

## **February 2026**

### **Missouri PrayerWays**

*"There are more battles won through prayer than by any other means."* Chuck Smith

**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, ASAP=South Asian Peoples, SSAP=Sub-Saharan African Peoples

**February 1:** Ask the Lord to bless **Gayle Rhodes, DOM Spouse, Mid-Lakes Association**, as she pours into her grandchildren's lives.

**February 2:** **Diane Combs, Retired, EURO**, writes, "Don and I went with Missouri Disaster Relief teams at the end of January to help recovery efforts from Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. Pray for the people to know that it is because of our love for Jesus that we brought help and the same Jesus will give them hope and healing"//Pray that **Timothy Owens, APR; Elba Womack, Retired, AMP; Fataki Mutambala, NAMB; and Robert Nowlin, Retired, NAMB**, will never stop praising the Lord for His daily provision.

**February 3:** Ask the Father to fill **LaDonna Rogers, DOM Spouse, Lawrence County Association**, with an over-flow of joy, each and every day!

**February 4:** **Nancy Addison, Retired, APR**, writes, "Pray that I may walk daily in a manner honoring and pleasing to our Lord"//Pray that **J. B., Retired, IMB, and TCK Lily Totty, 9, Lesotho**, will find a place of refuge in God's Holy Word.

**February 5:** Pray for **TCK P. S., 21, SSAP**, as she prepares for her wedding in May along with balancing school and work activities. She and her husband will be working with a local church when he graduates in May. Ask the Father to bless their future ministry.

**February 6:** Ask the Father to shield **\*Kiara Mercer, ASAP, and M. H., DEAF**, from anyone who might seek to cause them harm//**Sherol Bell, Secretary, MWMU Board**, writes, "For prayer, I think it should be for health & joy. I am a healthy joyful person, but you can never have too much."

**February 7:** Pray that **TCK Naomi Phillips, 11, SSAP**, will enthusiastically embrace her parents' ministry with a helping hand.

**February 8:** **DOM Bob Curtis, Mineral Area Association**, writes, "Pray for my wife Deb, who is undergoing radiation and Immunotherapy treatments. Pray for healing. Pray that I will continue to have His wisdom in leading our churches and in having an impact on the Mineral Area Campus as I teach a Bible study."

**February 9:** Ask the Lord to guide **S. H., APR, and J. B., Retired, APR**, to divine appointments in their daily interactions.

**February 10:** **Carolyn Miller, EURO**, writes, "Pray for effective ongoing follow-up with new friends made during our student outreach project over the New Year's holiday"//Pray that **Aaron Doss, NAMB**, may walk by faith.

**February 11: Lesotho:** Jake and Ginger Goss write, "We finished another fruitful semester with our university students. They were able to complete the New Hope lessons. Pray that the Lord continues to use those lessons and stories for healing and to draw them and others near to Him."

**February 12: Lesotho:** Walter and Mary Norvell write, "We invited nine Basotho young men to our house for a Christmas party. We were able to share the Christmas story from Luke, explain the Advent wreath, American Christmas traditions, and gave the Three Circles Gospel presentation. We are not sure, but we think there were at least two of the men who were not believers. We ended the celebration with traditional Christmas foods. Please pray for understanding of the true significance of Christmas and the Gospel."

**February 13:** Lift up **J. R., APR**, as he uses his skills for God's glory//Ask the Lord to continue to heal **TCK A. S., 13, EURO**, completely from paralysis that occurred during brain surgery several years ago. She has come a long way and is very resilient and determined to overcome any problems she might encounter. Pray that her physical strength will continue to improve. Her family have only been in the country where they are now serving for one year, so pray for Adelyn's continued learning of the language, that she will make deep, lasting friendships at her school, and continue to grow in her faith.

**February 14: Happy Valentine's Day** – Pray today that you will have opportunity on this special day to touch the life of a non-believer with a heartfelt gift of your testimony and show them the way to give their heart to Jesus.

**February 15:** Pray for **Carolyn Tobias, Retired, AMP, and D. A., Retired, IMB**, to be of "good cheer" even when it seems there is nothing to be cheerful about.

**February 16:** Continue to pray for Missouri's partnership with **Montana Southern Baptists**. Pray that the Lord will lay it on the hearts of many here in Missouri who can go in the coming months to be an encouragement to the churches there.

**February 17:** Ask the Lord to fill **Lee Zwink's, Retired, AMP**, days with opportunities to share his faith with the lost.

**February 18: Angie Bureson, Lesotho**, writes, "Please pray I will be sensitive to the Lord's leading in what a young women's ministry needs to look like and what topics for teaching will be most beneficial for them."

**February 19:** Ask the Father to guide **\*Audra W., EURO**, as she mentors three young professionals to go beyond growing in their faith to reach out to co-workers and family with the Good News. Also pray for two of her neighbors who have heard the Good News numerous times but are not yet believers. She also asks prayer for undistracted preparation for a language exam that takes place in March//Pray that **DOM Keith Corrick, Linn/Livingston and North Grand River Associations, and Teresa Faber, DOM Spouse, Lake Ozarks Association**, can be a faithful resource to their churches.

**February 20: E. A., CAP**, writes, "I am leading a new team, here where we serve, and need wisdom for making short- and long-term plans. I also ask you to pray that the Lord will increase my workday capacity. Living in this context is very draining, and I find myself fatiguing too early in the day"//Ask the Lord to provide new friendships for **Kelli Casper, DOM Spouse, St. Louis Metro Association**, that will lead to hearts shaped like His//**DOM Mitch Fisher, Webster County Association**, asks prayer as he turns 65 and begins a slow transition of his workload. He writes, "Please pray for me as Becky and I move forward to a different chapter," Mitch also asks prayer for the spiritual health of all their church families.

**February 21:** Please continue to pray for local associations and churches to begin to strategize and plan how they can make a lasting spiritual impact on the visitors coming to the Kansas City area for the **World Cup** this summer.

**February 22: Jimmy Bledsoe, SSAP**, writes, "Please pray Psalm 34 for Jimmy. Pray that Jimmy will bless the Lord at all times. Pray that he will seek the Lord. Ask God that Jimmy will take refuge in the Lord and fear the Lord"//Pray that **Dan Cogan, NAMB**, can feel the Lord's peace when there is no peace around him.

**February 23:** The parents of **TCK S. H., 16, AMP**, write, "Pray for Sophia to make an amazing friend in this new year of her life!"//Ask the Father to place **Rachel Hall, DOM Spouse, Greene County Association**, in a position to be able to advise pastors wives as needed.

**February 24: P. B., EURO**, writes, "Please pray for the Ukrainian churches and their pastors amidst the difficult times of war for the past nearly 4 years in their country. They have been faithful and many of the churches have grown in numbers as they have continued to faithfully share the hope of Jesus with those who had no hope but have come to know Him personally. We continue to serve in Bucharest, Romania, but long to be back with our friends in Ukraine sharing alongside them"//Pray that **S. D., CAP; TCK J. E., 10, ASAP; and TCK Grace Phillips, 16, SSAP**, will be able to adjust well to sudden changes in their lives//Please lift up **Elsy Shuford, widow of DOM Phillip Shuford, Tri-County Association**, who passed away on December 28<sup>th</sup>, after a valiant battle with cancer. Pray for Elsy and their two young adult children, Andrea and Andrew, as they work through what the future holds.

**February 25:** Pray for wisdom for **Heather Murray, NAMB**, in her daily encounters with university students.

**February 26:** Ask the Lord to provide many opportunities for **Brett Barnhill, Lesotho**, to make a difference in the lives of the orphans to whom he ministers.

**February 27:** Pray that **A. H., DEAF, and TCK E. S., 17, APR**, will know that God is our provider, always!

**February 28:** **Matt Espeland, SSAP**, writes, "Please pray for our new Bible study, with nationals, in the book of Galatians"//**A. S., CAP**, writes, "As of last month, we are without teammates in our city and new church plant for the next seven months. So this places a lot of extra work and responsibility on our family, especially in the area of having to teach most Sundays. Pray that I would have strength and wisdom in these things and that we would find time to rest well as a family. You could also pray for the Father to send more laborers to the field, especially to our city"//**DOM Al Groner, Bethel Association**, turning 79 today, will have served the 31 churches of BBA for 25 years upon his retirement this September. He asks prayer for continued progress in the search for his replacement. He also asks prayer for himself and his mission team as they serve in El Salvador from February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>//Ask the Lord to lift **DOM Kirk Baker, Spring River Association**, above the circumstances when he faces unexpected trials. **(February 29:) L. B., ASAP**, writes, "Please pray that God will work through us in mighty ways this year and give us fruit. Pray that God would give us vision and discernment in who to work with. Pray that I would be a loving husband and patient father."

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