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Missouri PrayerWays

"As I pray, I learn to pray, to believe, and to expect with increasing boldness." **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

October 1: Pray that **B. W., EURO**, and his family will continue to have an impact among their people group despite being displaced by war//The parents of **TCK C. H., 17, ASAP**, write, "He's taking the PSAT, SAT and ACT in prep for college and taking his first college courses this year. Pray that as he grows in wisdom, he will be drawn to the Lord and desire Him above all else!"

October 2: **H. J., SSAP**, writes, "I'm very thankful for some new ministry partners and opportunities that have opened up in recent months with former inmates and current parolees from the South African corrections system. Please pray for wisdom as I seek the Lord's leading in knowing which ministries to devote more time."

October 3: **Montana Southern Baptist Women** are having their annual MPower event today and tomorrow with the theme, "ALIVE, Growing in Your Relationship with Christ". Please pray that those attending will grow in their love for the Lord and missions and heed the call//**Steve Sloas, Retired, AMP**, writes, "Our church asked me to serve as their treasurer, so my prayer request is that the Lord grant me wisdom as I serve them in that position. Lisa & I also pray that we can show our grandchildren the love of Jesus & invest in their lives to steer them to Him so they may have eternal life"//Ask the Lord to give **Joe Bruce, Retired, AMP, and Emmanuel Joseph, NAMB**, the ability to always stand strong for their faith in Christ.

October 4: Pray that **Hubert Fox, Retired, APR, and Rayella Johnson, Retired, AMP**, will be able to enjoy every day as a new adventure//**Dana Young, DOM Spouse, Gasconade Valley Association**, asks prayer in this regard: "Psalm 34:3 "Come, glorify the LORD with me. Let us exalt His Name together." This is my life verse. My purpose in life is to glorify God. My purpose in ministry is to invite others to join me in glorifying Him"//**Virgie Finn, Multi-Ethnic Consultant, MWMU Board**, recently had cataract surgery. She asks prayer that she will have good results with the implanted lenses and that they will enhance her ministry.

October 5: Ask the Father to give **James Thompson, SSAP**, new friendships while on stateside that will bear fruit for the kingdom//**Nancy Muskrat, Retired, AMP**, writes, "My husband and I traveled with the Singing Men of Texas on a mission trip to the Baltic countries of Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland in September. Please pray that those who made decisions for Christ will receive adequate follow-up from believers and churches in those areas and that the Gospel will continue to spread among those countries that so desperately need to know Jesus."

October 6: Pray that **Ramona Hodges, Retired, AMP, and Joel Mantonya, NAMB**, can find time for quality quiet time before going out to face the challenges of the day//The parents of **TCK L. S., 9, EURO**, write, "Please pray for Luci as she is adjusting to a new school. Please pray for healthy friendships and for Luci to grow in Christ."

October 7: Ask the Lord to provide close friends for **TCK I. H., 12, AMP**, with whom she can be a role model.

October 8: **DOM Phillip Shuford, Tri-County Association**, has received 12 chemo treatments over the last six months and today he is having the tumor removed in Houston, Texas. He will be there for about three weeks for follow-up, then return back home to go through an extended recovery process. Praise the Lord for bringing him thus far and pray that he will recover quicker than expected as the Lord has lots of things for him to do.

October 9: Pray for **Terry Wilbanks, EURO, and Tammy Bengs, Retired, AMP**, to gain access to the supplies they need to carry out their ministry's needs.

October 10: Ask the Father to shine His light on the message that **Dena Frierson, EURO; Claudia Sherer, Retired, APR; and Michael Weaver, Retired, AMP**, have to share with lost friends//**Tommy Goode, Retired, NAMB**, writes,

"Elaine and I continue to live in rural Christian County with our fur friend, Miles, and two horses. I remain active in supply preaching and as a hospice chaplain. I continue my non-profit work supporting the mental wellness of military veterans with PTSD and moral injury. My prayer request is for my wife, Elaine, who is experiencing the challenges of her Alzheimer's diagnosis."

October 11: Ask the Lord to give **M. G., ASAP**, the ability to share her love for Christ in a meaningful way to her acquaintances.

October 12: Pray for **T. C., AMP; Bob Landon, Retired, APR; and DOM Paul Temple, Heartland Association**, to trust the power of the Holy Spirit to guide their every step.

October 13: Ask the Father to comfort **TCK A. S., 14, SSAP**, as she encounters issues beyond her control.

October 14: Lesotho: Three young men from the soccer team came to Stan Bureson and said, "We want to study the Bible." Stan asked them if they preferred Wednesday or Friday. They replied, "Both, we need to learn what the Bible says." Pray for the young men Stan is discipling to grow in their faith and knowledge of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and to put into practice what they learn.

October 15: Pray that **Shannon Sweeney, EURO; Carmela Bartels, Retired, EURO; and David Page, Retired, EURO**, will respond to the Lord's leading to reach out to the unloved in their neighborhoods//The parents of **TCK E. H., 10, APR**, write, "She asks that you pray for her new school year in 4th grade not to be too difficult. Also pray for her to stay sensitive to the things of God and to make a profession of faith in Jesus early in her life"//**DOM Walter Heyer, Meramec Association**, asks prayer for his health as he is in need of liver and kidney transplants.

October 16: Ask the Lord to provide **G. T., CAP, and J. L., Retired, NAME**, with a spirit of loving kindness toward the unlovely//**Joan Capps, Retired, GLOBAL**, writes, "Pray for wisdom for some upcoming health care decisions related to my 92-year-old mother-in-law who is always a joy to love and be with. May the Father show my husband and I how to prepare her for some coming changes."

October 17: Pray for ***James H., 2, NAME**, to be healthy and grow to be a strong young man.

October 18: Ask the Lord to provide **Bill Baer, Retired, AMP, and Jack Martin, Retired, APR**, with like-minded brothers in Christ with whom they can do ministry.

October 19: Marty McAnally, APR, writes, "I would request prayer for my project of writing Bible lessons from the book of Acts for use in our Isaan churches. Pray for insight through the Holy Spirit and ability to prepare lessons to which the Isaan folks can understand and relate."

October 20: Pray for **Beverly Gerling, Retired, IMB, and TCK *Naomi B., 7, APR**, to feel the Lord's presence in all situations.

October 21: Lift up **Alan Findley, NAMB**, as he shares the Good News with all who will listen//The parents of **TCK Nicholas Frealy, 17, AMP**, write, "Nicholas accepted Christ in January and was baptized in February, and we are seeing God at work in his heart and life. Please pray for him to continue to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. Please ask the Lord for a faith-building friendship for him. Missouri Baptists have prayed with us for years for Nicholas's salvation, and this year the Lord saved him! We are so grateful!"

October 22: Gary Miller, EURO, writes, "Pray that the ones we have been equipping for evangelism and outreach will put the training into practice"//Pray that **TCK T. H., 8, NAME**, can be a shining light wherever she goes.

October 23: Ask the Father to provide every need that **Gary Cain, Retired, IMB**, might have//The parents of **TCK J. F., 16, EURO**, write, "Pray for continued growth in his faith, courage and confidence as he begins to lead worship in our city youth group, and growth as a leader in our school and among his friends. He also earned the lead male role in his theater group's fall play, "Our Town"//The parents of **TCK E. W., 6, APR**, write, "Pray for Evalee that she would trust and make a public confession of belief in the Lord. Pray that she would do well and be obedient in her first full year of homeschooling (1st grade). Also, you can pray that she would continue to learn Thai better this year and work well with her Thai teacher."

October 24: Pray for **Herb Barrett, Retired, APR, and TCK L. G., 10, ASAP**, to have many healthy days//The parents of **TCK J. V., 7, ASAP**, write, "Please pray for JV to have peace in his heart as our family processes a sudden loss of access to our country and loss of friends. Please provide new friends and joys wherever our new home ends up."

October 25: Ask the Lord to show **Teresa Nichols, DOM Spouse, Southeast Missouri Association**, many little ways she can make a difference among those in need of hope.

October 26: Price Wright II, NAMB, writes, "Pray for me to maintain the peace of God in my heart, mind, and soul as we continue to lead our church plant"//The parents of **TCK J. H., 14, APR**, write, "He asks that you pray for him to have better friends more his age and to have a great year of 9th grade. Also please pray that he will follow the Lord in obedience to baptism."

October 27: Lesotho: Jake and Ginger Goss write, "In mid-September we had a baptism celebration with our university students. Please pray for two more new believers to walk in obedience in believers' baptism and not in fear!"

October 28: Pray that **Benjamin Benhardt, NAMB**, can recall his "come to Jesus" moment and share his testimony far and wide//**Brianna Boes, Central Region Consultant, MWMU Board**, asks prayer for her mother, a cancer survivor, who is dealing with multiple autoimmune diseases; for herself and her husband (a bi-vocational pastor) for financial provision; and for wisdom, steadfastness, and trust in the Lord as she works as a freelance writer and author as well as fills numerous volunteer roles.

October 29: Pray for **TCK A. F., 19, EURO**, as she completes her first semester at Liberty University studying elementary education with a goal of teaching in an International Christian School. Pray for her as she makes new friends and adjusts to American culture//**Angela Carpenter, Adult Missions Consultant, MWMU Board**, writes, "Our church, Fifth Street Baptist Church, Hannibal is beginning to grow and stabilize. Pray that we will be patient as God brings the right people to our church and as we seek leaders to grow our children and youth ministries. Pray for me as I begin a new position as Missouri Woman's Missionary Union Adult Missions Consultant. Pray that I'll discover new ways to reach out to adults as they seek to lead their churches in missions".

October 30: Mary Speidel, Retired, AMP, writes, "Thank the Lord for His great faithfulness and daily mercies (Lamentations 3:22-23) in my life and the life of my family this past year. Pray for more opportunities to shine the light of Christ in the coming year.

October 31: Lesotho: Walter and Mary Norvell landed in South Africa on October 4th. After a few days of orientation and taking care of business at the regional offices, they were able to continue to Lesotho and have been getting settled in. Pray that they will be able to quickly begin using their skills and abilities to complement the ongoing ministry of the Kingdom there.

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