



BMS Prayer Guide 2022

Pray with BMS World Mission from **September to December**



Welcome

to the third issue of the BMS World Mission *Prayer Guide* 2022.

The opportunity to turn to God in prayer is a tremendous privilege – it demonstrates our dependence on him. As the director of BMS' newly formed Intercultural Learning and Collaboration Department, I know how important it is to depend on prayer as we explore opportunities to develop our mission training programmes in collaboration with our partners from the Majority World.

As we continue to work through our recent strategy, we recognise that God calls us to send people from all parts of the world to all parts of the world. We remain thankful to God for the way he has called and sent numerous mission workers from the UK to many different locations around the world over the years, but we also recognise that the task of mission remains enormous! And we can only be more effective through

collaborative partnerships – and through the prayers of the wider BMS family.

Prayer stirs hearts to discern God's leading and to participate in his mission with generosity and gratitude. With confidence, we believe that the God who began a good work will carry it to completion as we pray with joy. And we rejoice, as always, in the prayers of BMS supporters – whose prayers are just as vital now as they have always been!

Every blessing,



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Find out more about how your prayers are helping transform the village of Ghusel, Nepal, on page seven! ©Clive Thomas for BMS World Mission.

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BMS continues to stand with those facing extreme vulnerability by supporting local Christians to be agents of transformation.

Most marginalised

28 Aug to 3 Sept

BMS World Mission is not only providing essential services to some of the most marginalised communities in the world but also much-needed disaster relief, equipping churches to respond to everyday local needs and give support to our partners in developing locations where gaps in services still exist.

☐ SUNDAY 28

Pray for BMS-supported work in Nepal, that it will improve the quality of teaching so that a new generation of children can emerge into adulthood with an opportunity to fulfil their God-given potential.

☐ MONDAY 29



Pray for BMS mission worker **Carlos Tique Jone** in Mozambique as he wisely encourages and educates rural farmers and small-

scale businesses to improve incomes. Pray that many would be lifted out of extreme poverty through this BMS-supported work.

☐ TUESDAY 30

Pray for BMS mission workers Caroline* and Victor*, for patience, compassion and wisdom as they seek to empower communities in Guinea by helping them find solutions to the daily challenges of poverty and marginalisation.

☐ WEDNESDAY 31

Pray for BMS' work with our partners in Asia, that we will be able to help local Baptist pastors and unions to respond quickly and effectively when natural disasters strike.

☐ THURSDAY 1

Pray for the agricultural work conducted by BMS mission worker Genesis Acaye. Pray that this work will improve livelihoods among marginalised communities in the north and west of Uganda.

☐ FRIDAY 2

Pray for BMS-supported workers Marsha Scipio at Baptist World Aid and Roshan Mendis in the Asia-Pacific region, that they will help support Baptist networks responding quickly to disasters.

☐ SATURDAY 3

Pray for BMS surgeons Mark and Andrea Hotchkin in Bardai, Chad, that they will successfully provide essential medical support to fragile and remote communities.

**Names changed for security reasons.*



From Bangladesh to Peru, our Mission Innovation Fund helps support pioneering mission projects across the world.

Mission Innovation Fund

4-10 September

BMS World Mission's Mission Innovation Fund (MIF) is used to complement grants made to our partners overseas. It often funds innovative new projects or potential programmes that have emerged during the year. Please pray this week for the partners, personnel and individuals blessed by these new projects.

☐ SUNDAY 4

Please pray for those who have received leaflets with the Christmas message funded by the MIF fund. Pray that they would draw nearer to Christ and come to know life in all its fullness for the first time.

☐ MONDAY 5

Please pray for the safeguarding project led by Louise Lynch in Bangladesh, that policies would be adopted and widely put into practice, benefitting children and the most vulnerable in society.

☐ TUESDAY 6

Please pray for the support and training of evangelists in Bangladesh as they go out into local communities, that Isaiah 55: 11 would be true: "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty."

☐ WEDNESDAY 7

Please pray for our North African friends who have received funding for training and to deepen relationships with partners, that they may have the wisdom to know which relationships and agreements to pursue.

☐ THURSDAY 8

Thank God for the lives reached through the MIF-supported Mission Integral Training Programme in Peru. Please pray for wisdom as to how to develop activities and programmes here.

☐ FRIDAY 9

Please pray that the Church Community Mobilisation Programme funded through the MIF fund in Nepal would continue to bear lasting fruit, through a deepening of faith for believers and new lives saved.

☐ SATURDAY 10

Please pray people will experience life in all its fullness thanks to the implementation of good safeguarding practices in Thailand by one of our partners.

Tear off here to put a page of prayer in your Bible, on your fridge, church noticeboard or anywhere else!

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3: 15

Church and evangelism

11-17 September

Pray for BMS World Mission workers and partners sharing the gospel in difficult places. Many of the workers supported by BMS risk persecution, violence and worse every time they share the gospel. Pray for God's protection and that the Word of God will spread far and wide.

☐ SUNDAY 11

Praise God for BMS workers Andrea and Ian for their contribution to proclaiming the gospel in North Africa. Pray that their team will continue to reach out to communities with relevant messages.

☐ MONDAY 12



Give thanks for BMS workers **John and Sue Wilson** and the evangelistic programmes they have started in France.

Pray that they will find creative ways to show the love of God.

☐ TUESDAY 13

Praise God for the exemplary leadership of Rev Ashim Baroi in leading BMS partner the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha to share the love of God. Pray that many churches would be inspired to share God's love with their neighbours.

☐ WEDNESDAY 14

Give thanks for BMS workers Helen and Wit Boondeekhun for their evangelistic passion. Pray that they will train young people who will share the gospel with their friends in Thailand.

☐ THURSDAY 15

Pray for BMS-supported workers Kamal, Habil and Jacob that their efforts to make disciples in North Africa will yield fruit. Praise God for their courageous gospel witness.

☐ FRIDAY 16

Praise God for BMS worker Ben Francis and the disciple-making movement he leads in Asia with BMS' partner Biglife. Pray that through Biglife training programmes, 2,000 evangelists would be equipped.

☐ SATURDAY 17

Give thanks for BMS workers Philip and Rosemary Halliday working in France. Pray that the ministers they mentor and motivate will grow in confidence in preaching the gospel.



Pray this week for stability in the nation of Tunisia, and for more opportunities for the local Church to live out the love of Christ.

Tunisia

18-24 September

This week, we pray for Tunisia. Like many tourist destinations, there's more to it than golden sands. The context demands that witness is demonstrated before it is spoken. Since the revolution in 2011, there has been political and economic confusion, but people continue to hope.

☐ SUNDAY 18

BMS World Mission's partner celebrates a significant milestone this year. Praise God for his goodness in their decades of impact on the lives of marginalised people. Pray that their ministry and outreach would continue and grow.

☐ MONDAY 19

Pray for BMS worker Sophie*, on our partners' leadership team, who is ensuring that the right personnel are recruited, equipped and supported. Pray that Sophie would lead according to God's heart.

☐ TUESDAY 20

BMS-supported partner worker Alia* has the opportunity to discreetly show other locals that Christ isn't just for foreigners. Pray that her work and testimony would impact many who don't yet follow Christ, and encourage those who are shy to share their faith.

☐ WEDNESDAY 21

BMS-supported worker Hada* is training for a future senior role. Pray for balance as she juggles work, study and family responsibilities.

☐ THURSDAY 22

Pray for our partner's leadership as they seek a way forward and a local Tunisian to be the director. Pray for a clear strategy so that the most vulnerable can experience the love of God.

☐ FRIDAY 23

Tunisia is home to many expatriates. Pray that ex-pats from Europe, students from south of the Sahara and tourists from Asia who follow the Saviour would see their time in the country as an opportunity to witness.

☐ SATURDAY 24

Pray for a government that can bring political and economic restoration, and that can develop and implement policies that are good for all.

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"I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full." John 10: 10

Nepal

25 Sept to 1 Oct

The BMS World Mission harvest appeal, *Good Land*, focuses on the rural community of Ghusel, Nepal, aiming to improve health, livelihoods, education, and social justice for the community. May your prayerful support enable wide-scale transformation across Nepal – producing not just a good land, but a land of John 10: 10 abundance.

☐ SUNDAY 25

BMS engineer Toby Vokuhl works with BMS partner the International Nepal Fellowship (INF), supporting leprosy work among disadvantaged and marginalised people in Nepal. Toby has designed and overseen the building of a new leprosy centre. Pray that the centre blesses many physically, emotionally and spiritually.

☐ MONDAY 26



BMS worker and physiotherapist, **Pippa Vokuhl**, conducted a review of therapy services throughout INF. Pray that her review leads to excellent practice and targets resources where most needed.

☐ TUESDAY 27



BMS workers **Andy and Jenny Saunders** are doing research into the contextualisation of theology and counselling in Nepal.

Pray that this research may lead to long-term benefits in the country.

☐ WEDNESDAY 28

Praise God that BMS' partner, Elijah Counselling and Training Centre, has filled its vacant posts. Pray that staff will form a cohesive and Spirit-filled team.

☐ THURSDAY 29


Many farmers in the Ghusel community often lose livestock to preventable diseases. Pray that the *Good Land* appeal would provide much-needed training opportunities, enabling livestock to survive and thrive.

☐ FRIDAY 30

Pray that the *Good Land* appeal would raise the level of education provision, encouraging parents to prioritise both compulsory and further education for their children.

☐ SATURDAY 1

BMS partner, Multipurpose Community Development Service (MCDS) fully understands the needs of Ghusel village. Pray that MCDS will provide programmes to realise the dreams and potential of this precious community.



Praise God for the BMS community, praying, supporting and giving to make our overseas work possible.

2-8 October

BMS community

'Community' normally refers to a group who are geographically close together. For the BMS World Mission community, this couldn't be less true! Yet we all share something more powerful: a citizenship in heaven, a resounding belief that God is at work in the world and that we all have our part to play.

☐ SUNDAY 2

Pray for churches celebrating Harvest festival today using the BMS *Good Land* appeal. Pray that this resource would remind us of all the many blessings we have, and the opportunity to share these with others.

☐ MONDAY 3

Pray for mission workers who have recently completed their service with BMS. Pray that their vital work will have a lasting impact – and that those they are handing work over to will be equipped by God to allow these ministries to flourish.

☐ TUESDAY 4

Pray for churches in the UK that have closed in the last year. Pray that their legacies would live on within their communities and new life would spring up.

☐ WEDNESDAY 5

Pray for the BMS Council, meeting later this month. Pray that members would seek first God's Kingdom as they make important decisions about BMS' future.

☐ THURSDAY 6

Thank God for those who are new to BMS. Pray that their fresh perspective would enrich the community and that God would use them to lead us with prophetic insight.

☐ FRIDAY 7

Thank God for the Baptist Union of Scotland and its member churches. Pray for their online conference this autumn, that all those attending would be inspired to pursue God's mission further.

☐ SATURDAY 8

Thank God for the Baptist Union of Wales and its member churches. Pray that new missional leaders would be raised up to see God's Kingdom grow in this nation.

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From Afghanistan to Ukraine, we are committed to helping people in fragile states and tough places across the world.

Toughest places

9-15 October

For 230 years, BMS World Mission has worked in some of the toughest places on earth, seeking to demonstrate God's love and faithfulness to those most in need. This means working in places of extreme poverty, in some of the least evangelised contexts and with people fleeing the horrors of war, persecution, and environmental catastrophe.

☐ SUNDAY 9

Pray for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine, that they will know God close to them. Thank God that BMS is able to provide support to Baptist churches in the region through our partnership with the European Baptist Federation.

☐ MONDAY 10

A shocking 80 per cent of Chad's population lives below the poverty line. BMS workers here save lives on a daily basis in BMS-supported hospitals, as well as demonstrating God's hope and love. Pray for resilience in such a challenging context.

☐ TUESDAY 11

Afghanistan continues to experience food shortages, educational limitations and violence. Pray for wisdom for those leading BMS-supported work here, that they will bring hope in God's name.

☐ WEDNESDAY 12

BMS-supported Lebanese churches continue to welcome those fleeing the war in Syria, despite the challenges the country faces. Thank God for their faithfulness.

☐ THURSDAY 13

Over 82 million people worldwide are currently forcibly displaced. Pray for BMS-supported work with people on the move, that God will meet those fleeing the toughest places.

☐ FRIDAY 14

Praise God for the lives that are being transformed through the work of our team in Guinea, as communities experience and participate in faith and love in action.

☐ SATURDAY 15

Thank God that BMS is able to work in some of the harshest places on earth through the relationships we have with the Global Church and the prayers and generosity of our supporters.



The devastating Beirut explosion in 2020 made an already fragile situation even worse in the nation of Lebanon.

Lebanon

16-22 October

Since 2019, this once wealthy nation has faced a devastating economic crisis that has left most of the population in poverty. Lebanon continues to host Palestinian and Syrian refugees and displaced people while considering how to deal with its own political and economic challenges. Its people need our intercessions.

☐ SUNDAY 16

Pray for the Lebanese church as it gathers today – that it would be a beacon of hope and an example of unity to the nation.

☐ MONDAY 17

Our partner has staff who have stayed in Lebanon, some who have left, and others who had no choices. Pray for colleagues and families to continue to be gracious towards one another in challenging times.

☐ TUESDAY 18

BMS World Mission supports the provision of non-formal education for refugee children. Give thanks for the stories of stability and hope that parents share with our partner. Pray that this education will give these children healthy ways to deal with the trauma they have experienced.

☐ WEDNESDAY 19

Pray that BMS-supported worker Nabil Costa, head of our partner, would have wisdom and discernment as he leads. Give thanks for opportunities to speak into many areas of society.

☐ THURSDAY 20

Pray for BMS-supported worker Hiba who works with children and young people who require specialised educational support. Pray this work would continue to have a wide impact on the community.

☐ FRIDAY 21

BMS supports churches as they distribute aid and come alongside struggling refugees and Lebanese people. Pray that the comfort and peace shared would continue to have an impact.

☐ SATURDAY 22

Pray that the Lebanese people and world leaders will find ways to revitalise the economy so that the population will be lifted from poverty and be able to afford basic necessities.

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Please continue to pray for the people of North Korea, that God might reach them despite the restrictions of the regime.

North Korea

23-29 October

Amid ongoing anxiety about the Covid-19 pandemic, North Korea's borders have remained closed. The country's acceptance of the Sinovac Covid vaccine for some of its population might finally spell the relaxing of tight controls and the resumption of foreign travel. Please pray for the nation's spiritual, physical and emotional healing.

☐ SUNDAY 23

In January 2020, North Korea introduced strict zero-Covid policies, with an almost total closure of borders. It has since experienced plummeting trade and severe shortages of basic products. Pray for a well-managed border re-opening to supply people's needs, while keeping necessary public health measures.

☐ MONDAY 24

Borders will only reopen when there is surety that the Covid threat has passed. Pray for the effectiveness of the vaccine's introduction and that authorities will agree to its nationwide rollout.

☐ TUESDAY 25

The two Koreas have had both a mutual antipathy and affection for each other during seven decades of separation. Pray that there will be a time when they will join together and cry out for healing from their exile.

☐ WEDNESDAY 26

Up to 40 per cent of North Koreans suffer from food insecurity. Pray that they receive 'their daily bread,' but also that they would depend on the Word of God to sustain them.

☐ THURSDAY 27

Border closures mean foreigners cannot travel to the country for their usual work. Pray for the resumption of travel, especially for those doing long-term work there.

☐ FRIDAY 28

North Koreans commemorate former leaders, bowing in adoration. Pray they will understand God is sovereign over all human leaders, the only one truly worthy of worship.

☐ SATURDAY 29

The country is approaching 11 years of leadership under Kim Jong-un. Pray that God would work through him for the good of the people, and work in him, showing him the holiness of God.



The provision of good healthcare is crucial for people across the world to live full and abundant lives.

Health

30 Oct to 5 Nov

This week's prayer focuses on the vital health work being carried out by BMS World Mission's partners and personnel in some of the most marginalised communities and remote locations around the world. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance for those involved in this lifesaving work.

☐ SUNDAY 30

Thank God for the steadily improving hospital sector in Nepal. However, there remain significant gaps in care, particularly around disabilities and stigmatised illnesses. Pray for our partner in Nepal as it provides care for those with leprosy and seeks to develop specialist services in these areas.

☐ MONDAY 31

The highest number of cases Guinebor II Hospital (G2) receives are as a result of malaria. At the peak of malaria season in Chad, pray that medicine will be available for all who need it, and that cases will be caught and treated early.

☐ TUESDAY 1

Please pray for enthusiastic nursing teams at both hospitals supported by BMS in Chad. Pray for wisdom and care when managing Chadian staff.

☐ WEDNESDAY 2

Please pray that Afghan men and women who have already received BMS-supported birthing training would continue to share their knowledge in their communities.

☐ THURSDAY 3

Please pray for stability within and wisdom for the Chadian healthcare leadership team in the Tibesti region of Chad.

☐ FRIDAY 4

Please pray for improved speech and confidence for those who attend the BMS-supported speech therapy practice in Gulu, Uganda. Pray too for BMS-supported worker Isaac that he will be able to balance the responsibilities of running the practice.

☐ SATURDAY 5



Please continue to pray for the recruitment of an additional surgeon at G2 in Chad to share the surgical workload with BMS worker Kalbassou Doubassou.

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"Again, Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'"

John 21: 16

Church leaders

6-12 November

Men and women in church leadership are critical in leading the body of Christ to fulfil the Great Commission. Join us this week as we pray for the vital church leaders supported by BMS World Mission across the world, that they would bring the love of Jesus to all they encounter.

☐ SUNDAY 6

Praise God for the leadership of BMS partner the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha for their mission-minded focus. Pray that Rev Ashim Baroi and the leadership will continue to lead with wisdom and love.

☐ MONDAY 7

Thank God for BMS partner the French Baptist Federation and the dedication of their leaders to God's mission in France. Pray for Rev Joelle and the leadership team that being strengthened by God, they would lead the church in unity.

☐ TUESDAY 8

Praise God for BMS partner the Baptist Church of Mizoram in India, and for the courage of leaders on the mission field. Pray that they will be led to recruit, train and send mission workers to other communities.

☐ WEDNESDAY 9

Pray for Wailes Rangsa, the Dean of the Christian College of Theology in Bangladesh, for peace and protection to lead the staff to train church leaders.

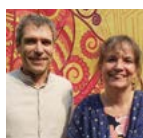
☐ THURSDAY 10

Pray for Dr Anjan Singh and the leadership of BMS' partner the Bengal Baptist Union, that they will feel supported as they roll out church planting initiatives in West Bengal.

☐ FRIDAY 11

Praise God for the leadership of BMS partner the Thai Karen Baptist Convention. Pray for Prateep Dee, that God will help him motivate churches to make disciples.

☐ SATURDAY 12



Pray that BMS workers **Louise and Peter Lynch** will encourage many of the evangelists and church planters they journey with to keep preaching the message of Christ.



The history of BMS work in India goes back over 200 years, and we're committed to being shaped by that history and supporting our current partners as they spread the gospel.

India

13-19 November

India has been the beating heart of BMS World Mission activity from 1793 onwards when William Carey first arrived. Today, India remains central to BMS' strategy of reaching the least evangelised world. India boasts thousands of dynamic mission workers who are playing their part in mission throughout Asia and the world.

☐ SUNDAY 13

Pray for BMS-supported worker Sumeet Nath as he convenes the Baptist Church Trust Association and brings together Baptists across India to plan for the training of hundreds of mission workers in the region.

☐ MONDAY 14

Please pray for Ann Bothamley, who has served in India for over 50 years and still ministers at a Christian hospital in south India. Pray for Ann's health, and for wisdom as she slowly hands over responsibilities to others.

☐ TUESDAY 15



Pray for BMS worker **Ben Francis** as he leads disciple-making training among networks of church planters across Asia and beyond. Pray that God will sustain him, and his wife Gillian and daughter Abigail, through his busy schedule.

☐ WEDNESDAY 16

Pray for 100 BMS-supported workers who are planting churches across India. Pray for safety as many have faced persecution as they seek to share the love of Christ in hostile villages.

☐ THURSDAY 17

We are currently supporting missionaries from Mizoram, India, being sent to Cambodia. Pray for their fruitfulness and faithfulness.

☐ FRIDAY 18

Pray for the Street Servants initiative run by BMS India which provides basic healthcare and education to thousands of children who live on the streets and have no access to schooling within Kolkata.

☐ SATURDAY 19

Pray for BMS-supported church planters who are establishing fellowships in hard-to-reach parts of India. Pray for the discipleship of fellowships recently established in the provinces of Uttar Pradesh and Kashmir.

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From Ukraine to Sri Lanka, we're lifting up BMS relief work across the world in prayer this week.

Relief

20-26 November

The war in Ukraine impacts not only the 44 million people of Ukraine's population, but it affects the communities in surrounding countries and people around the world. It impacts the cost of living for many, as supply chains are hit, and the funding available for other crises. No-one benefits from war.

☐ SUNDAY 20

Pray for Sri Lanka, whose economy has crashed and where food and medicine are scarce and expensive. Pray for BMS World Mission's partner, Asia Pacific Baptist Aid, co-ordinating the local response.

☐ MONDAY 21

Lebanon's food prices have increased hugely due to the war in Ukraine. Pray for our partner in Lebanon who is providing ongoing support to refugees across the country, that God will provide and will give them strength.

☐ TUESDAY 22

The Covid-19 pandemic will have a long-lasting impact on people's lives. Pray for those who have lost family members and whose lives have changed forever because of this crisis, that God will bring them peace and comfort.

☐ WEDNESDAY 23

Pray for the Baptist Union of Poland, a small Union with a big heart, opening all their 100 churches to welcome refugees from Ukraine. Pray that God will sustain the many volunteers making this response possible.

☐ THURSDAY 24

Moldova is the poorest country in Europe. Pray that God will provide for its Baptist Union which is providing shelter and support for refugees from Ukraine.

☐ FRIDAY 25

Pray for the Ukrainian Baptist churches across the country who have opened their doors to refugees, responding despite the risks. Pray that God will keep them safe.

☐ SATURDAY 26

Across the world, Baptists are responding to the impacts of the Ukraine war. Pray that we will be united and co-ordinated as we respond.

A photograph of a man and a young child in a rural, grassy area. The man is operating a hand pump, and water is being dispensed into a small concrete basin. The child stands nearby, watching. The background shows lush green vegetation and trees under a clear sky.

"How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

2 Kings 4: 2

Mobilising communities

27 Nov to 3 Dec

In 2 Kings 4, an indebted widow approached Elisha, asking for help in saving her sons from slavery. Instead of bailing her out, he instigated her own, her sons' and neighbours' enterprises, raising enough money to pay her creditors. Pray for BMS World Mission's success in trying to emulate Elisha's actions.

☐ SUNDAY 27

Praise God that women at Bwera Baptist Church, Uganda, are able to send children to school and start small businesses since beginning a mutual savings group, encouraged by BMS-supported community-based trainers.

☐ MONDAY 28

Pray that Awajún people in Peru might have improved nutrition through what they cultivate in their kitchen gardens, after BMS worker Laura-Lee Lovering assisted locals in training church and community members.

☐ TUESDAY 29

Micro-social enterprise Water, Engineering and Technology Consulting digs wells with communities around Gulu, Uganda, and using profits from private contracts they provide clean water for thousands. Pray for continued success and for BMS-supported manager, Allan.

☐ WEDNESDAY 30

Ask God to guide BMS partner Multipurpose Community Development Service, Nepal, in designing a church-based community development project, and courses on agriculture and entrepreneurship.

☐ THURSDAY 1

BMS-supported organisation Asia Pacific Baptist Aid responds to many disasters. Pray that engagement with churches and communities in such times might enable increasing community involvement in long-term recovery.

☐ FRIDAY 2

Pray that the BMS workers who have had training in church and community mobilisation (CCM) with BMS staff member Jacqui can make a concrete impact where they minister.

☐ SATURDAY 3

With so many BMS workers and partners involved in forms of CCM, we plan on building a network for sharing ideas and actions. Ask the Lord to show us the way.

Tear off here to put a page of prayer in your Bible, on your fridge, church noticeboard or anywhere else!

"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Gender justice

4-10 December

Martin Luther King Jr said: "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Everywhere we work, we see gender injustice affecting the lives of millions of people, especially women. BMS World Mission, in response to a biblical calling, wants to see justice reign, and see lives redeemed and restored.

☐ SUNDAY 4

Pray that Ttendo Miller, BMS Gender Justice Co-ordinator, will build good relationships with BMS partners and mission workers so together they can help the vulnerable and marginalised to speak up.

☐ MONDAY 5



We thank God for BMS mission workers **Sarah and Paul Brown** who work with Thai Karen Baptist Convention for their

unflinching commitment to sharing the gospel among Thai people.

☐ TUESDAY 6

Pray for the hill tribe girls and women that have no citizenship in northern Thailand, which leaves them unprotected by law and vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Pray that God will protect them and provide for them.

☐ WEDNESDAY 7

Pray for survivors of sexual trafficking and sexual exploitation to regain their self-worth, to be healed and restored. Pray that the Lord will bring Godly people to lift them up.

☐ THURSDAY 8

Pray for protection of advocates working with BMS partners the Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity and the Association of Mozambican Christian Lawyers (AMAC) who are vulnerable to threats and violence.


☐ FRIDAY 9

Pray for victims facing gender-based violence in Uganda to access justice. Pray for BMS-supported worker Dorothy Kayanja as she provides professional counselling for them.

☐ SATURDAY 10



Thank God for BMS mission worker **Jane Edwards** and AMAC in Mozambique. Pray for adequate compensation for 200 women being displaced from their land.



**"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and
power, for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being."** Revelation 4: 11

Creation stewardship

11-17 December

Scripture shows us that we worship a God of compassion and justice, which extends to all creation. At BMS World Mission, we are working to reflect this through our commitment to reduce our organisational carbon footprint and offset what cannot be avoided through tree-planting and solar energy projects.

☐ SUNDAY 11

Let us give praise and honour to our God who created this world and filled it with abundant, fruitful life of every size and shape. Our world is a miracle, a divine phenomenon. Praise the creator for his handiwork!

☐ MONDAY 12

BMS partners with many Christian organisations around the world, many of whom also desire to embed creation stewardship principles in their work. Pray that BMS can assist our partners in developing their own environmental policies and practices.

☐ TUESDAY 13

BMS commits to offsetting our unavoidable travel carbon emissions. Pray for the ongoing success of solar energy and tree-planting projects in Sri Lanka and Uganda and for more offsetting opportunities through our partners around the world.

☐ WEDNESDAY 14

Continue to pray for the leaders of governments and industry, and also for the effectiveness of the many charities working with local communities to increase resilience to climate change.

☐ THURSDAY 15

Pray for the ongoing success and effectiveness of environmental initiatives BMS supports through our partners, such as fruit tree planting in Mozambique and creation stewardship training in Bangladesh.

☐ FRIDAY 16

Pray for BMS workers working with our partners overseas to implement relevant environmentally sustainable projects, including locally produced, reusable women's sanitary products in Guinea.

☐ SATURDAY 17

Pray for BMS' Creation Stewardship Co-ordinator, Laura-Lee Lovering. Give thanks for her work sharing creation stewardship principles with indigenous Awajún believers.

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"For to us a child is born... and he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9: 6

Afghanistan

18-24 December

As Christmas draws near, we spend the week praying for Afghanistan, a country whose people have known much pain and suffering for many decades. As its future remains uncertain, pray that this land, its people and those who serve there would experience our God of Isaiah 9: 6.

☐ SUNDAY 18

Please pray for an improvement in the current economic situation in Afghanistan and that food and medical care would reach the millions who so urgently need it.

☐ MONDAY 19

Please pray for BMS World Mission workers Arthur* and Reeta*, that they would continue to adjust to their new roles and that the Lord would grant them wisdom and guidance as they go about their work.

☐ TUESDAY 20

Please pray that our partner's projects would experience grace and favour from government officials and that local staff would have wisdom as they seek to adapt processes to work in this new context. Pray that God will sustain and protect them as they continue to work in these challenging circumstances.

☐ WEDNESDAY 21

As Jesus himself was a refugee, please pray for those Afghans around the world who are displaced. Pray that they might find a safe refuge and hope for the future.

☐ THURSDAY 22

Please pray for our partner's Afghan staff. Pray that they will be kept safe and stay resilient as they work in difficult situations.


☐ FRIDAY 23

Please pray for BMS worker Ruby* as she leads an agricultural project, that the planting season is successful, and the local community will engage well with this project.

☐ SATURDAY 24

On Christmas Eve, please pray that those who seek to cause violence and those who have suffered at their hands would have an encounter with the Prince of Peace.

**Names changed for security reasons.*



Praise the Lord for the Christians across the world in dangerous places who continue to boldly live out their faith and spread the love of God.

25-31 December

Religious freedom

BMS World Mission calls for freedom of religious belief to be respected in every country. Over this Christmas time, we celebrate the freedom we have as a society to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus. However, we are mindful of the many parts of the world where religious freedom is limited.

☐ SUNDAY 25

Pray for Jesus' followers in places where BMS cannot easily access the local Church, as they celebrate Christmas in secret. Pray that the hope of Emmanuel would bring them comfort and joy today and always.

☐ MONDAY 26

As BMS continues to partner closely with the Asian Pacific Baptist Federation, pray for the many Baptists who are leaving Hong Kong as they see their religious liberties as under threat. We pray that they would be welcome in new locations, and they would be free to witness.

☐ TUESDAY 27

Pray for BMS work in central Asia where the Church is growing rapidly but where it's still commonplace for local people to be ostracised, attacked and even killed for becoming followers of Jesus.

☐ WEDNESDAY 28

Pray for the work of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religious Belief, of which BMS is a stakeholder. Pray that the UK Government would continue to champion religious liberties globally.

☐ THURSDAY 29

Pray for BMS' partner the Baptist World Alliance that it would well support its members from places where it's hard to be a Christian.


☐ FRIDAY 30

Pray for BMS-supported church planters in India, many of whom have already faced persecution. Pray for their continued safety and fruitfulness.

☐ SATURDAY 31

As 2022 draws to a close, pray that the Holy Spirit would ready people's hearts to hear the good news of Jesus. Pray that people would come to a living faith without fear of persecution in 2023.

Tear off here to put a page of prayer in your Bible, on your fridge, church noticeboard or anywhere else!



*Pray that we will continue to see
God powerfully at work across
the world in the coming year.*

The year ahead

1-7 January

Despite the challenges seen across the world over the last year, we look to 2023 with renewed vision for how the Lord will use all of us at BMS World Mission. We pray that he will work through us so that his love will reach every person who interacts with our workers, partners and staff members.

☐ SUNDAY 1

Many countries still struggling with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have now been impacted economically by the conflict in Ukraine. Pray that we will be able to support those in need as they face these challenges.

☐ MONDAY 2

Three years into our organisation-wide strategy, please pray that God will continue to work through our partners, workers and UK staff, so that we will lead more people to abundant lives in Christ this year.

☐ TUESDAY 3

Praise God for all the people who've given to BMS over the last year. Pray that they know how important their giving is to our work, and that more people will be called to give this year.

☐ WEDNESDAY 4

Many of our mission workers serve in fragile locations. Pray that the Lord would continue to protect them and that their work brings more people to faith in him.

☐ THURSDAY 5

Thank the Lord for the many fruitful partnerships we have worldwide. Pray that we will be open to however God plans to use these relationships.

☐ FRIDAY 6

The last year brought a lot of change within BMS. Pray for us as we adapt to these changes, that we will know the Lord is at work through all of them.

☐ SATURDAY 7

Pray for us as we continue to recruit workers to serve across the world. Pray especially that we will find a surgeon to work in Chad this year.

Africa

Chad	Claire BEDFORD
Chad	Brian and Jackie CHILVERS
Chad	Kalbassou DOUBASSOU
Chad	Andrea and Mark HOTCHKIN
Chad	Bethan and Gareth SHRUBSOLE (Samuel, Jonah and Eva)
Chad	Mel and Tom SPEARS (Maisie and Rosa)
Guinea	Caroline and Victor
Guinea	Holly
Guinea	Leena
Mozambique	Jane EDWARDS
Mozambique	Carlos TIQUE JONE
Mozambique	Liz and Sergio VILELA (Chloe and Joshua)
Uganda	Genesis ACAYE
Uganda	Benon KAYANJA

Asia

Bangladesh	Louise and Peter LYNCH
India	Benjamin and Gillian FRANCIS
Nepal	Alan and Megan BARKER
Nepal	Angus and Helen DOUGLAS (Caleb, Charis, Esther and Qiniso)
Nepal	Joy RANSOM
Nepal	Andy and Jenny SAUNDERS
Nepal	Pippa and Toby VOKUHL (Jakey, Ella and Millie)
Thailand	Helen and Withaya BOONDEEKHUN
Thailand	Paul and Sarah BROWN
Thailand	Judy COOK

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(Children aged 0-18 in brackets).

South America

Peru	Daniel and Regiane CLARK (Ana Sophia)
Peru	Laura-Lee LOVERING
Peru	Dave and Michele MAHON (Jonathan, Ruth and Phoebe)

Europe

Albania	Annie and Dan DUPREE (Charis, Isaac, Amaya and Thalia)
France	Philip and Rosemary HALLIDAY
France	John and Sue WILSON
Kosovo	Robert and Rose (Joe and Josh)
Spain	Andrea and Ian

Middle East and North Africa

Afghanistan	Arthur and Reeta
Afghanistan	Grace
Afghanistan	Jenny and Tim (Katie and Robert)
Afghanistan	Ruby
Tunisia	Sophie

A photograph of a vast, snow-covered mountain landscape at sunset. The sun is a large, bright orb in the upper left, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The snow-covered slopes are textured with shadows and small, dark shrubs. In the distance, layers of mountains are visible under a clear sky.

"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113: 3