

Pray Every Day for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for
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Tues. 1 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered,” Rom. 8:26 NKJV.

Wed. 2 Pray today for Executive Director Bill Letkeman, asking that the Lord may guide in the many day-to-day decisions he must make as well as in the more difficult decisions that need to be made from time to time.

Thurs. 3 From Gertrud Harlow: “Pray that some good contacts being made will result in my permanent resident visa for the U.S. being granted in the Lord’s own time” (PED (Pray Every Day) Jan. 17).

Fri. 4 Pray for a good response to e-mails being sent to missionaries who might benefit from French and Swahili books that could be sent via ACCTS container to Zambia in April.

Sat. 5 Join Alma Turnbull in thanking the Lord that her time in Florida “provided me with much appreciated rest, relaxation, and the special joy of spending Christmas with my three sisters — something we haven’t done in 30 years!” (PED Dec. 9). Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help as Alma now continues re-formatting our revitalized Everyday English titles.

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Sun. 6 Praise the Lord for 840 books sent early this year to Colleen Redit (N.Z. - India), who serves in an area affected by the tsunami. Pray that these books may bring much encouragement and help to those who read them and to others also as they share what they have learned.

Mon. 7 In view of increasingly frequent printer breakdowns (due to our high volume of printing), Harold MacDougall was instructed by the Directors to search for other printing options. Consideration is being given to leasing two machines to replace the four machines we now have. It appears that this would result in slightly lower operating costs. Pray that the Lord may lead as decisions are made.

Tues. 8 Please pray that our current printers may give good service as long as they are needed. It could be some time before investigations into new equipment are completed and decisions made and implemented.

Wed. 9 In the first third of our fiscal year, 106 print jobs produced 24,472 books and 4,000 test booklets. Praise the Lord for this answer to our prayers (PED Nov. 15).

Thurs. 10 *The EPI Story* DVD and an information pack are being sent to North American assemblies over the course of the next months. Pray that the Lord may use this to stimulate prayerful interest in the work, to His glory and the further blessing of many.

Fri. 11 Pray for wisdom, health, and strength for Harold in his responsibility as print shop coordinator. Thank the Lord for his energetic, enthusiastic approach to his work.

Sat. 12 Thank the Lord for Margarida Cerqueira’s willingness to carry on translating *The Way Out and the Way In* into Portuguese, started by Arthur Hallett who was called home last July. Pray that the Lord may prosper her.

Sun. 13 Praise the Lord for 8,768 books sent out between Oct. 1 and Jan. 31. 255 different titles are represented in this number, with the largest number of any single title being 1,028 (*Food for New Believers Study Guide*).

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Mon. 14 Orders from 6 different missionaries in Angola and Zambia had been received at time of writing, requesting a total of 31,589 books to be sent via ACCTS container in April (PED Jan. 24,25). Praise the Lord for this magnificent answer to our prayers (PED Jan. 6)!

Tues. 15 Thank the Lord for directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Gertrud Harlow, Don MacMullen, and Arthur Robinson. Pray that the Lord may lead as they pray and prepare for the Semi-Annual meeting next month.

Wed. 16 Pray that the Lord may bless Grace Spence in her work today: opening and processing mail, answering the phone, preparing “picking slips” for the filling of orders, etc.

Thurs. 17 Pray that Della Letkeman may find time, in the midst of many demands, to make steady progress in writing the biography of the Apostle Paul (PED Jan. 31).

Fri. 18 Thank the Lord for Barbara MacDougall’s help in the office one day a week. Pray that the Lord may give her joy in this and may give wisdom according to the needs of the day.

Sat. 19 Sara Townsend took a tumble on a patch of ice at the end of January, injuring her right shoulder. Pray for wisdom for the orthopedic surgeon she is scheduled to see on Monday, the 21st. Pray that this injury will not hinder her work and that eventual treatment may be effective.

Sun. 20 From Harry Johnson, Tanzania: “The [books] you sent by M-Bag (10 mail bags) September 2004 arrived last week (December 2004). Thank you very much...These books will be used mainly in the refugee camps for Burundians and Congolese. Some will be sent across the Lake to Congo” (PED Jan. 22).

Mon. 21 Pray that the many M-bags of our books currently in transit to overseas destinations may arrive in good time and in good order.

Tues. 22 Thank the Lord for His faithfulness in providing for the financial needs of the work. Pray for His rich blessing for each one who is exercised to be a part of the work in this

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way — truly making an investment that will yield eternal dividends.

Wed. 23 Please continue to make it a matter of prayer that the Lord might bring to us workers of His choice equipped for the work He knows will need to be done in the time ahead in anticipation that some of our older staff may need to eventually reduce their time or phase out of the work (PED Nov. 24).

Thurs. 24 Is the need for new Everyday English titles at an end? We do not know, but if new titles are to be produced, new writers (or possibly “translators”) trained to write (or “translate”) at this level need to be raised up. Pray as led.

Fri. 25 Thank the Lord for the opportunity to have a book table at the Toronto Easter Conference today and tomorrow. Pray that many may find a book to help them (or someone else) grow or come to a knowledge of the Savior.

Sat. 26 We do not take for granted the Lord’s protective care of our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies. Please commit them to Him again, giving thanks for His care in the past.

Sun. 27 “The Lord is risen!” “The Lord is risen indeed!!” Rejoice today and evermore!!!

Mon. 28 Pray today for the small packets of books sent to individuals through our Free Literature Fund. Pray that they may not only bless the individuals who receive them but many others also.

Tues. 29 Praise the Lord that Gertrud has completed formatting *Better Than Bread: Feasting on the Word* (PED Jan. 8). It was anticipated that proofreading would be completed by the end of February. Pray for blessing as this daily devotional for senior teens (and up) is printed, D.V. in time to be available for use in summer camps.

Wed. 30 Pray today for Andrew Rennie as he presses on translating 4 of our New Testament commentaries into Spanish, for presentation in

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one volume with the title: *Paul's Letters from Prison* (PED Feb. 4).

Thurs. 31 Thank the Lord for numerous prison ministries that use our Bible study books with test booklets as part of their ministry to prisoners (and sometimes their families, too). Pray that many may be richly blessed.

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Fri. 1 “*Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days,*” Ecclesiastes 11:1 NKJV. Praise the Lord for the privilege of scattering “our bread” upon the waters of the farflung places of this earth and the sure hope that we will “find it” after many days when we rejoice around the throne together with those who have been spiritually enriched by the literature produced and distributed by EPI.

Sat. 2 Give thanks to the Lord today that He does indeed answer prayer, and give thanks for those who believe that and give themselves to prayer on behalf of this ministry.

Sun. 3 Praise the Lord that an initial order for 250 copies of the parallel Everyday English-simplified Chinese version of *Food for New Believers* in November has been followed by an order for 250 more, all from a brother in the greater Toronto area who has Bible studies with Chinese (PED Feb. 6). Pray for multiplied blessing!

Mon. 4 Many of the aforementioned books are being given out one at a time, 25 have been taken by someone going to mainland China, and a woman has taken one to give to her unsaved husband to read. Praise God *and* pray!

Tues. 5 We were saddened to learn that volunteer proofreader Harry Hitchon was called home to be with the Lord in late December. Thank the Lord for the vital help he rendered to us in English proofreading for many years.

Wed. 6 Thank the Lord that Eunice Free was already “in place” as another English proofreader (PED Jan. 21). Pray that she, along with

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our other proofreaders, may enjoy the Lord’s blessing and help in this critical part of the preparation-for-printing process.

Thurs. 7 Pray that Alma may be able to continue work at the computer as well as driving without undue difficulty as the date for her first cataract surgery (May 31st) approaches (PED Nov. 22).

Fri. 8 Praise the Lord that typesetting of the Spanish translation of *Understand Your Bible* (on the dispensations) by Wilf Munnings was completed in January. Thank the Lord for Esther Frey’s help in proofreading it.

Sat. 9 Thank the Lord for Bill and Della’s devotion to the Lord and to EPI. Pray for His continued blessing and guidance for them in their multi-faceted service for Him and His people.

Sun. 10 From Marjorie Beckwith, Angola: “*Little by little more and more areas of the country are opening up and wanting books, but ...the problem of transport to these places is a major problem* [Ed. note: Pray!]...*the little gospel booklets are very useful for the hospital and tract distribution* [Ed. note: Praise and pray!]”

Mon. 11 We are all human and oftentimes have more on our plates than we can reasonably handle well — if we get in a hurry. With that in view, pray that the Lord may overrule so that we do not make costly mistakes in our work, whether because we are in too much of a hurry or from simple lack of attention to an important detail.

Tues. 12 What’s in a name? What indeed? One would never imagine that the spelling of names used in the Bible could be problematic, but such is the case with Portuguese proper names. Please pray for wisdom in sorting through this problem.

Wed. 13 Thank the Lord for Grace’s willingness to give a helping hand where needed. Pray for His blessing for her in this as well as in the office routines which usually claim her time.

Thurs. 14 Please pray that problems with Customs may not hinder any of our overseas

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shipments from being secured by their intended recipient nor result in undue delay in their being delivered once they arrive in their country of destination.

Fri. 15 Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help for Gertrud as she continues to re-format some of our English titles so that they can be printed using the digital printers. Her latest project was *The Church of God: A Symposium*.

Sat. 16 Pray for Harold and Barbara, Jennifer, Robert, and Iain, asking the Lord to richly bless them as a family and to guide as the three teens in the family are faced with life-directing decisions in the months and years ahead.

Sun. 17 From Boyd and Blanche Aitken (Echoes - Hong Kong): “*A note of thanks for all your kindness in providing us with free literature over many years. The books have been a great help in the English side of the work and of course those titles translated are valuable to the believers who only speak Chinese.*”

Mon. 18 Pray for wisdom for Sara in assigning priority to the various tasks for which she is responsible, including a number of Spanish and Portuguese translations in various stages of being prepared for printing.

Tues. 19 Please continue to pray for the Lord’s open doors for our French books to be widely distributed in francophone Africa (PED Feb. 7).

Wed. 20 Another area of the world where our distribution is relatively low is Asia. Pray that there, too, the Lord may open doors for more widespread distribution of our books.

Thurs. 21 Thank the Lord for Tim Plett. Pray for the Lord’s blessing for him as he prepares orders for shipping and completes the paperwork required for those being taken by courier to the U.S. for onward shipment.

Fri. 22 Thank the Lord for the acquisition of an electronic scale to provide weight in pounds and the renting of a postage meter that dispenses U.S. postage. This facilitates preparing M-bags of books sent via courier to the U.S. for onward shipment via the U.S. Postal Service.

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Sat. 23 Pray for the Lord’s blessing and help for Daveen Lidstone as she keeps our fiscal books in order. Pray for His blessing also in her various other forms of service for Him and His people.

Sun. 24 We were greatly encouraged by orders from 3 commended missionaries for a total of 31,040 books one day at the end of January. Praise the Lord for this answer to prayer (PED Jan.6) — He is able!

Mon. 25 All but 1,440 of the above total were to be shipped via ACCTS container this month: 28,500 Portuguese to Angola and 1,100 Portuguese to Zambia (for eventual distribution in eastern Angola). The other 1,440 are Everyday English and have been sent to Nigeria via M-bag. Pray for the quick, safe arrival of all of these books.

Tues. 26 Praise the Lord for volunteers John Storm, Jimmy Rollo, Arthur Robinson, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, and Pat DeVries, who rose magnificently to the occasion in February, coming in extra days and putting in many extra hours of “finishing” work to keep up with Harold’s printing of the books needed to fill the aforementioned orders!

Wed. 27 Thank the Lord for the Editorial Committee (PED Jan. 29). Pray for the Lord’s blessing as they meet tomorrow.

Thurs. 28 Pray for the Directors and staff as they meet this afternoon for the Semi-Annual Meeting. Pray that the mind of the Lord may be discerned in any decisions needing to be made.

Fri. 29 Please continue to pray for good progress for Marilyn MacMullen and Sara Townsend in the ongoing, somewhat long-term task of reviewing our test booklets as part of the revitalization project.

Sat. 30 Pray for good progress for those who have requested and received permission to translate one of our titles into a language we ourselves do not publish, and that they will remember to send us sample copies after they have printed it.

