

July 2025

Missouri PrayerWays

“Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God.” Billy Graham

PLEASE NOTE: *Name Changed for Security Purposes; TCK=Third Culture Kid-formerly MK; NAMB=North American Mission Board; AMP=American Peoples, APR=Asian Pacific Rim Peoples, CAP=Central Asian Peoples, DEAF=Deaf Peoples, EURO=European Peoples, NAME=Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples, and ASAP=South Asian Peoples, SSAP=Sub-Saharan African Peoples

July 1: The parents of **TCK H. H., 9**, write, “Please pray for Hannah to make new friendships and do well during our family's transition this summer as we step into a new role.”

July 2: **A. N., NAME**, writes, “Our team needs teammates! Please ask that the Father call and equip them soon and ask that He guide us to be ready to receive them well. Ask that my knees and back remain up to the task! I struggle with them more than I want to admit”//**Peggy Rorabaugh, Retired, SSAP**, writes, “My prayer request is more of a praise. I recently discovered I have arthritis in my knees, which have been hurting for quite a while. I was referred to an orthopedic surgeon who gave me a shot of steroids in each knee. The difference is night and day. Perhaps this seems to be a small thing, but I'm new to this arthritis stuff and can rejoice in the lack of pain I had”//Pray that **Krag Runzi, NAMB**, can always remember that God is in control despite the circumstances he might face.

July 3: Ask the Lord to give **A. R., EURO; B. G., ASAP; Jana Stelzer, Retired, SSAP; Traci Byrd, NAMB; and Matthew Marrs, NAMB**, wisdom regarding their daily scheduling of events and appointments.

July 4: Pray that **M. W., APR, and S. H., APR**, will spend quality time in the Word each day//**Josh Thrower, NAMB**, writes, “Pray for special moments as our family is all home this summer. Pray for our daughter as she is entering her senior year and looking into colleges. Pray that our returning college students will be excited about what God will do this next school year. Pray for our efforts to grow new leaders to serve God's Kingdom.”

July 5: Ask the Father to challenge **A. H., AMP**, to take giant steps of faith//The parents of **TCK B. D., 12, CAP**, write, “Pray for Benji as he will be attending public junior high during our furlough in Texas this fall. Please pray that he will adjust well to American school and be a light to the students around him. He has never attended American school so there will be lots of new things for him to learn. Please ask for wisdom for us as we parent him through this season.”

July 6: Pray that **J. L., APR, and Christina Smith, EURO**, will have discernment when seeking to understand where new acquaintances are in their spiritual journey.

July 7: The parents of **TCK Maria Frierson, 18, EURO**, write, “Maria has one more year of high school in Cardiff. Pray that this last year will be sweet and that the Lord will make clear what's next. Maria would like to enter the Barnabas Prep College program in Branson, MO, in the Fall of 2026. Please pray that the Lord will provide for her to have opportunity to do so”//**DOM Timothy Faber, Lake of the Ozarks Association**, asks prayer for his wife, Teresa, who had hip replacement surgery last week and will have the other hip replaced after she recovers from this one. He asks us to pray that he will have the energy and understanding to care for her, do the housework, and keep up with his normal duties as well. He has a praise regarding his 30-year-old son, Ethan, who went into cardiac arrest in March and died three times before arriving at the hospital. They are thankful for their daughter-in-law knowing CPR and the EMTs timely care. He now has a pacemaker/defibrillator and is doing well. They give all the praise and glory to the Lord's grace//Ask the Lord to guide **DOM Preston Thompson, Heart of Missouri Association**, as he prepares for each new day.

July 8: Pray that **TCK L. F., 20, NAME**, can balance his curricular and extra-curricular activities well.

July 9: Ask our Father to lift **Keith Williams, Retired, APR, and TCK Elijah Watson, 9, APR**, above the circumstances of major challenges they may face.

July 10: Lift up **M. M., NAME, and *Dena P, APR**, as they seek to engage ladies in their communities in gospel conversations//***Grace Rivers, ASAP**, writes, “Please ask that the Lord would give our family clear direction and renewed joy. Pray, also, for the salvation of our two sons!”//The parents of **TCK S. B., 20, AMP**, write, “Please pray for Susanna as

she begins her sophomore year of college. Pray for good decision making, for a strong community around her, and for the challenges she will be facing, that she will be able to rest in the Lord and continue to grow in her walk with Him.”

July 11: Oretha Brewster, Retired, APR, and DOM Spouse, St. Francois Association, asks prayer as they are in the midst of two weeks of summer camps, running from July 6-18th. Pray that those who responded to the Word this week will be disciplined well, and those who hear in the coming week, will respond to follow Jesus. She writes, “Both Phil and I are having a health issue or two. We need patience for the ability to let some things go and be satisfied in being able to do what we can do”//Pray that **DOM Alan Earls, Concord Association,** will have many opportunities to provide wise counsel to pastors//**Joan Dotson, Past President and Current Resource Coordinator, MWMU Board,** writes, “Praising the Lord for the beautiful summer; visiting family in other states and enjoying the Lord’s handiwork!”

July 12: Ask the Lord to help **TCK N. W., 16, EURO,** make new friends who need to hear the gospel for the first time.

July 13: Pray that **Jorge Tobar, NAMB,** will always ask the Lord to go before him as he encounters new prospects for his church plant in Carthage//The parents of **TCK Titus Lindsey, 16, EURO,** ask us to pray for Titus and his sister as they go on an IMB-led youth mission trip to another country this summer. Also pray for Titus as he leads an informal prayer time with unchurched classmates before exams//**Linda Graham, Funds Ambassador, MWMU Board,** writes, “Pray that I will be aware of local church needs in our Blue River Kansas City Association.”

July 14: Lesotho: Stan and Angie Burlison share the following: “The country of Lesotho is inundated with self-proclaimed prophets/apostles. Pray that the people will not be deceived by these false teachers but will discern the truth. Pray Basotho Christians will rise up and proclaim the truth of God's Word to their families, neighbors, and countrymen.”

July 15: Montana: Pray for Jim and Brandi Taber who are planting Gracepoint Church in their hometown of Billings. Ask the Lord to give them many opportunities to reach out to new residents.

July 16: Cevin Sweeny, EURO, writes, “July will culminate our time in Germany and a change in roles at the IMB -- bringing closure to our 23 years in Germany and entering a new missionary role in the states representing Europe to our Southern Baptist Churches for the next three years. Please pray for us through the transition, and pray for the local partners, saved and lost friends, and work we leave behind.”

July 17: Ross (David) Frierson, EURO, writes, “Please pray that the Lord will save many through the ministry of Redeemer Church Cardiff and that some from the church will be called and sent to the nations. We pray that Redeemer Church will, for generations, be a healthy church that proclaims, portrays, and protects the gospel for our good and God’s glory.”

July 18: Ask the Lord to give **David Sundeen, Retired, NAMB, and TCK L. H., 11, APR,** pleasant surprises on their birthday.

July 19: Pray that **Matthew Glover, NAMB,** will take every opportunity to spend time in the Word and prayer//The parents of **TCK *Asher, 19, CAP,** write, “*Asher will be starting university in the fall, along with transitioning back to life in the US. He has expressed stress related feelings to starting life without the safety net of our presence, even though there is family near to help. We praise the Lord for providing him with an excellent education even while living in Central Asia. Even now he is finishing up a course in Music Theory and AP Calculus.”

July 20: Ask the Father to grant **E. M., NAME and Mitchell Bryant, Retired, NAMB,** favor among those who need a positive witness.

July 21: Carl Rees, Retired, AMP, writes, “I would like to thank Missouri Baptists for praying for us all these years. Missouri Baptist prayers have helped to encourage and strengthen us through some difficult experiences. Please pray that we continue to be faithful, and that God be honored in the Bible teaching, preaching, and volunteer missions opportunities He gives us.”

July 22: Lesotho: Jake and Ginger Goss ask prayer for the village of Sosa where they spent time recently. Pray that people would be receptive to hear about Jesus. Pray for the chief, Mme Malerato, to recognize the value of the gospel over potential material things they could bring.

July 23: Pray that **Judith Mendoza, Retired, NAMB, and Cherri Crump, Past President, MWMU Board**, will always be able to find those who need a word of comfort that they can give.

July 24: **Jake Goss, Lesotho**, writes, "Pray that God would give me wisdom in what to teach the four young men that I meet with every week to disciple and that He would grant consistency in our schedule in doing so. Also, please pray for God to give me wisdom in being consistent in taking the right times away from "ministry" to disciple my daughter, Timber, and to spend time with my wife, Ginger"//The parents of **TCK I. B., 16, AMP**, write, "Please pray for Isabel as she will be attending a US school for the first time this semester. Pray for good friendships and a positive experience, then for a good transition back to her school in Bogota, Colombia in January. Pray that she will be strengthened and encouraged in her walk with the Lord"//Ask the Lord to impress upon **TCKs (twins) J. I. and P. I., 10, ASAP**, their need to grow in their understanding of what Jesus Christ has done for them.

July 25: **Richard Lamborn, Retired, NAME**, writes, "Pray that God will give me wisdom as I serve on my church's constitution committee as we are in the process of reviewing and updating it"//Pray that **Joseph Yu, Retired, NAMB; TCK S. H., 2, APR; and TCK Maryann Yoakum, 22, SSAP**, can each feel well loved by family in their current stage of life.

July 26: Ask the Father to let **A. B., APR**, find that special niche in her ministry that is truly fulfilling.

July 27: **Kathryn Richardson, Retired, EURO**, writes, "Pray for wisdom and courage for elderly believers that they may face life's transitions, with courage and wisdom, and be effective witnesses for Christ where they live."

July 28: **Roslyn Alexander, Retired, EURO**, is asking prayer to find new ways to reach new people for Christ.

July 29: **Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief:** Our world is inundated with natural disasters. This has been a very rough year with many tornadoes across our state. MBDR have many gracious and faithful volunteers. Pray for good health and safety as they give of their time and efforts to share the love of Christ with so many who are hurting and helpless.

July 30: Lift up ***Abby Roberts, CAP**, as she helps parents of third culture kids make educational decisions//***Goldie Francis, ASAP**, asks us to pray she will be able to return to her place of service soon as her six-month stateside assignment has lasted over a year. Pray for the Lord to soften the hearts of government officials to provide authorization for her return. Pray that a Bible study opportunity will be initiated for some young mothers who were ministered to through education and health care when they were girls//**DOM Gregg Boll, Blue River-Kansas City Association**, writes, "Please pray for Brian Grout, our new Associate Director of Missions, as he learns his new role serving the churches and pastors of BR-KC. Pray for our effort to catalyze a new church planting movement within our association and beyond. Pray for us as we work with declining churches with the Resound Revitalization Process and that more churches in need will reach out to us. Pray for our pastors to be encouraged and equipped to keep leading their churches effectively."

July 31: **A. H., APR**, writes, "Pray that we'll get medical approval to return to the field, specifically in time for our kids to start school. They are homesick for our tropical home and ready to get back to regular life. Pray for my parents who are aging and experiencing a lot of health issues. They do not know Jesus, which makes it so much harder for me to leave them. Pray that I will be consistent in my time with the Lord and other spiritual disciplines. Pray for my kids as they enter high school this fall. They have learning disabilities which makes life harder for them. Pray that they'll find their identity in Christ and not in achievements, and that I will shepherd them well during their last few years at home"//Please pray according to Proverbs 16:3, that **Sheila Wilbanks, EURO**, will commit her work to the Lord and He will establish her plans//Ask the Lord to provide **Beverly Goss, Retired, NAMB**, with sweet reunions with persons from her past.

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