

DISCIPLESHIP:

COME FOLLOW ME

peace and justice



abolishing global slavery



economic and community development

## 60-DAY GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



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biblical  
reflection

MARK 1:17

**M**any of us pray the Lord's Prayer at least weekly. Some of us pray it daily, or even more often than that. Caught up in a bewildering tangle of good and evil, we yearn for God to sort it all out and put everything right. We have tasted the grace of God in Christ, and we long to see this foretaste flourish. We long to see God's good will accomplished fully, "*on earth as it is in heaven.*" (Matthew 6:10)

Matthew tells us that, when Jesus gave his followers the model prayer we find so helpful, he also taught them to combine their faith-filled praying with faithful living. He called them to embody their prayers by living in a way that reflected the very character of God. (Matthew 5:16, 48) In fact, his initial call to his disciples was: "Come, follow me." (Mark 1:17)

A few years later, Paul wrote to Christians in Ephesus: "Follow God's example . . . and walk in the way of love." (Ephesians 5:2)

Paul urged the Ephesian believers to recognize that something

cosmic was at stake in their relationships with one another and with their neighbors. He explained that the love that we receive in Christ, God's gracious love for us, is designed also to be God's love *through us*. (Ephesians 2:8-10) And this love is meant to be far more than a feeling in our hearts, or even a quality in our closest relationships. Paul explained to the Ephesians that what God is doing through Christ is nothing less than the transformation of the all of creation. To receive God's love for us through Jesus Christ is to become part of God's plan to pull everything together in Christ. (Ephesians 1:9-10)

Because God's work in the world has this specific direction, the Spirit of God desires to align our lives with God's purpose. Receiving the grace of God in Christ, then, means *responding to the call* of God to live in the power of the Spirit, according to the example we have in Christ.

This is the call to mission. It is the call to welcome God's work not only *in us* and *for us*, but also

*through us*. If we have tasted God's love in Jesus, if we long to see God's will done "on earth as it is in heaven," we should seek God's power to walk in the way of love.

First and foremost, this is a matter of how we treat those closest to us—at home, at school, at work and in our community. But, as Paul reminded the Ephesian believers, God's undertaking is bigger than me, bigger than us and bigger than our communities. It stretches much further than the eye can see. God's plan and purpose is nothing less than the transformation, in Christ, of all reality.

So *responding to the call* of God in Christ always beckons us further. It invites us to serve, whether near or far. International Ministries is *responding to the call* of God to cross cultural and geographic lines in the power of the Spirit, with the love of God in Christ.

Your gift to the World Mission Offering helps people around the world to meet Christ, to grow as disciples and to serve as channels of God's love to still more people.

Walk in the way of love. Join hands with people around the world who are spreading the love of God in Jesus Christ. And thank you for your gifts to the World Mission Offering that make the work of the Lord possible through International Ministries.

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# 60 DAYS OF PRAYER

**T**he global servants and staff of International Ministries are pleased to bring you 60 special prayers to enhance your walk with God during your church's World Mission Offering (and beyond!).

Our inspiration for these prayers comes from the teachings, the words and especially the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Together with you, we follow Jesus just as the disciples did more than 2,000 years ago. Christ's service to the poor, prisoners, outcasts, the sick and so many others serves as our inspiration, and guidepost and it ignites our passion to serve others.

At its core, International Ministries seeks to disciple others to follow Jesus—through holistic action and service. We grow in Christ and help others to do the same by serving people according to Christ's own example.

For this World Mission Offering year, the focus is on three areas of holistic action: **Peace and Justice, Abolishing Global Slavery** and **Economic and Community Development**. These priorities do not encompass all the ministries of International Ministries but they do illustrate what God is doing worldwide through our 120+ global servants, 1,300+ volunteers, 44 home staff and 240+ global Christian partners. Your gifts to the World Mission Offering powerfully connect you to all of the challenging, life-changing work of the Lord through International Ministries.

Please use these prayers and Biblical Reflection with your church groups, in worship services or in quiet times of mediation to draw you closer to Jesus. If you would like to learn more about these global servants and their ministries, go to [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org). May God continue to bless you in your walk with Jesus.

Thank you for your gifts to the World Mission Offering and for sharing in this mission alongside our global servants. You may give through your church or at [www.worldmissionoffering.org](http://www.worldmissionoffering.org).

SINCERELY,  
THE DOMESTIC STAFF AND GLOBAL SERVANTS  
OF INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES  
**THANK YOU!**

**1** Lord of life and love, guide your servants as they train your followers so your Word may spread rapidly to change lives and transform communities for your glory. **DENISE OSEJO & JUAN ARAGON, MEXICO**

**2** Lord, we pray for peace and protection for children and their families forced to flee war zones into the unknown. May they experience the loving embrace of Christ. **MELANIE BAGGAO, LEBANON**

**3** I pray for the creative restoration of broken bodies, minds, souls and relationships through healing arts, experiential education, contemplative Christian worship and practical peacemaking. **MYLINDA BAITS, REGIONAL**

**4** Lord, I pray for those who seek, thirst, yearn to have the knowledge and resources to empower their communities through theological education. **MERCY GONZALES-BARNES, MEXICO**

**5** I pray for those whom God has called to walk into dark places where people have been trafficked and exploited—that the victims would know the light of God's love and salvation. **LAURAN BETHELL, GLOBAL**



**6** Lord, please help us all to share you through the study of your Word so that many will become your disciples and learn to love, defend and serve their neighbors. **CARLOS BONILLA & MAYRA GIOVANETTI, NICARAGUA**



**7** God, please restore peace and hope for ethnic minority refugees and forced migrants in SE Asia. Protect them from violence and make them a shining light for Jesus in their communities. **ANN & BRUCE BORQUIST, REGIONAL**

**8** Help children to live in safe environments where they can develop hope for their futures and also access educational opportunities to pursue their academic dreams. **KIM BROWN, THAILAND**

**9** Dear God, may your healing power and your divine justice work on behalf of the mothers and children suffering from violence in their own homes and countries. **DELIRIS CARRION-JOSEPH, MEXICO**

**10** Chief of the Nations, teach us to walk together with brothers and sisters as we follow the trail that you have already cleared for us. **GLEN & RITA CHAPMAN, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

**11** Father, we pray for the millions of refugees living among us as aliens and strangers. Help us to see and love them as our neighbors, one at a time. **DAN & SARAH CHETTI, LEBANON**

**12** “If I just touch his clothes I will be healed,” she thought . . . and she was! As we minister to those who bleed, may love and healing flow from our open hearts and able hands. (Mark 5:28) **ANN & BILL CLEMMER, SOUTH SUDAN**

**13** Almighty Healer of body, mind and spirit, I ask that you comfort those who suffer from disease, malnutrition, trauma and mental illness and grant peace to those who serve them. **KRISTY ENGEL, GLOBAL**

**14** Bring peace to those whose hearts are stirred to share love and assistance with communities that lack clean water, food, clothing and educational opportunities. **MADELINE FLORES-LOPEZ, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**15** O God, we pray for those who struggle with various addictions in Thailand and around the world. Please give them the power to walk with you in freedom and strength. **CHUCK & RUTH FOX, THAILAND**



**16** Our Father in Heaven, we pray for those who are confused, uncertain or unmoved by the call of Jesus. Please give them light, understanding and passion to respond! **LAURA & RICH FREEMAN, TURKEY**

**17** Help us to love like the shepherd who goes after the lost one, the woman who has great joy in finding, and the father who never gives up hope. (Luke 15) **AMANDA & JON GOOD, HUNGARY**

**18** Lord, help all people have access to nourishing whole-food, plant-based diet to heal and restore their bodies and lands for your glory. **ANITA & RICK GUTIERREZ, SOUTH AFRICA**

**19** I pray for women living with injustice, that through Christian ministries they will experience God’s love and transforming power, allowing them to walk toward justice. **SUE HEGARTY, COSTA RICA**

**20** God, help us to really listen to the voices of those who aren’t often heard. Build a world of peace where everyone feels he or she belongs. **JOEL HOEFLE & TRISH MAGAL, THAILAND**

**21** God, please give all people who teach the qualities of love: patience, kindness and humility. Let us reflect upon Jesus in a way that enables students to see God and want to put their trust in him! **GORDON & LEE ANN HWANG, JAPAN**

**22** I pray for the workers in the field—the doctors and nurses, the caregivers for handicapped children and those working with multiple daily challenges—that they may “not become weary in doing good.” (Gal. 6:9) **NANCY & STEPHEN JAMES, HAITI**

**23** Help us understand and live out the depth and implications of being “foreigners on this earth” in our outreach motivation and our testimony (Gen.23:4; Lev. 25:23; Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Pet. 2:10-12) **NORA & PIETER KALKMAN, EUROPE**

**24** We are grateful, Lord, for the women and men of your global church who even today begin a journey of biblical and pastoral preparation in response to your call. May they know your continued guidance and presence. **PATTI & TIM LONG, MEXICO**

**25** God, I pray for your grace and protection upon new believers who risk their lives to meet, pray and receive instruction, growing in faith to share Christ’s love with others. **KATIE & TAKU LONGKUMER, N.E. INDIA**

**26** I pray, as we seek to help others to walk more closely with Jesus, that the love of Christ will control us. (2 Cor. 5:14) **JILL & MIKE LOWERY, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

**27** We pray for all abused and exploited children throughout the world; protect them, we ask, and show us how we can help rescue and restore them to you. **LORI & MATT MANN, LAOS**

**28** God, I pray that the Continental Christian Network for Peace will be able to help contain the violence that kills, and that we may become an instrument of peace to our lands. **RICARDO MAYOL-BRACERO, GUATEMALA**

**29** Father, you are calling us into relationship with you to respond to the call “on earth as it is in heaven.” We pray for pastors everywhere to receive your encouragement and support. (Matt. 6:10) **PETER & SARAH MCCURDY, COSTA RICA**

**30** I pray that we can break through the barriers of poverty, isolation and discrimination to provide theological education for women and



men called into ministry. **RUTH MOONEY, COSTA RICA**

**31** Help us to realize, Lord, that human trafficking is not just a “trendy cause”; it is devastating to victims, their families, friends and the family of Christ. **DEBBIE MULNEIX, PHILIPPINES**

**32** We ask that your love be evident in us as we disciple others in the love you have established through your Word. “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) **DEBBIE & KEITH MYERS, MEXICO**

**33** Lord our God, we come to you, lifting up those who lack access to education. May we continue to advocate for and work with them so they may reach their full potential. **TERRY & TOM MYERS, BULGARIA**



**34** We pray for and to be channels of freedom, healing, transformation and hope for millions of women, men, and children traumatized by human trafficking and sexual exploitation globally. **JONATHAN & THELMA NAMBU, PHILIPPINES**

**35** Lord, make us instruments of peace. Your peace is precious every day, in every situation—from this country's politics to all our relationships and deep down in our hearts. **KATHERINE & WAYNE NILES, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

**36** Dear God, please help us to open the doors of learning to struggling people so they can know more of your abundant life in theirs. **ED & MIRIAM NOYES, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

**37** God, please continually raise up and prepare men and women to serve in leadership positions in ministries of discipleship, education and health care. **KIHOMI NGWEMI & MABUDIGA NZUNGA, HAITI**

**38** Father, grow in Christians worldwide deep roots in your Word so that we will live out the gospel holistically and be agents of healing and transformation at all levels of society. **AARON & VALERIE OSTERBROCK, MALAYSIA**

**39** For the families caring for babies affected by the Zika virus, Lord, please continue to strengthen them as they walk in the way of love. **DAVID & LAURA PARAJON, NICARAGUA**

**40** Father of the fatherless, imbue us with your vision and passion for an exploitation-free society for all people, especially those most vulnerable in the world. **JENI PEDZINSKI, THAILAND**

**41** Lord, to those that you give the ministry of reconciliation and making disciples, grant them passion for you so that they can overcome their egos. **KETLEY & VITAL PIERRE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**42** Quicken us to grasp your boundless compassion for all; your grace that neither rejects nor punishes but enfolds and lifts up the dispirited, despised and deluded. **MARILYN RAATZ, AFRICA**

**43** We pray that pastors and leaders will find opportunities for rest and renewal in order that their relationships with Jesus may remain authentic and viable. **DAVID & JOYCE REED, REGIONAL**

**44** Dear Lord, guide us with the grace of Jesus Christ as we work with those who are at-risk, poor and homeless in Bolivia and around the world. **JD & RHONDA REED, BOLIVIA**

**45** Through the liberation of those subjected to the atrocities of human trafficking and modern-day slavery, may they come to know their true worth. **ROVAUGHNA RICHARDSON, GHANA**

**46** Lord, work through creativity to revive survivors of trauma, abuse and violence by the power of your Word and your breath of life. **KIT RIPLEY, THAILAND**

**47** Our Father, help all the children of the world to do well in their studies so that they can have a better future here on Earth. **INGRID ROLDAN-ROMAN, PANAMA**

**48** Lord, continue to raise up more missionaries from Asia, Africa, South America and all the world as part of your work to send people from everywhere to everyone! **PAUL ROLLET, PHILIPPINES**

**49** Give us a heart for the sojourner. Teach us how to welcome the most vulnerable in our world, those made homeless by poverty and war. **RAY SCHELLINGER, REGIONAL**

**50** Guide our steps along your way of love, Lord, as your Spirit changes the world by shaping us to be more and more like Jesus. **STAN SLADE, GLOBAL**

**51** God I pray for your illumination and freedom to penetrate the hearts of "salvation by works/law" denominations and Gypsies (Roma peoples) throughout all of Europe. **CARRIE & KURT SMALLEY, HUNGARY**

**52** Lord, we lift up the workers who are in the midst of direct discipleship by living alongside new followers of Jesus and guiding them closer to him. **BRIAN & LYNETTE SMITH, HAITI**

**53** Lord, I pray for children who are unwanted or used for the desires of the adults who should be caring for them. Give them hope. **CORENNE & PHIL SMITH, BRAZIL**

**54** God of every people, come and cast out the fear we have of others. Fill our words and actions with your love that crosses cultures. **LARRY & REBECCA STANTON, HUNGARY**

**55** May IM's Nepali colleagues, empowered by love, ministering to the earthquake victims in remote village areas, never grow weary in the enormous reconstruction task before them. **CAROLE SYDNOR, NEPAL**

**56** God, help us keep our heads and "be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Tim 4:2) **SHIGEMI TOMITA, JAPAN**

**57** May we communicate with respect and love the Good News of Jesus Christ so that people can both understand God's love and respond. **JEANINE & WALT WHITE, GLOBAL**



**58** Lord, we pray for those who have not seen justice. Bring them into your peace so that, together, we may tear down the walls that divide. **KATRINA & KYLE WILLIAMS, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

**59** Father, encourage those who are training to respond to Paul's call to be faithful witnesses, passing on what they have learned of your Word to others. **DEBBY & KYLE WITMER, THAILAND**

**60** With the help of the Holy Spirit's power, please lead us to be transformed and unified in the word of God in order to better establish your kingdom on Earth. **EMERSON & IVY WU, CHINA**



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