

September 2025

Missouri PrayerWays

"My purpose is to pray for believers and those who do not know God." Andrew Murray

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

September 1: Ask the Father to bestow wisdom, courage, and kindness upon **J. H., ASAP; A. L., NAME; A. M., CAP; Chuck Barbour, Retired, SSAP; and DOM Robert Feeler, Twin Rivers Association,** as they interact with those who are seeking the Way.

September 2: **M. B., CAP,** writes, "Please ask that in accordance with Colossians 1:11, I would have all endurance and patience with joy, especially as we endure the summer heat and I start a new language sprint"//Pray that **B. T., CAP; W. T., NAME; Linda Witherspoon, Retired, AMP; TCK A. H., 13, ASAP; and TCK Aidan Yoakum, 20, SSAP,** will each choose wisely as they make plans for the coming year//The parents of **TCK Everett Smith, 10, EURO,** ask prayer that he will be able to learn the language of their new country well for the sake of school and making friends//**DOM John Vernon, Cape Girardeau Association,** writes, "This upcoming year will likely be my most challenging yet. Please ask the Father to give me discernment and favor as I serve one of our MBC churches as their transitional leader while still leading our association. We have the privilege this year of equipping and empowering a group of youth to lead out in restarting monthly youth rallies for our region. Pray for me to lead them well."

September 3: **Jeremy Smith, EURO,** (father of Everett, birthday on 2nd), also asks prayer for language learning in their new country of service for the sake of ministry and friendships. Ask God to open his mind, ears, and mouth to honor Him with his words//Ask the Lord to give **Lauren Coale, EURO, and Carol Chatman, Retired, AMP,** a multitude of opportunities to share His salvation story.

September 4: Parents of **TCK C. K., 5, EURO,** write, "Pray for Clara as she attends Polish preschool and works on learning Polish. Pray for her salvation."

September 5: Lesotho: Stan and Angie Burlison write, "Many young men from the soccer team have chosen to put their faith and trust in Jesus. Pray for the soccer team members who have not yet chosen to follow Christ to have a yearning to learn more and be drawn unto Him.

September 6: Lesotho: Kyle and Kim Totty write, "In the village of Ha Masholoko, the sangoma (witch doctor) has been having dreams that have led him to ask questions about the word of God, specifically the New Testament. Please pray for this man and those like him, that they would know the true light and life found only in Jesus."

September 7: **G. B., EURO,** writes, "My heart is so grateful for the prayers of the saints. Much of the aim of my birthday month is to encourage and come alongside other field workers who are seeking to use their healthcare background to meet physical needs as they share eternal hope in hard places. Our adult kids are struggling in their faith, and aging parents are struggling in their health. We ask the sovereign Lord to do what only He can"//Ask the Father to sustain **Jacob Miller, NAMB,** as he explores new opportunities for ministry//**DOM Keith Brumfield, Shoal Creek Association,** writes, "September 5th marked four months of being a Director of Missions. I have definitely 'hit the ground running' these four months. I would ask for prayer for continued strength for my wife and I both, also that the Holy Spirit would continue to lead, guide, and direct every step and every direction. My biggest thing that I would love to accomplish is leading our churches to be all that the Lord wants them to be."

September 8: **A. Y., EURO,** and family returned to the states on August 15 for their first stateside assignment after serving four years in Spain. Pray that their time in the states will be restful and they will make good connections with their family, friends, and churches as they also introduce their 10-month-old son, Elijah, to American life//Pray that **Don Stelzer, Retired, SSAP; Pat Rankin, NAMB; and Ezekiel Ruboneka, NAMB,** will have opportunity to dwell deeply on God's Word each day//**David Ford, Retired, AMP,** asks prayer for God's guidance, for clarity and focus in teaching and

modeling discipleship as he leads a “New Life Group”, leads a group of young men in “Multiplying Disciples”, and also is mentoring young men.

September 9: **Bill Bowers, Retired, SSAP**, writes, “Please pray for new ministry and witnessing opportunities”//**Dorothy Miller, Retired, SSAP**, writes, “My family has moved back to MO and we would appreciate prayers for settling in our new home and following God's leading in how we can serve Him in the future”//Ask the Father to challenge **Randy Simmon, Retired, IMB**, and **Kathryn Reams, DOM Spouse, Black River Association**, to look for new ways to interact with the lost//**DOM John Rhodes, Mid-Lakes Association**, writes, “Pray for God to use me to help the churches of Mid-Lakes reach more people for Christ. I am a bi-vocational DOM, so I recently became the pastor of Mt Olive Baptist Church near Bolivar as their bi-vocational pastor. I will still be working from my association office. The church took a step of faith, and we are moving to an early service on Sundays and moved Wednesday nights to Thursday night so I can still visit the other churches. Pray God helps this transition be successful and God grows Mt Olive.”

September 10: **Diana Bledsoe, SSAP**, writes, “Please pray Psalm 86:11, ‘Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name’”//Pray that **Leticia Clark, Retired, AMP; Peggy Mulkey, Retired, AMP; and Julie Sundeen, Retired, NAMB**, will find new ways to show hospitality to lost neighbors.

September 11: Ask the Lord to give **M. I., ASAP, and Kurtis Parker, NAMB**, strategies that help build the Kingdom.

September 12: Pray that **Michael Shockley, Retired, IMB**, will continue to pursue souls for the Kingdom//**DOM Keith Vawter, Wright/Douglas/Ozark Association**, writes, “Please pray for me to be faithful in serving the Lord Jesus Christ and having the strength and desire to do so.”

September 13: **L. B., APR**, writes, “Pray for the Unreached People Groups our team is focused on, as they are hard soil, very rooted in their Islamic identity.”

September 14: ***Heidi S, NAME**, writes, “Please ask God to grant wisdom and boldness as we work with our leaders on a plan to see every people group in our region engaged with the Gospel, whether through our efforts or those of global and local partners. Pray for our children to follow Him with all their hearts--that would make this mama's heart so happy”//**Alan Locke, Retired, SSAP**, writes, “Please pray for me to have wisdom as I serve as senior adult and missions pastor at Macedonia Baptist in Springfield”//Lift up **Shawn Hughes, NAMB, and Melissa Festervand, DOM Spouse, Fellowship Association** as they show others a different road than the one “paved with good intentions”//The parents of **TCK E. S., 16, SSAP**, write, “Pray he finds his joy in Christ daily, that Christ fills any loneliness that comes from not having other American youth with him in our country of service, and that God prepares a strong youth community for him to jump in as we head back for our stateside assignment in December.”

September 15: **Laverne Gregory, Retired, AMP**, is thankful for 95 years of life, 70 years of marriage, and 42 years of service with IMB. He asks prayer for his wife, Betty, who lives in a healthcare facility several miles from where he lives, near his son//Ask the Lord to provide **Joshua Hartley, NAMB**, fellowship with like-minded church planters.

September 16: Pray for **TCK Silas Smith, 7, EURO**, (brother and father's birthday's 2nd and 3rd), as he, too, learns the language of their new country. Help him to be able to use the language well in school and with new friends//The parents of **TCK Caroline Frealy, 11, AMP**, write, “Please pray for Caroline as she has a big transition this school year. Our hope is that she can finish well in her old school and start well in the new one; pray especially for her heart during this transition.”

September 17: Lift up **TCK E. G., 6, ASAP**, as he experiences ministry with his parents and pray that he will learn at a young age to have love and compassion for all people.

September 18: **J. T., NAME**, writes, “Pray that the Lord gives me much wisdom as I step into the role of team leader, and can challenge and encourage every team member towards the goal of reaching the lost. Pray that we would be able to stay in our country of service and for peace in the region so that we can plant deeply and stay the course”//**Jane Thompson, SSAP**, and her husband, have just started a six-month stateside assignment. As logistics coordinators for Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, she asks prayer for their helpers to carry on their compassion ministry well. Pray they will have a refreshing and uplifting time with family.

September 19: Pray that **D. I., SSAP; M. S., CAP; and John Mark Wakefield, Retired, APR**, will each be “instant in season and out of season”//The parents of **TCK M. R., 11, APR**, ask you to pray that during this new school year Maddox will grow in maturity and wisdom as he serves as a role model to his fellow students. Pray that he will remain healthy and not be bitten by mosquitoes as he is very allergic and this is a constant concern where they live//**DOM Darren Casper, St Louis Metro Association**, writes, “Pray for my heart to stay humble and soft; and for personal holiness and intimacy with the Lord Jesus Christ that I might hear Him clearly. Pray for wisdom for myself and our team as we plan out Mission Metro Quarterlies for St. Louis City and the 2026 year. Pray for Center Cross Academy, the new school in the inner city owned by and opened by St. Louis Metro. This is an educational and mission initiative; and we want to see lower income families, as well as immigrant families, have a chance for high quality education and a chance to know Jesus.”

September 20: Ask the Lord to help **T. K., CAP; J. R., ASAP; and Baden Groves, NAMB**, reach new heights in their ability to present the Gospel plainly.

September 21: Pray for **B. K., EURO**, as she serves IMB units in the areas of language and culture coaching. Also pray that she can connect with parents at her children’s schools to build relationships and share the Gospel//Ask the Father to guide **Alex Montgomery, AMP**, as he looks to helping people understand what their priorities should be.

September 22: Pray that **K. S., CAP, and DOM Richard Lourcey, Pleasant Grove Association**, will seek to show extra compassion to those who are struggling, but trying to hide their struggles.

September 23: Ask the Lord grant **D. C., APR; A. S., ASAP; Bobbi Inman, Retired, SSAP; and Jason Zelmer, NAMB**, the ability to ascertain the schemes of the enemy and avoid them.

September 24: **C. S., NAME**, asks you to pray that those with whom they have been working closely will come to Christ in the next month. She and her husband will be coming for their final stateside assignment in November before retiring from 25 years on the field. Pray for them as they pack up as she has major back issues and is in a lot of pain. Also pray for peace in their war-torn country//Pray that ***Zoe Ramsey, CAP; M. L. L., Retired, NAME; and TCK T. H., 15, APR**, will be challenged to step out of their comfort zones to make friends with females who are marginalized.

September 25: Ask the Lord to comfort **S. G., APR**, in times when struggles are too real//The parents of **TCKs Eliana Watson, 11, and Elisabeth Watson, 7, APR**, write, “Pray for Eliana that she would continue to grow in her faith and would continue to grow in her ability to follow the Lord and the plans He has for her life. Pray that she would continue to increase in her ability to speak Thai and do well in her homeschool studies this year also. Pray for Elisabeth that she would enjoy her first year of full-time homeschool work. Pray that she would make a public profession of faith at a young age, and that she would learn to trust the Lord.”

September 26: Pray that **TCK McKenzie Ostertag, 22, AMP**, can know the plans the Lord has for her future.

September 27: Ask the Father to give **Charles Ackmann, NAMB, and TCK *Skye Comfort, 20, ASAP**, friends that will be a great encouragement in their walk with the Lord.

September 28: Lift up the **Montana Baptist Convention** as they make final preparations for their Annual Meeting scheduled for October 2-3 at the Bridge Church in Belgrade. Dr. Paul Chitwood, President of IMB, will be their guest speaker.

September 29: Pray that ***James Comfort, ASAP, and Mark Fincher, NAMB**, can plan events that will draw people to become curious about the Gospel and what a difference it will make in their lives.

September 30: The parents of **TCK Micaiah Bledsoe, 16, SSAP**, write, “Ask the Lord to give him a passion that fits the Lord’s purpose for his life. Pray Proverbs 19:20, “Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future”//**Ben Beck, NAMB**, asks for prayer for the new academic year at Purdue University with *Launch Campus Ministry*. “Please pray specifically that we would be able to meet students who are hungry for truth, especially freshmen who are searching for purpose, identity, and belonging.” He also asks prayer for their daughter who has started seminary in New Orleans and for his mother who is recovering from the removal of a brain tumor//Ask the Father to grant **Emmett Barnes, Retired, NAME, and Cherith Leudenger, NAMB**, the ability to put strangers at ease as they engage them in conversation.

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