

BMS Prayer Guide 2024

Pray with BMS World Mission from **January to April**



Welcome

to the first issue of the *BMS World Mission Prayer Guide 2024*.

*"Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy."
(Psalm 126: 2)*

The dawning of a new year is often cause for optimism, for hope to seem like it really is springing eternal. When I last wrote to you, I committed to praying a psalm a day for 125 days. The idea, if you recall, was to build a "chapel in my mind".

A confession: I missed some days. There is a chapel, but it is missing a window or two and the kneelers have yet to be delivered. Yet I noticed my heart being enlarged through my deeper attention. I noticed a different shape as I explored how that day's psalm spoke to the work of BMS.

Writing this introduction, so I turned the page of my Bible, to the next psalm, Psalm

126. In that beautiful way God works, the words felt like a new year's resolution. The final two verses read:

"Those who sow with tears / will reap with songs of joy. / Those who go out weeping, / carrying seed to sow, / will return with songs of joy, / carrying sheaves with them."

It is not always possible to sing songs of joy, especially when BMS' deep connection with communities living at the world's margins remind us of earthly suffering and injustices. And yet we are called, as Psalm 126 also reminds us, to remember that, "The Lord has done great things for us." Through the praying of the prayers contained within may we continue to see great things done in his name.

God bless you,
Matty Fearon, *Prayer Guide* editor

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Your support for BMS's Harvest appeal has allowed Ugandan farmers like Barbara the chance of sustainable life. Credit: Alex Baker.

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The reach of your prayers stretches across the dozens of countries where BMS has a presence. Front and back cover credit: Alex Baker.

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“When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, ‘Woman you are set free.’” Luke 13: 12

Gender justice

31 Dec to 6 Jan

In many parts of the world, girls and women are denied access to education, employment, land, property, finances, status and respect. All too often, they are victims of violence. But the value Jesus placed on women was radically counter-cultural. BMS World Mission is committed to promoting the idea that women are inherently valuable, made in the image of God.

SUNDAY 31

Pray that gender equality becomes the air we breathe. Lift up BMS partners as they contextualise the BMS Gender Charter. Pray that they will be open to considering their own gender theology to help overcome the fractures in society.

MONDAY 1

Astha Shrestha works with Human Development and Community Services (HDCS), BMS’ partner in Nepal. Pray for Astha as she promotes maternal and child health, encourages educational attainment for girls, and implements empowerment projects for women and girls.

TUESDAY 2

Celebrate individuals with special needs who add value to our communities, remembering their intrinsic worth. Pray for the centre for children with learning differences run by the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD) now known as Thimar (see p19).

WEDNESDAY 3

KISC EQUIP, BMS’ partner in Nepal, is introducing safeguarding and gender-based violence training for teachers. Lift up their work towards reducing child abuse and improving girls’ attendance and retention in schools.

THURSDAY 4

Ask God for wisdom for Justice Livelihoods Health (JLH), BMS’ partner in Uganda. Pray that their interventions will reduce inequalities and ensure justice for both females and males.

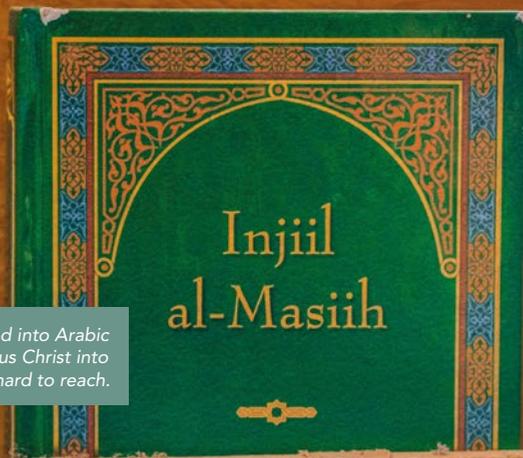
FRIDAY 5

Pray for BMS partners supporting refugees and asylum seekers. Women are often the most vulnerable, frequently facing injustice and inequality not only in their context of origin but also in their new location.

SATURDAY 6

Praise God for gender champions and BMS partners who have embraced women in leadership. May their efforts help free girls and women from gender-based violence.





The Gospel of John translated into Arabic carries the good news of Jesus Christ into the hands and hearts of the hard to reach.

Heart for the Gospel

7-13 January

Our Heart of the Gospel work is fuelled by the desire to show people everywhere God's of love for them. Please pray that more evangelists will be sent, and that through the preaching of the gospel many people will come to the saving knowledge of God in Christ Jesus.

SUNDAY 7

Give thanks for more than 80,000 house churches planted by Biglife in India. Pray that the Lord will protect the believers and empower them to share the gospel with people who will also become disciples of Christ.

MONDAY 8



Give thanks to God for those who have believed and been baptised. Pray that God will strengthen BMS workers **Wit and Helen Boondeekhun** to mentor disciple makers who will plant more churches throughout Thailand.

TUESDAY 9

Praise God for those who have been trained as disciple makers. Pray that they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel boldly and that many will become followers of Christ.

WEDNESDAY 10

Praise God for the opportunity to share the love of God in Laos. Pray that God will raise up leaders who will be trained to make disciples and plant churches.

THURSDAY 11

We lament with those who face persecution in North Africa. Pray that God will strengthen the followers of Christ and bring unity among them.

FRIDAY 12

Praise God for the opportunity to work through mission hubs. Pray that these would function well and become instruments for fulfilling the Great Commission.

SATURDAY 13

Praise God for the churches that support BMS to take the gospel to the nations. Pray that BMS will have opportunities to share lessons we have learnt that may help UK Baptist home mission efforts.



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Hope for the World

14-20 January

BMS World Mission supporters deliver practical help to people in desperate circumstances in some of the world's most materially deprived places. By providing pathways to education, flourishing livelihoods and good healthcare for those with the fewest opportunities, you tackle injustice and suffering, and bring hope to the world.

SUNDAY 14

Through partnerships with established and trusted local agencies, we can do more together than we ever could alone. Pray for our partner in Nepal, the Multipurpose Community Development Service, which comes alongside villages to improve all aspects of life.

MONDAY 15

We also work with local churches who are best placed to bring long-term community transformation. Pray for Louise and Peter Lynch in Bangladesh and their work with the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha, responding in communities where the need is greatest.

TUESDAY 16

One of the ways we tackle injustice and suffering is by sending skilled mission workers to the world's poorest countries. Pray for the work of Andrea and Mark Hotchkin at an understaffed, underfunded hospital in Bardai, northern Chad.

WEDNESDAY 17

Last year, BMS joined Christians across the UK at The Big One climate pilgrimage. Pray that the world's leaders will hear people's voices and listen to God's wisdom as they make decisions.

THURSDAY 18



On the big screen at last year's Baptist Assembly, we saw Dil Bahadur Chhetri and his fellow Nepalese mission worker and climate change specialist, Sahara Mishra. Pray that God will guide their path.

FRIDAY 19

Isaiah Thembo from Uganda and Wissam Nasrallah from Lebanon are also serving in their native countries. Pray for them as they play a part in re-imagining mission.

SATURDAY 20

Pray for all BMS' Hope for the World projects: may they be motivated by faith, powered by compassion and deliver real change for the most marginalised.





Safeguarding is vital in conflict situations, never more so than when it comes to the youngest and most vulnerable.

Help for the Journey

21-27 January

Help for the journey is what BMS World Mission desires to offer people in our world who are forcibly displaced: refugees, asylum seekers and others who have had to flee from imminent danger. It is also what God offers to us in our journey of faith. We therefore pray for hope in our journey and hope for all journeys.

SUNDAY 21

Pray that no matter where an asylum seeker is on their journey, God's people will welcome and walk with them. Pray too that we can all be 'welcome' and 'home' for each other on our journeys.

MONDAY 22

Pray that people who have had to flee from home because of danger will find strength for their journey. Pray for God's strength for us in our journey in this new year.

TUESDAY 23

Pray for forcibly displaced people who get stuck in refugee camps and similar settings, sometimes for years or decades. Lift up those in your life – including yourself if appropriate – who feel stuck in their journey of faith.

WEDNESDAY 24

Pray that forcibly displaced people will receive physical, spiritual, emotional and social care to sustain them on their journey. Pray that we too may receive and give this care (Matthew 6: 11).

THURSDAY 25

Pray that asylum seekers will receive help from those they meet on their journey: governments, churches and individuals. Pray that we will offer and receive help on our journeys.

FRIDAY 26

Pray for protection for asylum seekers from those who would harm them, and for the ability to trust those who will help. Pray for discernment for them and for us.

SATURDAY 27

Pray that forcibly displaced people will experience God's love, guidance and presence on their journey, and will know deep hope as a result. Pray this also for yourself and your community.

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The construction of new emergency facilities at G2 Hospital will transform the ability of the medical staff to respond to local needs.

Chad

28 Jan to 3 Feb

Chad continues to belong to the group of the ten least developed countries in the world due to its unstable government, widespread poverty, lack of access to health care, poor education, low income and high birth rate. These challenges combine with frequent natural and man-made disasters and the political instability of neighbouring countries.

SUNDAY 28



BMS worker **Lucia Bastos** moved to G2 Hospital in N'Djamena at the beginning of January. Please pray that she settles well and establishes good relationships with the hospital staff, church and community members.

MONDAY 29

Pray for the identification and partnership of a group of local and international organisations or individuals who would like to offer their talents, counsel and support to G2 Hospital. This will enable staff to continue being light to those they serve.

TUESDAY 30

Please continue praying for the construction and expansion of the Emergency Department facilities at G2 Hospital. This project is supported financially by Guernsey's Overseas Aid & Development Commission.

WEDNESDAY 31

Pray for doctors Mark and Andrea Hotchkin in Bardai and their relationships with the hospital director and staff. May they use their medical skills to bring health benefits to those served, and to promote justice.

THURSDAY 1

Pray for the prompt recruitment of at least two doctors at G2 Hospital, plus other healthcare workers, HR staff and administrators. Ask our Heavenly Father to call the right candidates clearly.

FRIDAY 2

Pray for the long-promised democratic elections in Chad. Pray for leaders of integrity who will govern with justice, compassion and responsibility.

SATURDAY 3

Praise God for the installation of solar panels at G2 Hospital, which are providing clean energy for 90 per cent of the hospital's needs, dramatically reducing the consumption of diesel.

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Your giving to the Disaster Recovery Fund helped rebuild Sandra's house in Mozambique after it was destroyed by Cyclone Idai.

Relief (disaster recovery)

4-10 February

BMS World Mission has learnt through tragic experiences the difference between relief and recovery when disaster strikes. Relief is immediate support provided to minimise suffering and provide basic human needs. Recovery is focused on restoring quality of life and community services to pre-disaster levels. We do both, but not without your prayers.



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☐ SUNDAY 4

Two devastating earthquakes in north-west Afghanistan killed over 1,000 people and caused major destruction last October. A broken healthcare system could hardly bear the weight of the injured. Please pray as our partners shift from relief to recovery.

☐ WEDNESDAY 7

The BMS Disaster Recovery Fund is used to respond to emergencies and to help in both the prevention and aftermath of disasters. Pray for wisdom for those distributing the funds.

☐ MONDAY 5

At the end of last summer, Bruce Clark joined BMS to take the lead on all our relief and recovery work. His first week featured the Nagorno-Karabakh refugee crisis, the Afghan earthquakes and Hamas' attack on Israel. Lift up Bruce as he navigates a relentless role.

☐ THURSDAY 8

BMS work looks forward. We give more grants to long-term recovery than immediate relief – for example, paying for trauma counselling, rebuilding businesses or replanting crops. Pray that God would guide all these decisions.

☐ TUESDAY 6

Today marks a year since a 7.8-magnitude earthquake rocked south-east Türkiye (formerly Turkey), with aftershocks numbering in the thousands. Pray for the more than 1.5 million people left homeless and the continuing work of recovery.

☐ FRIDAY 9

Recovery and rebuilding after a war, drought or tsunami can take decades. Pray for those left behind after TV crews move on, especially in areas where disaster has recently hit.

☐ SATURDAY 10

Pray for all those who have lost loved ones in such tragedies. May they know peace and comfort, and be able to grieve well.

“Stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice.” Isaiah 1: 17



Creation stewardship

11-17 February

Isaiah's vision of the future new earth is described in terms of land and justice. Homes can be built without fear of eviction, crops planted without fear of exploitation. We know that God's creation is fully able to meet humanity's material needs now, but this requires good stewardship of resources and justice for good stewards.

☐ SUNDAY 11

As Christians, we celebrate a Saviour who is the perfect embodiment of God's love and justice through grace. God's grace also flows through creation, where the sun rises and rain falls on all people without favouritism. Praise God for his generosity!

☐ MONDAY 12

Biglife MENA is a disciple-making ministry operating in some of the world's least evangelised areas. Flooding, attributed to global warming, has impeded this work in Mauritania in previous years, with fears that this will become more common. Pray for effective mobility solutions.

☐ TUESDAY 13

BMS' UK Creation Stewardship Champions recently performed A Rocha's Eco Church survey on the BMS office, achieving a Silver Award. Pray with us that more UK Baptist churches would become Eco Church champions.

☐ WEDNESDAY 14

Fairtrade Fortnight is moving from February to September. We encourage you to start praying about your church's participation now. How can you promote justice for some of the world's poorest producers?

☐ THURSDAY 15

Give thanks for our Sri Lankan partner LEADS, who were finally able to install solar power on their new children's home.

☐ FRIDAY 16

Chad, Afghanistan, Uganda: countries among the most vulnerable and least responsible for global warming – where BMS also serves. Pray that we would be able to help strengthen community resilience.

☐ SATURDAY 17



Remember Creation Stewardship Co-ordinator **Laura-Lee Lovering** in Peru. Pray for positive responses as she teaches at the regional Baptist Seminary in Piura.





Children at the church in Gif-sur-Yvette are breathing new life into the growing congregation.

France

18-24 February

During more than 35 years of working in France, BMS World Mission has supported many pastoral workers from the UK and within France. Our partner also welcomes many people learning the language and preparing to work in French-speaking countries. An exciting recent development with our partner is exploring work with people on the move.



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☐ SUNDAY 18

Give thanks that God is being worshiped in many languages and communities throughout the secular nation of France, and pray that God's Kingdom would grow through the witness of these faithful followers.

☐ MONDAY 19

Pray that the three migrant church plants in Marseille, Strasbourg and Tours, supported by BMS through our partner the Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches in France (FEEBF), would grow into flourishing communities.

☐ TUESDAY 20

Give thanks for the growth of the church in Gif-sur-Yvette, both numerically and spiritually, under the pastoral guidance of Philip and Rosemary Halliday. Pray too for discernment for Rosemary in her other role as chaplain at Les Cèdres French language school and wisdom for Philip as part of the leadership of FEEBF.

☐ WEDNESDAY 21

Pray for the recruitment of the new FEEBF General Secretary: for the team leading our partner in the interim; for recent structural changes; and that God will prepare the right person for the role.

☐ THURSDAY 22



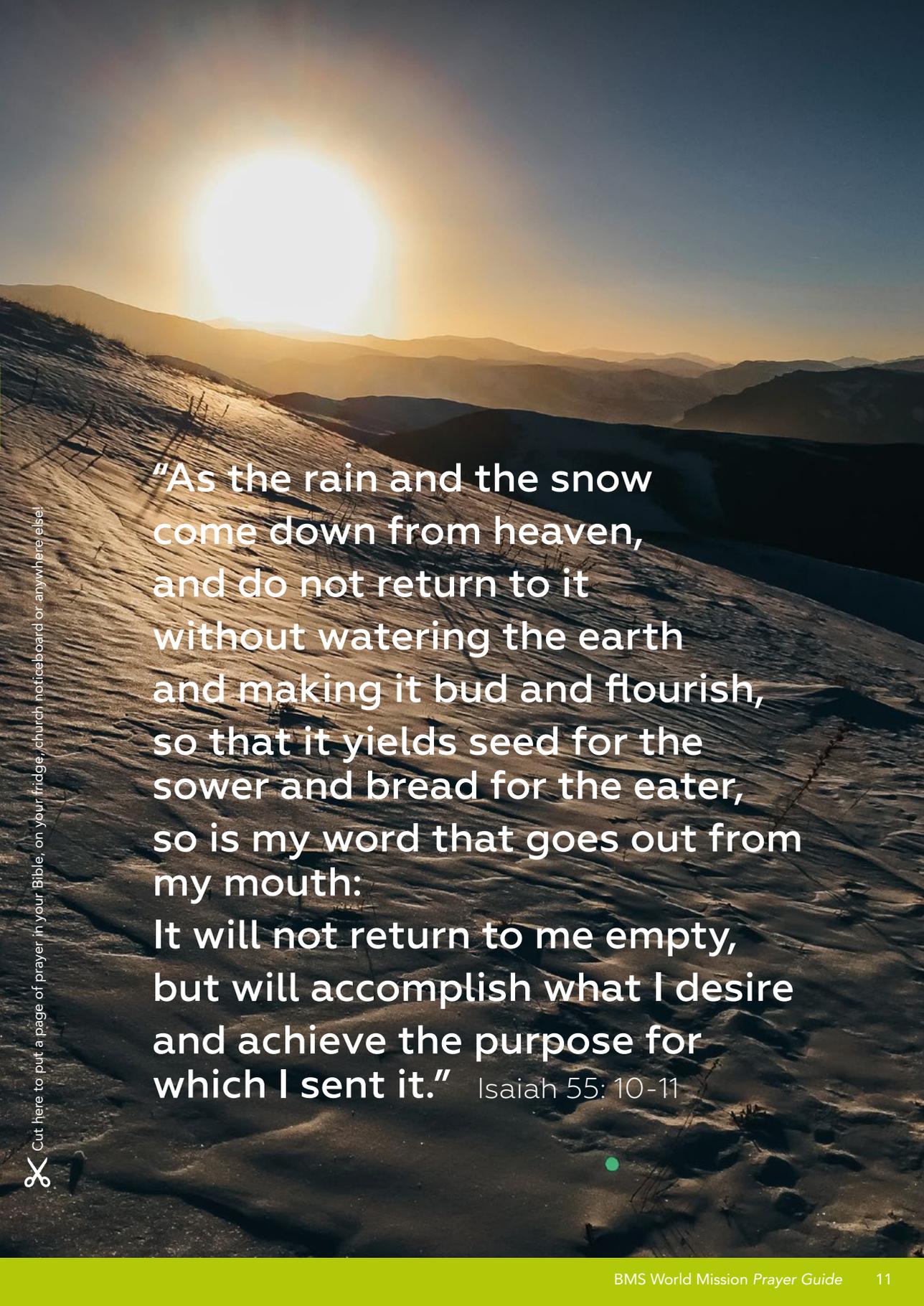
John and Sue Wilson have spent 35 years in France with BMS, pastoring churches and mentoring adults and young people. Give thanks for the legacy they are leaving behind.

☐ FRIDAY 23

The National Council of the FEEBF meets with pastors and churches in the central region of France today and tomorrow. Pray that this would be a time of planning together to see God's Kingdom grow.

☐ SATURDAY 24

Pray that French Christians may live in genuine relationships with their neighbours of all faiths and those with none.



**"As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the
sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from
my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for
which I sent it." Isaiah 55: 10-11**

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Please pray that more women would be inspired by recent ordinations to respond to God's call on their lives.

25 Feb to 2 Mar

Bangladesh

Bangladesh is often a tolerant and peaceful country. However, recently Islamist extremism has increased and there have been some attacks by violent groups. Let us pray for BMS World Mission workers and partners in their efforts to share God's message of peace.

☐ SUNDAY 25

We praise God for the appointment of the new SHED board director. Pray that God will provide more partners so that all the health, education and social development projects can flourish and make a positive difference in communities.

☐ MONDAY 26

Praise God for the success of the national women's camp. Pray that God will bless Pastors Nandita and Jyoti in their ministry to support more women to use their gifts for God in evangelism and pastoral work.

☐ TUESDAY 27

Praise God for five indigenous mission couples and their young children, who have been sent to new outreach areas. Pray for God's protection as they build relationships and seek opportunities to share the gospel.

☐ WEDNESDAY 28

Praise God for Peter and Louise Lynch, and for their unity and increased collaboration with their colleagues. Pray that the churches will be equipped for community outreach through their ministries.

☐ THURSDAY 29

Praise God for the College of Christian Theology Bangladesh, where both practical and higher-level theological training is provided. Pray that God will continue to raise up Bangladeshi theologians.

☐ FRIDAY 1

Pray for all those with leadership responsibilities across the churches in Bangladesh. Pray that they will know God's grace and wisdom as they implement the 225 declaration goals.

☐ SATURDAY 2

Praise God for the vision to train more local workers. Pray for the new Baptist mission training centre: that it will be a place of prayer, vision and preparation for mission.



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“...because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice.” Luke 18: 5

Gender justice

3-9 March

The UN has estimated that 30 per cent of widows and orphans in sub-Saharan Africa experience illegal property seizure. Traditionally, a woman is not married to an individual but to the family, so when the husband dies, she is still the property of that family. Widows who challenge cultural norms and complain to humanitarian organisations risk ostracism.

☐ SUNDAY 3

Give thanks for BMS World Mission's partners, the Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) and the Mozambican Association of Christian Lawyers (AMAC), as they empower women through their justice programmes.

☐ MONDAY 4

Pray for Jolly Atimango, a BMS-supported worker serving with UCLF in Uganda. As part of her role, she raises legal awareness and protects the land rights of women, girls and the elderly in Acholi sub-region.

☐ TUESDAY 5

According to the UN, 259 million fewer women have access to the internet than men, even though they account for nearly half the world's population. Pray for opportunities for BMS partners to facilitate access to technology for women and girls, including using computers, connecting to the internet and accessing smartphones.

☐ WEDNESDAY 6

Pray for BMS worker Jane Edwards as she supports AMAC in Mozambique. Pray too for courage for lawyers to influence policy makers to implement just and equitable land laws.

☐ THURSDAY 7

Pray that upcoming gender training with BMS personnel and partners will result in increased commitment to gender equality. Pray also that the BMS partners will be able to access online training.

☐ FRIDAY 8

Pray for God's wisdom and knowledge for the Gender Justice Co-ordinator as she works towards securing justice and equality and ending discrimination against women.

☐ SATURDAY 9

Praise God for male gender champions committed to advancing gender equality in the workplace. Pray that men and women will continue working together as allies and agents of change.





Sierra Leone is known for its friendly people and stunning landscapes; however, its development has hit numerous obstacles and remains vulnerable.

Sierra Leone

10 -16 March

BMS World Mission is partnering with two denominations in Sierra Leone to support the empowerment of people to transform their situations, using their God-given local resources in a sustainable and holistic manner. Pray for these new partnerships and for continued transformation.



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☐ SUNDAY 10

2024 is the launch year for two new partnerships in Sierra Leone. Praise God for his hand in the many preparations and plans that have steered these partnerships into place.

☐ MONDAY 11

Please pray for our partnership with the Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone (BCSL). Lift up their work in mobilising churches to be salt and light to their communities, and to lead development initiatives.

☐ TUESDAY 12

Please pray for our other new partnership with New Harvest Development Office (NEHADO), as they train facilitators in Church and Community Mobilisation (CCM). Pray for all these facilitators that they would be agents of change.

☐ WEDNESDAY 13

CCM encourages churches to reach out and build relationships with their communities. Pray that societies would be transformed through the work of BCSL and NEHADO.

☐ THURSDAY 14

A major focus of CCM is to help churches identify all the gifts, skills, and resources that God has given each one of us. Pray for the churches in Sierra Leone as they reach out to those in need around them.

☐ FRIDAY 15

Pray for all the initiatives that come about as a result of CCMP. These often include church buildings, access to healthcare, reconciling relationships and starting new income generating activities. Pray that people will flourish in all that they do.

☐ SATURDAY 16

John 10:10 says that Jesus has come so that we may have life in all its fullness. Pray that the people in Sierra Leone would experience the fullness of God's love and purposes.

BMS partner KISC EQUIP trains Nepali teachers across the country as they seek to transform opportunities for young people.



Nepal

17-23 March

Nepal's anti-conversion law restricts religious conversion and the free expression of faith in Nepal. Many believers have been arrested, some imprisoned. Against a backdrop of political, social and spiritual challenges, BMS World Mission workers and partners continue to point to the one who can bring about total transformation.

☐ SUNDAY 17

In light of the anti-conversion law, please pray for wisdom and protection in these challenging times. Pray that believers would continue to be light in the darkness and know how to respond to the increased restriction.

☐ MONDAY 18

BMS partner KISC EQUIP trains Nepali teachers across the country. Pray that EQUIP's support will improve the academic and emotional needs of the children and the communities in which EQUIP serves.

☐ TUESDAY 19

BMS worker Toby Vokuhl continues PhD research about the interconnection of reconstructed housing in post-disaster areas and building occupant wellbeing. Pray for the successful completion of the research, and protection for Pippa and the children while he is travelling for fieldwork.

☐ WEDNESDAY 20

BMS partner Human Development and Community Services (HDCS) operates community hospitals in Sundar Bazaar and Rukum. Pray that HDCS staff will be faithful witnesses of Christ in these communities.

☐ THURSDAY 21

BMS workers Alan and Megan Barker are seconded to HDCS. Pray that many lives would be transformed by their work.

☐ FRIDAY 22

Pray for wisdom for Megan as she balances multiple roles, including through the Association of Nepali Occupational Therapists.

☐ SATURDAY 23

Government attitudes towards faith-based organisations can sometimes be different compared to other organisations. Pray for stable working relationships, and a positive and supportive stance with local and national government bodies, stakeholders, and communities.

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Creating safe spaces

24-30 March

Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples..." (John 13: 34-35). Jesus demonstrated this in his value and love for the most vulnerable in his society. Keeping each other safe is a fundamental way that we can demonstrate and share Jesus' love.

☐ SUNDAY 24

At BMS World Mission we work alongside some of the most vulnerable people in the world. Please pray that we would ensure all those who come into contact with us feel safe and valued, whether that be overseas, in the UK, online, in person, or by telephone.

☐ MONDAY 25

Safeguarding is an English word not easily translated into other languages. Pray for our mission workers as they seek to support their partners in safeguarding, that they would find the right vocabulary in the local language for mutual understanding.

☐ TUESDAY 26

Please pray for the development of awareness and good safeguarding practices. Ask God to provide the right people and resources to increase the knowledge and skills of BMS workers and partners.

☐ WEDNESDAY 27

Pray for safe spaces where conversations about safeguarding can happen. Pray for those who have something they need to share, and for wisdom for the safeguarding team.

☐ THURSDAY 28

Pray for the European Baptist Federation as they support displaced people – one of the groups most at risk. May these people find physical safety and spiritual rest as the love of Christ is shared with them.

☐ FRIDAY 29

We remember today that for our sake Jesus experienced humiliation, pain and even death on a cross. He showed compassion and forgiveness to the end: may all who work for and with BMS follow his example.

☐ SATURDAY 30



Give thanks for our Asia safeguarding champion **Louise Lynch**, who supports safeguarding in different cultural contexts.

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BMS worker Pastor J travelled from his home in India to take the gospel into unreached Cambodian villages.

Cambodia

31 Mar to 6 Apr

Many people in Cambodia welcome the message and messengers of Jesus Christ. Please pray that BMS World Mission's efforts and collaboration with our partners will lead to churches being planted, people becoming disciples of Christ and the gospel being preached in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY 31

Praise God for the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Pray that through that same power God will empower BMS-supported disciple makers to plant 20 house churches by the end of the year.

MONDAY 1

Pray that God will strengthen BMS-supported evangelists Yiem Bros, Chea Kosoll and Sokea, working in three locations to disciple new believers. Praise God for blessing their efforts with more than 30 newly baptised disciples.

TUESDAY 2

Praise God for opening the hearts of six families in Tropeangrun village, who gather every Sunday to hear the gospel. Pray that God will enable each member of these families to become a disciple of Christ, and for the first church to be planted in the village.

WEDNESDAY 3

Praise God for the BMS-supported dormitory in Phnom Penh providing a safe place for students from rural areas. Pray that the students will thrive and experience God's transforming love.

THURSDAY 4

Praise God that Cambodia is open to receive skilled mission workers. Pray that we can recruit the right people to be trained and sent to work with BMS partner BCM.

FRIDAY 5

Give thanks for BMS-supported English classes providing free tuition to more than 40 children in rural Cambodia. Pray that the children and their families will experience God's love.

SATURDAY 6

Praise God for the visionary leadership of mission worker Pastor J. Pray for protection for his family and for BCM mission worker Kimi, and ask that their ministries will raise up male and female evangelists.





The Baptist Assembly is an annual chance to gather in worship and reflection as we seek to discern God's direction.

BMS Community

7-13 April

Like a symphony, our BMS community harmonises in pursuit of a common mission. Each note, from fervent prayers to generous giving, plays its part in the grand composition of spreading God's love around the world. Join us this week in celebrating our community's faithful commitment, service and sacrifice.



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SUNDAY 7

Pray for the Baptist Assembly taking place in Telford next month. Pray that it would be a time of fellowship and worship, and a catalyst for mission.

MONDAY 8

Pray for BMS Birthday Scheme coordinators and members. Thank God for their faithful service and generosity. Pray that they would be blessed as they bless others through their gifts, and that the Birthday Scheme would continue to grow.

TUESDAY 9

Pray for lay leaders and deacons of Baptist churches, who are essential partners in ministry and mission. Thank God for their dedication and sacrifice. Pray that they would be encouraged and refreshed by God's presence and grace.

WEDNESDAY 10

Pray for the BMS Easter appeal, which supports BMS workers who are making disciples of all nations. Pray that the funds raised would help equip believers to share their faith.

THURSDAY 11

Pray for members of our community who have recently been bereaved. May they find strength and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY 12

Pray for Sunday school teachers, who play a vital role in nurturing children's faith. Ask God to equip them with creativity, wisdom and patience. Pray that children would be inspired for God's mission.

SATURDAY 13

Pray for the Baptist Union of Great Britain, following the recent meeting of its Council. Pray that God would guide them in their decisions and actions, and that they would be united in their vision.



Please pray that Lebanon, despite its own fragility, would remain a safe haven for vulnerable refugees from around the region.

Lebanon

14-20 April

BMS World Mission has been working with partners in Lebanon for a quarter of a century. In that time the country has seen prosperity and hardship, peace and conflict. In this current time of crisis for Lebanon, many feel hopeless. But there are signs of hope. God is at work through his people and calling many to him.

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SUNDAY 14

Rejoice that BMS' partner the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2023. Pray that as its ministry continues under the new name Thimar ('fruit'), many more will see and hear of the transforming work of Christ.

MONDAY 15

Thimar supports local churches providing informal education to Syrian refugee children. Pray that teachers and staff in the education centres would continue to bring hope and healing to the children and their families.

TUESDAY 16

Give thanks for the welcome and care that Lebanon has provided for people displaced from Syria in recent years. Pray that despite negative social media and a harsh economic and political climate, Lebanon would remain a safe place for vulnerable Syrians.

WEDNESDAY 17

Refugee children in education centres receive psychological support and speech therapy, when needed. Pray that our partner's therapists will see God's heart for each child.

THURSDAY 18

Pray that Lebanon's Government would lead with justice, that the economy would be restored, and that health, social and education systems would work effectively and fairly.

FRIDAY 19

Give thanks for the theological study BMS supports at certificate, degree and master's level. Pray for the staff and faculty, and for students and their ministry in the Middle East and North Africa.

SATURDAY 20

BMS' partner is clear that their longevity and impact comes from God's faithfulness and provision. Pray that their (and our) focus on the Lord continues to be their strength and witness.



BMS mission worker Benon Kayanja's visit to the UK from Uganda was made possible through the generosity of volunteers at churches across the land.

BMS volunteers

21-27 April

Underpinning much of BMS World Mission's work is the faithful dedication of hundreds of volunteers, who generously give up their time and expertise to further the spread of the gospel. As you pray for our volunteers this week, perhaps consider if there are other ways in which you could volunteer your time and skills to further God's kingdom.

SUNDAY 21

We thank God for those who have given up their time, talents and finances to work alongside our partners in a short-term role. We are grateful for the expertise and capacity they bring to BMS and our partners.

MONDAY 22

The BMS Birthday Scheme is a fantastic programme that encourages people to donate money to support world mission on their birthday. Pray that the hundreds of volunteer Birthday Scheme Co-ordinators who run it would be encouraged in their work.

TUESDAY 23

Today we pray with gratitude for all the volunteers at churches up and down the country who host BMS mission workers in their churches on their home assignments. From hosting a dinner, offering a bed or plugging in the laptop, your work makes it all possible.

WEDNESDAY 24

Thank God for the faithful service of volunteer church planters and evangelists working with our partners in India. Pray for their protection, and that hearts would be open to hearing and accepting the gospel.

THURSDAY 25

Pray for BMS Representatives and Church Partner contacts who promote world mission in UK Baptist churches. Pray that more people would be inspired and equipped to support mission.

FRIDAY 26

We have a number of short-term volunteer roles being advertised. Please pray for the right people to come forward to serve interculturally in this way.

SATURDAY 27

Pray for Ugandan Christian lawyers who volunteer their time pro bono to support the work of the Ugandan Christian Lawyers' Fraternity. Pray that through their ministry, more people would gain access to justice.



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



150 villages in the Sundarbans were reached with the gospel and over 6,000 people were transported safely thanks to the BMS boat.

India

28 Apr to 4 May

As the home of William Carey's mission and ministry, India holds a special place in BMS World Mission's history. That legacy continues in the form of a time in the nation's journey that presents us with opportunities to bring the gospel of Christ to this vast and diverse country. Join BMS as we pray for India.

SUNDAY 28

Praise God for BMS worker Ben Francis, who is bringing revitalisation to many churches in India and around the world through disciple-making movements. Pray for the training of 10,000 church planters who will plant 10,000 house churches.

MONDAY 29

Praise God that the BMS and Biglife partnership across Asia has led to 8,700 disciple makers being trained, more than 7,000 house churches being planted and more than 5,000 people receiving a Bible in their own language.

TUESDAY 30

Give thanks that the women working with BMS partner Biglife are bold and brilliant in sharing the gospel. Pray for BMS-supported worker Gill Francis as she trains more women as disciple makers.

WEDNESDAY 1

Praise God for the BMS Resource Centre in Kolkata. Pray that the centre will facilitate ecumenical unity and be a mission training hub for churches.

THURSDAY 2

Praise God for the provision of a grant made possible in 2023 through the generosity of BMS supporters, which enables Christians to act as a shining light in their communities.

FRIDAY 3

Pray that the persecution of Christians will stop, and that followers of Christ across the most populous country on earth will continue to be resilient and demonstrate God's love to those who oppose them.

SATURDAY 4

The BMS boat has been transporting church planters to preach the gospel in the Sundarbans. Give thanks that 150 villages were reached and more than 6,000 people transported safely.



Africa

Chad	Claire BEDFORD
Chad	Kalbassou DOUBASSOU
Chad	Andrea and Mark HOTCHKIN
Chad	Lucia BASTOS
Mozambique	Jane EDWARDS
Mozambique	Carlos TIQUE JONE
Uganda	Genesis ACAYE
Uganda	Benon KAYANJA

Asia

Bangladesh	Louise and Peter LYNCH
India	Benjamin and Gillian FRANCIS
Nepal	Alan and Megan BARKER
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

Some names have been changed due to security reasons.
(Children aged 0-18 in brackets).

South America

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	Daniel and Regiane CLARK
Spain	Andrea and Ian

Middle East and North Africa

Afghanistan	Arthur and Reeta
Afghanistan	Tim
Afghanistan	Ruby
Afghanistan	Grace
Afghanistan	Oksana
Tunisia	Sophie



"Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them."

Psalm 126: 5-6