for the missionary kids in the region: Olivia, Simeon & Declan Stocksdale, and Moore & Rease Mihsill. Pray for health, growth, and resilience as they live between their passport country and their host country.
- 20—Haiti:** Continue to pray for the Church of God hospital in Saintard, Haiti. It has gotten increasingly difficult in recent months to get supplies to the hospital. Pray that new and reliable ways can be found to procure and deliver needed supplies.
- 21—Costa Rica:** Give thanks for the spiritual retreat for pastors to be held March 24-25. Pastor Chris and Candi Spitters from St. Joseph, Michigan, will lead a time of soul care. Pray that these pastors will take advantage of this opportunity to focus on their personal, spiritual, and relational health.
- 22—Ukraine:** Pray for believers and leaders in Ukraine who continue to serve people whose lives have been devastated by the war. Pray for peace, unity, and an end to this conflict. Pray for the churches who are still holding worship services on Sundays and providing relief to people during the week.
- 23—Global:** Today is World Water Day. Pray for the millions of people around the world who do not have access to clean water, including those in areas affected by drought and flooding. Pray that the necessary financial resources would be directed to address this chronic and desperate need.
- 24—Global:** Pray for missionaries who are in the fundraising process, including Drew & Sunny Brown (Pakistan), Tim & Jenn Adams (Southeast Asia), and Kris & Megan Gilbert (New Zealand). Pray that God will raise up partners to walk alongside these missionaries financially.
- 25—Thailand:** Pray for the Asia-Pacific missionaries who are gathering in Chiang Mai next week for a staff meeting. Pray for safe travels for the missionaries as they come together for the first time since the end of Covid travel restrictions in Asia and the Pacific.
- 26—Brazil:** Pray for Lillian Pureza, wife of Daniel Pureza, pastor of the church in Porto Nacional and director of Children of Promise. Lillian has been in remission from cancer for several years, but her cancer has recently come back.
- 27—Global:** Pray for those who face food insecurity today, who do not know where their next meal is coming from. The economic disruptions of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine have pushed additional millions of people globally, in rich and poor countries, into food insecurity and poverty.
- 28—France:** Give thanks for the work of Pastor Samir and the AtHome ministry in Paris. Refugees from across the Middle East and Africa continue to find their way to Paris. Many find AtHome through their street outreach, through their worship services, and by word of mouth.
- 29—Africa:** This is a region of great promise, both for society and for the church. However, armed conflict, humanitarian disasters, disease, and climate change are persistent threats. Pray for the church as the people of God seek to minister the good news in places and times where good news is often hard to find.
- 30—Global Strategy:** Pray the Global Strategy and for those who lead and give direction to its ministry. Pray for vision and discernment, for wisdom, for sensitivity to the leading of the Spirit, and for the courage to follow.
- 31—Chile/Peru:** Praise God that Pastor Alberto Martínez received his visa to continue working in Peru, just a few days after the prayer request was posted in February asking for the people of God to pray for the renewal process.

