

Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY

*Daily prayer requests for
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Fri. 1 *“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits...The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad,”* Psalms 103:1,2; 126:3 NKJV. As we begin another year of grace, we can surely echo the above. Join us in looking to Him to continue to do *“great things for us”* in answer to our prayers, even as we give heartfelt thanks for the many blessings of the past.

Sat. 2 Pray today for much blessing to English speakers who will be using a volume of ***Better than Bread*** (formerly entitled ***Come and Dine***) in their daily Bible reading this year. Pray that this may help many young Christians form the vital habit of daily Bible reading.

Sun. 3 Praise the Lord for the safe arrival in Bunia, D.R. Congo, of the container of Congo Swahili Bibles on December 1st (PED (*Pray Every Day*) Nov. 2)! Pray for much wisdom and grace for those responsible for the equitable distribution of this very precious shipment.

Mon. 4 Pray that many of the Lord’s people in northeast D.R. Congo may use one of the volumes of ***Kuja Kula (Come and Dine)*** along with their newly acquired Bible this year and may form a lifelong habit of daily reading and study of the Scriptures (PED Dec. 28, ’06).

Tues. 5 From Gertrud Harlow: *“Praise the Lord for some progress with respect to the application for a permanent visa (green card). There is a light at the end of the tunnel!”* Pray that her application may soon receive approval (PED Nov. 7).

Wed. 6 Please continue to pray for the swift and successful processing of the Beach family’s application for “Landed Immigrant” (permanent resident) status in Canada (PED Nov. 25).

Thurs. 7 Please pray regularly for safekeeping on winter roads for staff and volunteers and for wisdom in when to “stay put”.

Fri. 8 Pray for safety in travel as Alma Turnbull returns to Ontario from Florida today (PED Dec. 15). Pray that she may return refreshed by the anticipated “little slower pace for a little while” and may quickly pick up the thread of her various responsibilities once again.

Sat. 9 Publishing Bibles, not just Bible study books, is a new venture for us and gives us increased responsibility to those who are hungering for God’s Word. Pray that we may have the Lord’s wisdom and mind in timing arrangements for a second printing of the Congo Swahili Bible (PED Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 7).

Sun. 10 Praise the Lord that Della Letkeman’s biography of the apostle Paul, ***Voice in the Darkness***, was received from the printer in mid-November (PED Dec. 6). Pray that the study of Acts and the epistles will be enhanced for those who read this book and thus gain a better understanding of the cultural and historical context in which those books were written.

Mon. 11 Pray for Production Manager Harold MacDougall in his multi-faceted day to day work of printing, organizing the work of the volunteers, ordering paper and print supplies, making corrections to proofread books, etc.

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Tues. 12 Thank the Lord for successful hip replacement surgery for volunteer Don DeBaeremaeker in November. Pray for a continued uneventful recovery and particularly for safety when going out and about this winter.

Wed. 13 Pray that renovations to our print shop area, scheduled to start today, may go quickly and well with minimal disruption to day to day operations (PED Nov. 14). These renovations will make room for the new, larger printers (one on site, one yet to be acquired).

Thurs. 14 From Mark Beach: *"Praise the Lord for the new color printer. It is up and running and doing a 'beautiful' job according to Harold"* (PED Nov. 15).

Fri. 15 Thank the Lord that our well-used black and white printers continue to work well. Pray for the Lord's timing in replacing them, D.V., with a single, more efficient printer.

Sat. 16 Baby Bondt had not yet made his or her appearance at press time, so you will have to wait for the particulars (or go to our web site!) (PED Dec. 28). Pray for Noel and Dwana as they now adjust their lives to both the demands and the joys of parenthood.

Sun. 17 From Manuel Aleman (Spain): *"I'm currently involved in providing study material to 3 Nigerian immigrants who are professing Christians and who are very faithful in their study of the Bible. They study in English. It is not an easy task to find good teaching material, much less in English, in Spain."* Praise the Lord for 3 sets of our English books with test booklets sent to meet this need in October.

Mon. 18 Pray for Executive Director Mark Beach as he does the Everyday English course under the tutelage of Della Letkeman over the course of the next few months.

Tues. 19 Praise the Lord that Andrew Rennie finished his translation of *Two Letters from Peter* into Spanish in November. Pray for good progress as he prepares a test booklet to go with it in both English and Spanish (PED Dec. 5).

Wed. 20 Pray for wisdom for Sara Townsend in learning to manage her Raynaud's, a circulatory disease affecting the fingers which is triggered by cold! Pray that she won't be unduly hindered in her computer work.

Thurs. 21 At time of writing Gertrud was thanking the Lord for generally good health but would value continued prayer regarding the pain in her hands and fingers (PED Nov. 16).

Fri. 22 Pray for good health for staff and volunteers during these harsher winter months (PED Nov. 4). Pray especially for Noel, who reports that he "gets tired a lot, especially during the cold/flu season" (PED Sept. 8, Nov. 24).

Sat. 23 Spanish is the unofficial second language in the U.S. Pray that there may be more widespread use of our Spanish books among Hispanics in the States, for their eternal profit.

Sun. 24 Thank the Lord for the privilege of printing a Chokwe title for Doris Pitman, her translation of *The Kingdom Parables* by David Boyd Long, which was typeset by Gertrud. Pray for safety in transit and for much blessing as these books are distributed in Angola.

Mon. 25 Pray that the Lord may give Grace Spence health, strength, and joy in the routines of her work packing seemingly endless boxes of books, either for storage in the warehouse or for shipment all over the world.

Tues. 26 Praise God for those He has given to this ministry who labor in prayer on our behalf. Pray that He may call others to this work, for their blessing and ours and for His glory.

Wed. 27 Continue to pray for Barb MacDougall's eye situation (PED April 3). Pray that the Lord may grant stability in her condition and for wisdom for her in pacing herself to minimize eye fatigue and stress.

Thurs. 28 Praise the Lord for 14,022 EPI books and booklets and 1,000 test booklets printed in our print shop in October and November!

Fri. 29 Thank the Lord for the volunteers who turned the aforementioned printed pages into books and booklets by doing the "finishing work" of putting on covers and of trimming. We surely would be stuck without our faithful volunteers!

Sat. 30 Pray that orders to go in the ACCTS containers to Zambia in April may be received in good time. Pray for the Lord's enabling and wisdom for all those who are involved in processing, printing, "finishing", and packing the orders and that all may be accomplished on time and without undue stress.

Sun. 31 Praise the Lord for 25,150 books sent out in October and November, the first two months of our fiscal year! Large numbers of these went to Zambia and to Chile via container, but there were numerous other smaller orders also. Pray for multiplied blessing.

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Mon. 1 *“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint...The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him,”* Isaiah 40:31; Lam. 3:25 NKJV. Winter weariness can be a problem at this point. Pray that the above verses may be vital realities in our experience.

Tues. 2 Thank the Lord for bookkeeper Gail Beach’s conscientious work in keeping our records in good order. Pray for health and strength for her as she works on “month end”, now that all the information for January is complete.

Wed. 3 Pray for wisdom and a smooth transition in transferring primary responsibility for preparation of *Pray Every Day* in the next few months, D.V., by the May-June issue.

Thurs. 4 Join Gertrud in praising the Lord that two more Swahili Emmaus courses have been sent for printing (PED Dec. 18). She reports that translation of the *Believer’s Bible Commentary - NT* into Swahili is progressing steadily and requests continued prayer for the Lord’s enabling (PED Dec. 11).

Fri. 5 Please continue to pray for a qualified translator to translate English test booklets into French to go with books that are already available in French (PED Dec. 26, '08).

Sat. 6 Pray that the Lord may exercise some well qualified writers to take the Everyday English course to enable them to skillfully write biblical study materials at this linguistic level.

Sun. 7 Our hymn books not only help us in our corporate worship, they can also be of immense comfort and help in our private devotions. Pray for the Lord’s clear timing for our arrangement for another printing of the much appreciated and desired Congo Swahili hymn book (PED Sept. 25, Dec. 7).

Mon. 8 Pray for steady progress in spite of interruptions for Alma in ongoing work reformatting our New Testament Bible study books, likely *Alive and Free* (Romans) and *Matthew: Presenting Jesus the King* at this point.

Tues. 9 Thank the Lord for Executive Director Mark Beach. Pray for wisdom and the Lord’s leading for him in the many decisions he must make day by day in fulfillment of his responsibilities.

Wed. 10 Pray for the young people in the families of EPI staff and volunteers, asking that they be firm and faithful in their commitment to the Lord and that they may seek and follow His direction in making life-impacting decisions.

Thurs. 11 From Mark: *“Praise God for His continued financial provision for this ministry. Pray that we might be wise stewards of all funds received.”*

Fri. 12 Please commend our building, equipment, and stock of books and supplies to the Lord’s care, asking that they be kept safe from all forms of harm or evil.

Sat. 13 Thank the Lord for the commitment of directors Steve Adams, Bill Allison, Ron Gee, Hanniel Ghezzi, Gertrud Harlow, Bill Letkeman, and Don MacMullen, all of whom were re-elected at the Annual Meeting and all of whom take an active interest in the work (PED Nov. 19).

Sun. 14 Praise the Lord for the continuous stream of small orders that are coming to EPI via the web site from hitherto unknown customers (PED Aug. 29). Pray that these books may have a higher impact than their small numbers would indicate, leading to further and further contacts with people searching for sound, Bible-based teaching-in-print.

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Mon. 15 Pray that the Lord may prosper the writers who have undertaken to write a new book at the request of the editorial committee. Pray for both carefulness and for steady progress.

Tues. 16 Praise the Lord for Noel's computer expertise and for the blessing and help this is to the work (and to the workers with computer problems!). Pray for blessing from his most recent work developing systems for use by the Editorial Committee and for various mailing lists (including PED!).

Wed. 17 Join Mark in praising the Lord for numerous opportunities in recent months to present the ministry of EPI to assemblies in Ontario and in the U.S. (PED Oct. 27). Pray that the Lord's people may be encouraged and strengthened in faith as they hear what He is doing.

Thurs. 18 Please pray for increased opportunities and for wisdom in presenting the ministry of EPI and in "marketing" our books to North Americans. Pray for increased vision amongst the Lord's people for reaching out to the many non-native-speakers of English around us.

Fri. 19 Praise the Lord for 96 separate print jobs in October and November, of which 78 were EPI books or booklets, 2 were test booklets, and the rest were print jobs for other ministries (PED Nov. 23).

Sat. 20 Pray that Harold and Barb, Jen, Rob, and Iain may have health, strength, and safety on the roads in their busy lives of work, school, and involvement in various aspects of the assembly.

Sun. 21 Thank the Lord for those who have a vision to make our books available and who use innovative means to do so. Pray particularly for blessing from book tables made available in university settings, marketplaces, and wherever else opportunity offers.

Mon. 22 Pray that the Lord may facilitate rapid and widespread distribution of our Spanish books to many bookstores in Chile, for the upbuilding of many true believers and the salvation of many who are not yet His (PED Sept. 13, Nov. 6).

Tues. 23 Ask the Lord to connect us to "key" people (with a vision for widespread distribution of literature) in areas where we do not at present have much, if any, activity.

Wed. 24 Pray that Sara may know the Lord's leading in balancing her work with our Spanish and Portuguese translations with the demands of a variety of other responsibilities.

Thurs. 25 Join us in giving profound thanks to the Lord for our faithful volunteers Arthur and Mary Jane Robinson, Desmond and Gayle McCurry, John Storm, Jimmy Rollo, Don DeBaeremaeker, and Tom and Hilda Parkinson. Pray for His richest blessing for them.

Fri. 26 Thank the Lord for the many prison ministries which use our courses. Pray for much wisdom for those who guide students in what course to study next. Pray for sensitivity, not only to the spiritual needs of the student but also to his or her capabilities.

Sat. 27 Pray that the Lord may safely guide all of our books-in-transit through the hazards and pitfalls that lurk along the way so that those who have ordered the books may receive them safely and in good time.

Sun. 28 Give renewed thanks to the Lord for the print-on-demand capacities of our present set up in the print shop. This made it possible to print numerous Swahili titles in print runs of 50 or 100 in October to fill an order for southern D.R. Congo for shipment via the ACCTS container to Zambia.