

Global Strategy Praises and Prayer Requests—March 2024

- 1—Brazil:** Give thanks for the missions conference to be held in Curitiba, March 1-3. Pray for the Lord to stir in hearts and give participants wisdom and clarity to know how he is calling and leading.
- 2—USA:** Home assignment for missionaries can feel like an interruption to ministry or a sweet relief from ministry. But it is a continuation of ministry to the church in a different cultural context, sometimes referred to as “home” but often feeling as foreign as foreign can be. Pray for the Stocksdales and, later this year, the Mihsills as they connect with partners—church and individuals—and family in the U.S.
- 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—Thailand:** Pray for Rev. Burnharn Layotee (and his wife Mae Wandee), who is the newly elected national leader of the Church of God in Thailand. Rev. Silawech Kachmandukha retired after 40 years of service to the church. Rev. Burnharn pastors the Nangrong Church of God in northeast Thailand.
- 5—Spain:** Give thanks for the work and ministry of Alejandro & Carmen De Francisco as they create new ways to connect people with God. Pray for the De Franciscos as they continue to strengthen the current church plant, now five years old, while looking forward to what the Lord has in store for future ministry in Madrid.
- 6—Paraguay:** Give thanks for the opportunity that missionary Norberto Kurrle and son Marcos have had to drive two donated motorcycles from the U.S. to Paraguay, stopping to connect with, encourage, and learn from a number of brothers and sisters along the way. Pray for the Lord to keep them safe and guide the rest of their travels. They expect to arrive home in Paraguay around March 10.
- 7—Zambia & Zimbabwe:** Pray for the Church of God in Zambia and Zimbabwe as leadership seeks ways to mitigate the effects of climate change that, in recent months, has brought massive flooding and devastation.
- 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—Egypt:** Pray for Dr. Latif Ramsis as he celebrates the 17th anniversary of his ordination as a Church of God pastor. In addition to serving as a pastor, Dr. Latif is the national leader of the Church of God in Egypt. Give thanks for Dr. Latif and his shepherd’s heart for the people and the pastors he works alongside in Egypt.
- 10—Japan:** Give thanks and pray for the 130 students entering the junior high class at the Tamagawa Seigakuin Girls Junior High and Senior High School in Tokyo, Japan. This number represents a full class of new 7th grade students, 90% of whom have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 11—Chile:** Pray for all who have been affected by the devastating wildfires that swept across the country last month, especially in the area of Valparaíso, where more than 130 people lost their lives. Give thanks for the local Church of God in Quilpué, which mobilized quickly and was able to distribute help to dozens of families in need, and for the Church of God Disaster Relief funds, which were able to boost their efforts.
- 12—Congo (DRC) & Rwanda:** Pray for missionaries Larry & LeAnn Sellers as they continue training pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. Pray in particular for the safety of Congolese pastors coming from areas besieged by rebel forces.
- 13—Pakistan:** Pray for the Church of God in Pakistan. Unexpected flooding occurred last month due to poor drainage in Karachi, causing the central church compound to flood once again. While the flooding was not as severe as in other years due to mitigation efforts done in 2022, there was still considerable damage to rugs, walls, paint, and cars.
- 14—Hungary:** Give thanks for the Ukrainian relief efforts of the Church of God in Hungary. They have faithfully received and sent items into Ukraine since the beginning of this war. Pray for the church as they continue to provide for the people in Ukraine. Pray also for the congregation’s upcoming retreat, March 22-24. Pray that this would be a great time of community-building within the church.



15—Latin America: Pray for peace, the hope of peace, and the work of peace across the region. Political and economic crises, old and new, has roiled Latin America in recent years, leaving many people facing poverty, starvation, and conflict. Across the region, violence and extremism have been on the rise; climate change is also causing social unrest. Pray for the Church of God across this region and for the witness of the gospel in local communities.

16—Argentina: Argentina and other countries in Latin America are facing an outbreak of dengue. Pray for all who have been infected with this potentially dangerous mosquito-borne illness, including a number of pastors, leaders, and church members.

17—Burkina Faso: Pray for Brother Berime, leader of the fledgling Church of God in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Pray for the church to be a dynamic witness in its community and for the church to flourish in the difficult conditions.

18—India: Praise God for the land that was given by the Neora Tea Garden to build a church building on. There is currently a congregation of 100 believers, all workers in the tea fields who have been meeting in homes. This is under the leadership of Rev. Sanjay Murmu.

19—France: The At Home Ministry in Paris is a diverse community of refugees, immigrants, and local French people. This diversity enables the group to experience the love of God in many forms. Pray for this community as they have had ten new believers join their community. Pray also for members dealing with significant health issues and waiting for the processing of government paperwork. Pray for one brother who has been falsely imprisoned.

20—Costa Rica: Give thanks that missionaries-elect Brian & Melissa Richey have now raised more than 50% of the recurring commitments that they need to go on the field. Pray for encouragement and strong connections as they look for additional ministry partners and finish the process of raising support.

21—Africa: Pray for the executive leadership of the All Africa Assembly—Rev. Cyril Pillay, Rev. Mailesi Ndao, and Rev. Daniel Kiula Mdobi—that they will have wisdom and discernment in helping church leaders across the continent deal with current challenges and realities.

22—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.

23—Asia & Pacific: Pray for the many leadership conferences that are being conducted this time of year in the Asia Pacific Region, from Pakistan to New Zealand to Japan and Korea. These conferences, held before the intense heat of spring and summer sets in, ensure the church has leadership for tomorrow.

24—Birkenhead: As Egan Road Church continues to identify ways to reach its community, one well-received ministry has been monthly Community Meals. Taking place on the first Sunday of the month, these meetings are a time for people from the community to come together to eat and share what God is doing in their lives. Pray for Zach & Audrey Langford as they lead the gatherings and build strong relationships with people in the community.

25—Global Strategy: Pray for 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.

26—Colombia: Pray for the ministry of Pastor Angel Pinto and wife Jeanet in Puerto Asís as they continue serving the Lord faithfully in the midst of a very difficult context, despite some health setbacks that have led to significantly decreased mobility for the naturally active pastor Angel. Pray for stamina and for the continued development of new leaders who can do even greater work.

27—Native American Ministries: Pray for missionaries Tim & Kim Wardell as they continue to listen for and follow the Spirit's leading in sharing the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Lakota people, always contextualizing but never compromising its wonderful truths.

28—Ostia: Rejoice in the baptism of Anna with the Church of God in Ostia (Rome). Give thanks for her public statement of faith to follow Jesus. Pray for the church as they prepare for their outdoor Easter sunrise service in their community.






29—Good Friday: As we remember the bleakness of a broken body hanging on the cross, may we lift up the brokenness of our world, those whose lives have been shattered by suffering—conflict, hunger, abuse, addiction, and so much more. Today we remember that we have a God who is with us through it all.

30—Japan: Give thanks for Mike Wagner, who has been an English language instructor at Tamagawa Seigakuin Girls School in Tokyo since 1997. On March 30, he will step down to teaching part-time and help transition his successor. Mike will continue teaching part-time for one more year, completing 28 years of teaching at Tamasei.

31—Easter Sunday: Today we rejoice anew in the message of the stone rolled away, of a Savior raised to life by our God, who holds the power over life and death. Pray today for the light of life to shine brightly into communities around the world through followers of the risen Christ.



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