BMS Prayer Guide 2020

Pray with BMS World Mission from January to April
Welcome
to the first issue of the 2020 BMS World Mission Prayer Guide.

It’s a pivotal time for BMS, as we near the end of our five-year strategy. With refugees in Uganda being released from malnutrition, Sri Lankan Christians being provided trauma therapy, a new seedling church planted in a previously 100 per cent Buddhist community and more, we’ve seen so many of your faithful prayers answered by God. It’s been so encouraging to see the life-transforming work made possible through your continued prayers and support. Thank you for those prayers. And thank you for journeying with us.

I’d love for you to join us in beginning this new year in thanks for all the prayers God has answered, reflected in the new praise points included in each week of this issue. In addition, we also hope you enjoy the new tick boxes and easy-to-follow dates, where you can track where you’re up to with the Prayer Guide. We were inspired by Conrado from Brazil, featured in Issue 45 of Engage magazine, who prayed for BMS every day in 2018, taking notes as he went along. These changes have been made in response to your valued feedback. We hope they make the Prayer Guide easier to use and will encourage you to keep praying for BMS work.

Do get in touch and let us know what you think of this issue of the Prayer Guide and how you or your church are using it to pray. We would love to hear from you!

I’ll sign off by saying I’m incredibly excited to ask God together, whether in Birmingham or Brazil, for miracles to happen in faith.

Every blessing,

Melanie Webb Editor, the BMS Prayer Guide
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29: 11

BMS World Mission workers make huge personal sacrifices to serve God across the world. Please lift them up in your prayers today, that they might be encouraged in their work and be a source of support for the communities they work with.

SUNDAY 29
Pray for BMS mission workers, like Caroline and Victor in Guinea, seeking to improve the lives of local people by developing livelihood projects and improving access to safe water. Pray for their encouragement today.

MONDAY 30
Pray for BMS teachers like Annie Brown serving across the world. Pray that they have rest over the Christmas holidays and that they would return to school refreshed and re-inspired in January.

TUESDAY 31
Pray for BMS mission workers preaching, serving and participating in church communities globally. Pray that God would give them the words to speak, energy to serve and the enthusiasm they need to encourage others.

WEDNESDAY 1
Pray for BMS mission workers involved in theological training and evangelism as they train growing leaders and equip local churches. Pray for workers like Dave and Michele Mahon in Peru.

THURSDAY 2
Pray for new BMS workers Brian and Jackie Chilvers, currently preparing to serve as nurses in Chad. Pray that they will be energised and encouraged as they make this transition.

FRIDAY 3
Pray for financial provision and welcoming social networks for BMS workers returning from service. Pray that their sacrifice will be met with blessing.

SATURDAY 4
Pray for BMS medical professionals Annie Dupree and Kalbassou Doubassou as they continue to care for vulnerable people in Albania and Chad.
Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

5-11 January

New challenges and blessings come each year for BMS World Mission. As we’re nearing the end of our five-year strategy, let’s praise God with tremendous gratitude for all the prayers that have been answered, and pray with urgency for one million lives to be transformed by the end of 2020.

SUNDAY 5
Thank God for all the churches who have held South Sudan’s Conflict Survivors services, and for how this is transforming refugees’ lives in Uganda and blessing others worldwide. Pray that more will use this resource in 2020.

MONDAY 6
Pray we’ll see BMS’ faith-stretching targets met, especially for church planting. Pray for open hearts amongst the least evangelised in the world, where BMS church planters are aiming to plant 500 Christian communities and share the gospel with 500,000 people.

TUESDAY 7
Praise God for all our superstar supporters, for those who are praying with us each day using the BMS Prayer Guide. Thank God for the milestones reached through faithful prayer and giving. Pray that more will come alongside us to see the fruitfulness of BMS work across the world.

WEDNESDAY 8
As we near the end of our five-year strategy, pray for wisdom for BMS leadership. Ask God to guide leaders’ decisions and pray that BMS will continue to grow his kingdom.

THURSDAY 9
Thank God for BMS workers’ willingness to serve overseas wholeheartedly. Pray that God will raise up more to work with BMS in 2020.

FRIDAY 10
Ask God for the success of BMS resources and events, so that enough support is inspired to radically transform lives. Pray for BMS staff to stay strong in faith for God’s provision.

SATURDAY 11
BMS works in some of the most remote and dangerous places in the world. Pray that BMS workers, the people they work with and those they serve will experience God’s love and protection today.
SUNDAY 12
Praise God that BMS supporters’ generosity has helped people in Beira recover from Cyclone Idai in many ways, from providing food to rebuilding preschools. Pray that effective recovery work will continue, co-ordinated by Carlos Tique Jone, the country Team Leader.

MONDAY 13
Pray for BMS worker Liz Vilela, who works with the Mozambican Baptist Convention (CBM) in child education and safeguarding. Pray that, through her ministry, children and their parents might find ways to deal with the psychological effects of the cyclone.

TUESDAY 14
Ask God that Mark and Susanna Barrell’s ministries would establish strong organisational structures for the Mozambican Christian Lawyers Association (AMAC) and the tailoring micro-enterprises Susanna runs in marginalised communities.

WEDNESDAY 15
BMS legal worker Jane Edwards works alongside AMAC. Pray that the justice clinics she and her Mozambican colleagues run help people replace important registration documents lost in the storms.

THURSDAY 16
BMS worker Sergio Vilela leads a team rebuilding preschool classrooms destroyed by Cyclone Idai. Pray that this work is swift, and for psychological support for the church leaders he serves alongside.

FRIDAY 17
Thank God for BMS lawyers Annet and Damien Miller, who have now handed over to Mozambican leadership. Pray that people will keep attending the Mozambican-led legal education events that they began.

SATURDAY 18
Hold CBM and AMAC in your prayers as they seek to build strong organisational structures in this fragile country.

Thanks to your generosity, preschools in Mozambique are being rebuilt after Cyclone Idai, so that these children can continue learning.

One of the world’s most fragile states, Mozambique in southern Africa was hit by two cyclones in 2019. BMS World Mission has been involved in the recovery efforts, in addition to our well-established justice and education work. Working alongside Mozambican lawyers and Baptists, BMS runs development projects, church leadership training and education programmes. Pray with us for BMS work in Mozambique.
BMS World Mission dedicates a third of our overseas resources to the lowest quarter of the UN’s Human Development Index. We hope that by using these resources and working through local expressions of Church, some of the most marginalised people in the world can stand resilient against trials such as natural disasters, war and economic uncertainty.

**SUNDAY 19**
Pray for wisdom and determination for Tim Darby, working with marginalised communities in Uganda. Tim is giving leadership and technical support to a team that provides safe water through digging boreholes in rural communities in the north of the country.

**MONDAY 20**
Pray for BMS workers seeking to bring the good news of Jesus to the fragile nation of Afghanistan. Pray for their safety, boldness and wisdom as they seek to improve livelihoods, provide safe water and teach safe birthing practices to many vulnerable communities.

**TUESDAY 21**
Pray for all BMS workers and partners who engage with marginalised communities. Pray especially for emancipation, acceptance and opportunity for groups such as the Roma in Albania, those who have been trafficked in Thailand and the rural poor of Nepal.

**WEDNESDAY 22**
Pray for Midibart, a BMS-supported school for children who are blind in D R Congo, as it works to address stigma and allow children to thrive in the capital, Kinshasa.

**THURSDAY 23**
Pray for Susanna Barrell’s work with vulnerable women in Maputo, Mozambique, running a sewing project which develops crucial skills and improves livelihoods. Pray that Susanna would also have the chance to share the news of Jesus with them.

**FRIDAY 24**
Pray for BMS workers Kalbassou Doubassou and Claire Bedford working at the Guinebor II (G2) mission hospital in Chad. Pray especially for a good annual Board meeting today as they review and discuss progress.

**SATURDAY 25**
Pray for our team in Guinea, as they run self-help groups in vulnerable communities. Pray that the groups help build unified communities, aid resource pooling and are excellent forums for sharing life and faith.
You, our supporters, are the vital foundation of BMS World Mission’s work. That’s why we want to dedicate this week to praying for the success of the BMS initiatives and resources that you use to express your heart for mission. Join us in praying for more people to get involved with the amazing things God is doing overseas.

**SUNDAY 26**

Praise God for what he’s already provided through the South Sudan’s Conflict Survivors appeal. Many churches have shown the video and given generously. Pray word will spread and many more would be inspired to make a difference.

**MONDAY 27**

Thank God for the churches and individuals who support BMS work through our Church Partners and 24:7 Partners schemes. Pray more will be motivated to raise support for BMS and to inspire others to be part of transforming lives.

**TUESDAY 28**

From transformation in Peru to lives saved in Afghanistan and education provision in Nepal, God has answered countless prayers in the past year. Praise God for dedicated prayer groups and individuals using the BMS Prayer Guide. Pray God will motivate us all to continue praying for the world.

**WEDNESDAY 29**

Thank God for the lives of those who’ve left legacies to BMS. Praise God for their dedication to mission and pray that, whilst they are no longer with us, what they’ve left will go on to transform many lives.

**THURSDAY 30**

Pray for the next Engage magazine, that God will guide BMS writers to know how best to tell stories, and that those reading will be stirred to act and pray.

**FRIDAY 31**

Praise God for the success of the Birthday Scheme for over 100 years. Pray that more people would join this wonderful initiative.

**SATURDAY 1**

Pray for 2020, for incredible success in fundraising, prayer and volunteering so that even more lives are transformed through BMS work.
BMS World Mission works alongside partner organisation the Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches (FEEBF) in France and aims to share the gospel in the most effective ways for the local context. Praise God for the wonderful things he’s done in the country through BMS mission workers and pray for our neighbours across the Channel this week.

**SUNDAY 2**
Pray for BMS mission workers Philip and Rosemary Halliday as they lead French church plants and mentor other church planters. Pray that God will give them wisdom in how to encourage churches to reach out to their communities, and how to make disciples who will go on to make more disciples.

**MONDAY 3**
Give thanks for Philip Halliday who also works as the FEEBF Head of Development. Please pray that as he leads the national church planting team, God will bring renewal and growth to local congregations.

**TUESDAY 4**
Give thanks for the peace and unity in the church that BMS minister Christine Kling leads. Please pray that the church continues to experience God’s peace.

**WEDNESDAY 5**
BMS mission workers John and Sue Wilson are seeing young Christian disciples grow in their church. Pray for more young people to come to faith and be discipled.

**THURSDAY 6**
Pray for strength and grace for John and Sue as they host ‘Connexion’, a large annual French gathering that brings young people together to hear the gospel.

**FRIDAY 7**
Praise God for the good and long-lasting partnership between BMS and FEEBF. Pray for this effective collaboration to continue.

**SATURDAY 8**
Thank God for BMS mission workers Claire-Lise and David Judkins’ efforts in France. Pray that because of their ministry, more people will know God’s love, and the churches they helped plant will continue to grow.
BMS World Mission has a heart to serve in Peru. Working on the desert coast, along the Amazon river, up in the high Andes mountains and in the cosmopolitan capital, Lima, BMS is providing training for pastors with little access to courses and helping poor communities become self-sustaining.

**SUNDAY 9**
BMS-supported El Puente Baptist Church, Cusco, has developed a solid ministry over ten years. Pray that many will meet Jesus through Pastor Amilcar’s work and the church’s outreach.

**MONDAY 10**
BMS worker Dave Mahon co-ordinates work at Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre. Ask God for wisdom as the team adapts the course curriculum and establishes the centre’s financial independence.

**TUESDAY 11**
Praise God for BMS environmentalist Laura-Lee Lovering in Nauta. She is selling local produce alongside local people, enabling water provision and teaching creation stewardship. Pray this work will continue to bear fruit.

**WEDNESDAY 12**
BMS worker Regiane Clark and her colleague Pastor Homero lead social action, including health work, at the Peruvian Baptist Convention (CEBP). Ask God to call even more local medics to serve with them.

**THURSDAY 13**
Hold BMS youth worker Michele Mahon up to God. She is inspiring local churches and the local Baptist Association in youth ministry, a priority considering Peru’s young population.

**FRIDAY 14**
BMS worker Daniel Clark’s first Master’s students at Lima Baptist Seminary are writing their theses. Pray that their work contributes to improving national leadership training.

**SATURDAY 15**
Please pray for the other BMS-supported CEBP ministries, especially the roaming ministerial training and church planting.

**Peru**

Sunday 9 February is the BMS annual Day of Prayer. Please join us in prayer! Head to www.bmsworldmission.org/dayofprayer

BMS pastor and youth worker Dave and Michele Mahon are supporting churches in some of the poorest communities in Peru.
Mission trainees and training

16-22 February

The BMS World Mission training hub, based in Birmingham, works with theological colleges to deliver structured teaching. We thank God for the valuable time mission trainees spend learning about overseas mission as they prepare to work for BMS. Please pray that all mission workers will be effective in the places God has called them to.

☐ SUNDAY 16

Pray for BMS mission trainees Brian and Jackie Chilvers, currently studying French just outside Paris. Pray that they will get a good grasp of the language and be able to communicate well when they go to work in Chad later in the year.

☐ MONDAY 17

Pray for the mission trainees based at our hub in Birmingham for the next term. Pray that they will utilise their time well as they prepare for cross-cultural mission, and that they will gain a good understanding of their role overseas.

☐ TUESDAY 18

Pray for BMS music therapist, Bethan Shrubsole, her husband Gareth and their children as they head to Chad, to work at Guinebor II hospital (G2). Pray that their children will adapt well to their new school and to Chadian culture.

☐ WEDNESDAY 19

Pray for staff involved in training mission workers. Pray that they would be able to share their experiences of working cross-culturally in creative ways and inspire mission trainees.

☐ THURSDAY 20

Pray for BMS workers Melanie and Tom Spears to feel at home in Chad and for daughter Maisie to settle into school well.

☐ FRIDAY 21

Pray for the exciting partnerships that BMS is forming with other training institutions. Pray that these relationships will allow more opportunities for global mission.

☐ SATURDAY 22

Pray for BMS worker Claire Bedford as she oversees the orientation of new BMS workers in Chad. Pray that good, strong relationships are built at G2 hospital where they all work.
Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

1 Chronicles 16:11

South Sudanese refugees are getting the help they need because of your prayers and giving.
Evangelism and discipleship

23-29 February

People experiencing the abundant life which Jesus provides are the motivation for our evangelism and discipleship work at BMS World Mission. BMS mission workers are committed to sharing the good news within their local culture and context. Please pray with us this week as we focus on evangelism and discipleship.

**SUNDAY 23**
Give thanks for the partnership between BMS and Big Life in sharing the gospel. Pray that God will use this partnership to equip churches in the UK and overseas to train people in sharing the gospel and discipling those who come to faith.

**MONDAY 24**
Pray for BMS worker Ben Francis in India, who is leading the partnership between BMS and Big Life. Pray that God will give him wisdom and strength in sharing the gospel and in training people to make disciples.

**TUESDAY 25**
Give thanks for BMS church planters Helen and Wit Boondeekhun who are working in Thailand. Praise God that people are coming to faith, one at a time. Pray for the church to grow in the grace and in knowledge of Jesus Christ.

**WEDNESDAY 26**
BMS broadcasters Andrea and Ian work at a media station sharing the gospel and encouraging discipleship among people in North Africa. Pray for people there to be open to learning about God’s love.

**THURSDAY 27**
Pray for BMS’ training hub in Birmingham to become a global centre for learning. Pray for more UK Christians to access the training on offer.

**FRIDAY 28**
Praise God for whole villages in Bangladesh responding to the demonstration of God’s love through the work BMS mission workers Louise and Peter Lynch are involved in, which is led by national and local pastors. Pray that this good work will continue.

**SATURDAY 29**
Praise God for the multitudes of people who have heard the gospel through BMS work. Pray that God would sustain BMS in faithfully sharing the gospel with people around the world.
Here in the remote Tibesti region, BMS doctors Andrea and Mark Hotchkin work at the government hospital in Bardai.

Chad

According to the UN’s Human Development Index, Chad is the fourth poorest country in the world. BMS is working to provide access to medical services and Christian hope in this fragile, Muslim majority country. This is firstly through Guinebor II (G2) mission hospital, near the capital, N’Djamena, and secondly through a pioneering venture in the Tibesti plateau.

SUNDAY 1
Pray for BMS doctors Andrea and Mark Hotchkin working alongside government medical colleagues at Bardai hospital. Please pray for energy, wisdom and progress in the hospital’s development, and for their safety.

MONDAY 2
Pray for new BMS mission workers Brian and Jackie Chilvers. Brian is a nurse practitioner and Jackie has a public health background. Pray that God would equip them for fruitfulness and service in Chad during their language training in France.

TUESDAY 3
Pray for BMS surgeon, Kalbassou Doubassou. He is the G2 Hospital Director and has broad oversight of the various arms of the hospital. Pray for Kalbassou’s energy, wisdom, leadership and cross-cultural skills as he heads up this vital ministry.

WEDNESDAY 4
Pray for BMS community health worker Melanie Spears, BMS GP Tom Spears and their family as they settle into new surroundings at G2. Pray that their children would settle into a new rhythm of life.

THURSDAY 5
Pray for returning BMS workers Bethan and Gareth Shrubsole. Bethan will start work with at-risk women, whilst Gareth will become the G2 Hospital Manager. Pray that their family settles into N’Djamena.

FRIDAY 6
Pray for G2 hospital as it seeks to bring healing and witness to over 16,000 people every year. Pray for encouragement and faithfulness for the hospital’s hard-working team.

SATURDAY 7
Pray for BMS worker Claire Bedford as she supports the leadership of G2 hospital and oversees the pharmacy. Pray that Claire can source the necessary drugs to aid patients effectively.
Justice

8-14 March

We know our Lord not only as fount of love, but also of justice, whose servants stand with the vulnerable. Please pray this week for BMS World Mission workers who are standing with abuse survivors in Thailand, upholding Mozambicans’ rights through the Mozambican Christian Lawyers Association (AMAC) and working with the Ugandan Government through the Ugandan Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF).

☐ SUNDAY 8
Pray for BMS-supported co-ordinators of AMAC offices in Beira and Maputo: Fernando and Luis. Pray also for BMS lawyers Mark Barrell and Jane Edwards, who are mentoring them. Pray that they will wisely represent many, despite limited resources.

☐ MONDAY 9
BMS invests heavily in AMAC. Ask the Lord to sustain AMAC as they begin to seek local resources to help communities, and that each member might use their life to honour the Lord through this ministry.

☐ TUESDAY 10
BMS supports Vincent Mutonerwa, who leads UCLF and Mateus Mosse, who leads AMAC. Ask the Lord that grace will be multiplied to them and their teams whilst doing God’s work in tough legal systems, and that programmes might be self-sustaining.

☐ WEDNESDAY 11
Praise God for the success of BMS-supported legal education work and local communities’ desire to be reconciled to each other. Let us pray for total peace in Mozambique and post-war northern Uganda.

☐ THURSDAY 12
BMS-supported counsellor, Dorothy Kayanja, works in prisons in Uganda. Pray that those in the prisons are transformed and might confess Christ as their personal Saviour.

☐ FRIDAY 13
Praise God for BMS law tutors Leonardo, Fernando and Daphne, in Mozambique and Uganda. Pray that their law students learn about doing justice with love, servanthood, and care for the poor.

☐ SATURDAY 14
Hold Paul and Sarah Brown before the Lord, and the people with whom they work in Thailand: that their ministry might bring justice for survivors of human trafficking.

Thanks to your giving, lawyers in Mozambique are being trained to ensure local people’s rights are upheld.
Disabilities

BMS World Mission works in many countries around the world where those born with disabilities, or who become disabled, face little prospect of support or rehabilitation. Disability is often stigmatised and linked to curses or to parental infidelity. BMS is seeking to bring opportunity and hope to many who might otherwise have been left forgotten and sidelined.

☐ SUNDAY 15
Pray for the success of the BMS resource, South Sudan’s Conflict Survivors, which churches may be using in their Sunday service today. Pray that more displaced South Sudanese people with disabilities are helped.

☐ MONDAY 16
Please pray for BMIS (Baptist Missionary Integrated School) which provides education for vulnerable children in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Pray for wisdom for their Principal Gloria Chadiani Baroi and BMS engineer Phil Proctor as they work together to maintain the safety and security of the school.

☐ TUESDAY 17
In Chad, as in many places, disability significantly reduces life opportunities for children. Pray for plans at BMS partner Guinebor II hospital in Chad, as they work towards improving facilities to help children with rehabilitation after serious illness and injury.

☐ WEDNESDAY 18
Pray for encouragement for BMS mission worker Judy Cook as she leads work at BMS partner Hope Home, in Thailand.

☐ THURSDAY 19
Nepal has many cases of spinal crush injuries. Pray for BMS worker Megan Barker as she supports the development of occupational therapy to help people with these injuries.

☐ FRIDAY 20
Pray for Pippa and Toby Vokuhl in Nepal. Toby works with a BMS partner which has built homes for those affected by the 2015 earthquake. Pray that these homes can be modified to accommodate disabling injuries incurred in 2015.

☐ SATURDAY 21
Pray for Midibart, a BMS-supported school in Kinshasa, D R Congo, as it provides education for children with impaired vision. Pray for their fight against prejudice.
BMS World Mission has a rich history of serving alongside partner organisations in Nepal. From training medical personnel and local Nepali educators to supporting mission children in an international school setting, BMS has served in Nepal since 1962. Against a backdrop of political, social, and spiritual challenges, and the threat of natural disaster, please pray for Nepal.

**SUNDAY 22**
An anti-conversion law in Nepal, enforced in October 2017, restricts religious conversion. Many believers have been arrested. Please pray the Lord will strengthen and embolden his Church in Nepal so they will not be discouraged in these trials.

**MONDAY 23**
Give thanks that BMS mission worker Jenny Saunders had the opportunity to teach counselling supervision to Master’s students at Tribhuvan University. Please pray that Jenny will develop a contextually appropriate supervision model for use in the country, which will help destigmatise seeking counselling.

**TUESDAY 24**
Please pray for Simon and Wendy Hall, working with BMS partner KISC EQUIP in Nepali schools and building relationships in the Lamjung district. Pray that as they establish new IT labs in surrounding schools, this will provide an open door to the gospel.

**WEDNESDAY 25**
Please pray for BMS healthcare workers Megan Barker and Helen Douglas. Pray that each of their patients would experience God’s love and compassion as they work to heal.

**THURSDAY 26**
Pray for BMS worker Alan Barker, whose visa expires soon, that a smoother process will enable him and other mission workers to continue to focus on their ministries.

**FRIDAY 27**
Please pray for BMS mission worker Angus Douglas, member of the KISC Director team. Pray for KISC to be a secure place for mission children in a transient world.

**SATURDAY 28**
Please pray for the BMS Action Team as they prepare to leave Nepal today. Give thanks for what they’ve achieved and pray that their witness in UK churches will inspire others to serve overseas.
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

Israel-Palestine

As an active presence in Israel-Palestine, BMS World Mission supports the Church there in an incredibly difficult context. Your prayers and support directly contribute to the training of Christian leaders, church planting and evangelism, and to deep peace-building projects between people of different faiths and cultural backgrounds, based on Jesus’ teachings.

- **SUNDAY 29**
  Please pray for the Baptist churches meeting today in Israel-Palestine and for BMS partner, the Association of Baptist Churches, as they provide leadership and support to the body of Christ.

- **MONDAY 30**
  BMS supports Bethlehem Bible College, equipping leaders at their seminary and through their online diploma. Thank God for the impact of students and graduates as they grow in leadership roles. Pray that they would be able to translate what they have learnt into kingdom building ministry.

- **TUESDAY 31**
  Pray for Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities and religious leaders to work together to bring peace and reconciliation. Thank God for BMS partners such as the Holy Land Trust, who are involved in Christ-inspired initiatives in this area.

- **WEDNESDAY 1**
  Please remember BMS partner the Nazareth Evangelical College. Pray for President Rev Azar Ajaj and peace studies teacher Rula Mansour, who are both supported by BMS. Pray for God’s wisdom as they model Christ-centred leadership to students.

- **THURSDAY 2**
  Pray for ‘Christ at the Checkpoint’ conference in June, hosted by Bethlehem Bible College, which explores hope and resilience in a broken world. Pray that participants grow in their understanding of the conflict and seek peace.

- **FRIDAY 3**
  Pray for BMS-supported church leaders Randa and Ziad Farraj, and Hanna and Lina Eid, leading Baptist churches in northern Israel. Pray for lives to be transformed through Christ’s love.

- **SATURDAY 4**
  Join us in praying for justice and peace in Israel-Palestine. Pray that all people may grow in hope and be willing to forgive.
By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 1 Corinthians 6:14

Holy Week

5-11 April

Let’s remember the events leading up to our Saviour’s death as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Pray this week for those followers of Jesus who face persecution, like he did. As BMS World Mission works in some of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian, pray people in this context find strength and hope in God.

SUNDAY 5
Today is Palm Sunday, when Jesus’ arrival into Jerusalem was celebrated. Pray today for religious refugees settling into new territories. Pray they would find a home and for people to welcome them with open arms.

MONDAY 6
Some of the gospels detail that the Cleansing of the Temple (Matt 21:12-17) happened in the same week as Jesus’ death. Remember those trapped in poverty because of economic injustice. Pray for God’s provision and for God to guide BMS in how to care for them.

TUESDAY 7
Give thanks for BMS workers’ willingness to serve in some of the most dangerous regions in the world to be Christian. Pray for continued protection and strength, for them and alongside whom they work.

WEDNESDAY 8
Hold up those suffering with mental and physical health issues due to persecution. Pray for comfort and miraculous healing.

THURSDAY 9
Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper. Pray for those who are spiritually and physically hungry and thirsty. Pray that BMS would be led to them and that we would know how to help.

FRIDAY 10
Pray for an end to suffering for persecuted Christians. Ask God for wisdom for BMS mission workers to know how to relieve suffering where they work.

SATURDAY 11
Thank the Lord for his ultimate sacrifice so that we can have new life. Pray for more to experience this abundant life in Christ through BMS work.
BMS World Mission relief ministries reach people around the world who are suffering from the impacts of natural hazards, conflicts, and ongoing crises. BMS enables partners to provide everything from food packages and shelter to psychosocial support and long-term livelihoods recovery. Please pray for those who are facing and recovering from crises.

**SUNDAY 12**
Last Easter Sunday, suicide bombers killed 259 people in Sri Lanka’s capital, Colombo. BMS’ partner there has been helping those affected, particularly children, with psychosocial support. Remember Sri Lanka today and pray that the country will know God’s peace, presence and be united.

**MONDAY 13**
Praise God for the work of BMS’ 2019 South Sudan appeal. Although displaced in Uganda, with the support of BMS, South Sudanese refugees have passionately ministered to their communities. Pray that they will soon be able to return to their homes safely and without fear.

**TUESDAY 14**
In 2015, Nepal was hit by two devastating earthquakes. BMS-supported emergency relief programmes there have since provided training for restoring livelihoods, shelter and health. Five years on, the projects are near completion. Pray that communities will feel strong, resilient and better prepared for the future.

**WEDNESDAY 15**
BMS is part of the Baptist World Alliance Forum for Aid and Development. Please pray as we co-ordinate Baptists around the world during crises. Pray for wisdom and discernment, so that communities are empowered by the responses.

**THURSDAY 16**
BMS supported Indonesian Baptists in responding to three earthquakes and tsunamis in 2018. Pray for local churches’ work as they continue to rebuild.

**FRIDAY 17**
Praise God that preschool education programmes and livelihoods are being restored in the region of Mozambique which was badly affected by Cyclone Idai. Pray that they will continue to recover.

**SATURDAY 18**
The conflict in Syria still rages. Pray for the families who are seeking refuge in Lebanon, and for those left behind. Pray that BMS-supported children’s education programmes help them have a childhood.
Every year, BMS World Mission is sustained by the loving service and generosity of thousands of churches, volunteers, individual supporters and staff. That’s a lot to give thanks for! We want to praise God for the BMS community and pray that you would find success in all you do.

**SUNDAY 19**

Praise God for the Action Team Reunion last summer. Pray that now, almost a year on, God will be prompting people to stay connected to BMS. Pray for energy and endurance for current Action Teamers, as they begin their UK church tour shortly.

**MONDAY 20**

Pray for those attending BMS café events over the next few months. Pray for church unity while hosting and promoting events. Pray many will come with open hearts and that God will use speakers as a mouthpiece to inspire people about mission.

**TUESDAY 21**

Pray for new UK members of staff. Pray they will settle in well and that God will guide all staff at BMS to do their jobs in the best way possible with wisdom, clarity and efficiency.

**WEDNESDAY 22**

Thank God for the Birthday Scheme secretaries, BMS Reps, Church Partner contacts, stamp collectors and other volunteers supporting BMS work. Pray that God will give them success in what they do.

**THURSDAY 23**

Pray for wisdom as BMS thinks about how best to engage new supporters. Pray for development of new ideas that will be successful and expand God’s kingdom.

**FRIDAY 24**

Pray for those who work tirelessly in their churches to promote world mission. Pray that they would make breakthroughs, and that people would be moved to respond.

**SATURDAY 25**

Pray for the members of the BMS Board of Trustees and Council. Pray they will be listening closely to God’s will and are motivated by his heart.
BMS World Mission in Thailand has served among trafficked people in Bangkok and now aims to support the marginalised in an exciting mission business development in Chiang Mai. In Thailand, BMS partner Hope Home also offers residential and respite care for children with disabilities and BMS workers are living incarnationally in Buddhist communities. Please support our work in prayer.

☐ SUNDAY 26
Please pray for BMS mission workers Paul and Sarah Brown working with New Life Centre Foundation (NLCF). Pray for success in helping northern tribal people in the struggle for an exploitation-free society, and success in advocating for survivors of sexual abuse, treating them with dignity.

☐ MONDAY 27
Please pray for BMS partner, Church of Christ in Thailand Aids Ministry (CAM), that it might discover innovative ways to keep the Church, schools and communities aware of (and motivated to support people living with) HIV and Aids in their local community.

☐ TUESDAY 28
Please pray for wisdom for BMS church planters Helen and Wit Boondeekhun in Wang Daeng village, northern Thailand. Pray that as relationships are built, many people would give their lives to Jesus.

☐ WEDNESDAY 29
Please pray for Bee at NLCF, the first Thai Director from the Karen tribal group. Pray that she will have confidence in the gifts and skills that God has given her to sustain NLCF for the long-term.

☐ THURSDAY 30
Give thanks that, in answer to prayer, a seedling church has been planted in the remote village of Wang Daeng. Pray for new believers to grow in faith and become true disciples of Christ.

☐ FRIDAY 1
Praise God that more Hope Home children have been accepted into schools. Please pray for BMS legal worker Judy Cook as she seeks to access these children’s rights.

☐ SATURDAY 2
Please pray for Paul and Sarah Brown to build good community relationships as they set up a bakery that is both mission work and a business in Chiang Mai.
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2 Timothy 1: 7