



# PRAYER CALENDAR MARCH 2025

Think you've got snow, Toronto? Shovelling out the car before going to Church. Yuko and Luke Elliot (see Day 17) live and work in the snowiest city on earth: Aomori, Japan

## 1

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

— Galatians 3:28 RSV

Christians divide over issues of nationalism, immigration, turmoil in the Holy Land, the economy.... Christ's voice be heard as He prays: "...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:21

# **SUNDAY**

Dave & Rani, Mission Go, Brampton. "Rani returns to Brampton from India on March 2. Thank God for her team meeting and the opportunity to spend time with her sister Anu, who has bipolar disorder. Please continue praying for Deepak's studies at McMaster University. Dev will be in Virginia most of March, meeting with individuals to discuss sharing the gospel with Hindus. A church has shown interest in creating a video on this topic. He also plans to meet with other interested friends during this time."

## 3

Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. "Teaching a 4th year course on project management is going well at Redeemer, would appreciate prayer to connect well with my students. I'm also taking an 8 week course through OneHope on Innovation called, "Innovation Launchpad." It's going really well, and there are people taking the course from around the world. I'll be exhibiting on behalf of Indigitous at this missions conference where Chris Wright is speaking: <a href="https://newhopefellowship.ca/mission-conference-2025">https://newhopefellowship.ca/mission-conference-2025</a>"

#### 4

Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. "As students dig into their last month before finals, pray for fruitful conversations and relationships as they continue to explore what it means to live on mission. Pray for planning this month for the next school year, for insight, creativity, perspective, and courage."

## 5

Colin & Rachel McCordic, AlM, Chad. Praise the Lord for Perspectives starting in Chad, March 6, and running for 15 weeks. Pray for the instructors as they prepare and travel, that each participant will hold firmly onto the truth they hear and seek to apply it to their life and ministry. Pray for Colin overseeing the many details of running this course, and that it will be a fruitful step in sharing the Gospel to those who do not yet believe.

## 6

Khevna & Sharon, Knox Missions Hub. "Please pray for our largest student collaboration, UofTogether, coming up on March 7. We hope students will be encouraged and challenged as we focus on the theme of Revival! The week after, Khevna will be the main speaker at Teens Conference and would love prayer to speak well on the topic of Courage."

#### 7

Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. "Paul is in Taiwan all this month visiting nine of the Bible translation teams he supports. Praise God for dedicated teamwork in each group, and ask God to bless them with keen eyes, clear thinking and steadfast hearts as they press on relying on the Lord to complete whole Bibles or smaller portions."

## 8

Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. "Prayer for mentoring training is being answered! Zoom calls began last month with BCUK (Biblical Counseling UK)—and beyond!—in exciting ways! From the 10th-13<sup>th</sup>, I'll be in the UK for their annual conference, this year on Trauma, and we'll pursue our request in person. Prayers so appreciated! Also for counselees and mentees, for a new church building, and for stable health (salt deficiency diagnosed). May the Lord's will be done!"

# **SUNDAY**

Knox Refugee Sponsorship. On March 9<sup>th</sup> we will be including the Haidary family in the morning service, praying for them and blessing them as their year of sponsorship ends. We will continue to be friends and will keep in contact. Let's be praying for employment for

Amin and for success in the English courses both are involved in.

#### 10

Knox Refugee Sponsorship (cont'd.) The Refugee Committee is now working on sponsorship applications for a brother and sister of the Haidary family. These two young people are in a very vulnerable situation, needing God's protection and provision. We join with our prayers and support.

#### 11

I & S. A teammate had a nightmare in which a demon was trying to choke her to death. She woke as she was rebuking and casting it out in Jesus' name. Their little guy has been waking every 30 minutes to 2 hours, sometimes crying for 2 hours. "He doesn't talk enough to tell us why but our teammate's experience is making us consider how it may be spiritual. Please pray." They know Jesus has the victory; they are clinging to that truth, very tired.

## 12

**C & K.** They praise the Lord that their new business has just been incorporated. The Preeminence Project (Colossians 1.18) aims to see Jesus exalted as Lord of all, through the strategy of business-as-mission (BAM), particularly in the Muslim majority world, in keeping with one of Knox's core mission priorities. Pray for C as he travels to Pakistan in early March, and then for C&K as they speak at a BAM conference in Germany at the end of the month.

#### 13

Mary Jane Fandrich, Beirut. Warm thanks for all the prayers that followed her to Lebanon. They visit families daily to share Bible stories, encouragement and prayer, and whatever help they can. The streets are hectic with carts bearing oranges and lemons. Piles of rubble mark where buildings used to be. Pray for hearts to open to God's love.

#### 14

**Chyrl Basa, FFM.** Our Prayer News Bulletin focuses on Muslims and their need (just like ours) to come to know Jesus as the Saviour and Lord who loves them. As our

world becomes more and more polarized, pray that we would be grace-filled and faithful, guided by His Spirit in all we say and write about Islam and Muslims.

## 15

Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. Pray for Kiri, who is quite discouraged as her college neglected to send the students' exam results to the Government. All the students may have lost a year! Pray for Baraka and Faraja's decisions on further studies. Faraja wants to do business and Baraka is still unsure. "I hope to come for a visit to Canada and then to Holland to visit family. My sister had heart surgery and had complications. Thank God she is much better!"

# **SUNDAY**

Aina Dobilaite, Lithuania. "Our pastor is successfully healing after the surgery, but please continue to pray for his full recovery. And another long-term prayer request is for a pastor for our international congregation once our current pastor retires."

## 17

Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan. "March is a big month for the Aomori Christian Center (a.k.a. Moya Camp) as we 1) finalize our transition to a new constitution and governance structure (beginning April 1) and 2) negotiate with contractors in preparation to begin construction on a new dormitory (Bethel Lodge) in May or June."

## 18

Carluci & Christina dos Santos, Mesa Global. Please praise God for and pray for the upcoming leadership retreat designed for Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Christian leaders in Toronto, the GTA, and beyond. We will gather for the first time as leaders of the Latin American diaspora to seek unity, build relationships, and strengthen our commitment to God's mission together. Start: March 25, at 6:00 p.m.

End: March 27, at 12:00 p.m.

Location: Muskoka Bible Centre (in the beautiful natural setting of Muskoka).

## 19

Sylvia Dresser, Waterloo. "Asmat Pastor Simson travelled to Taoro and an Auyu village for baptisms and a wedding ceremony. Pray for health and safety on the rivers. Give thanks for the safe arrival of my greatgrandson, River James. Being in breech, the baby needed a C-section but all went well. Ask the Lord for relief from my lower back pain."

#### 20

Eleanor Crabtree, Owen Sound. "Continue to pray for the Bible Study at Seasons. Two more women have joined the group. Pray for wisdom as I prepare questions to give out beforehand so they may come prepared for the study. God is good."

#### 21

Susan Jeffery, CanlL, Abbotsford. "I have just completed a first pass through 1,800 offprints and have identified about 800 that can be recycled because the SIL archive already has them. I'm guessing that another 800 of those remaining will also be recycled because they aren't authored by SIL members. This leaves about 200 offprints that will need to be digitized for the archive. I still don't have a date for eye surgery, but expect to have one soon."

#### 22

Jim Mason, Challenge Enterprises, Ghana. Pray for the aging Cinevan vehicles which travel out for gospel films showings. Bookstores, Pastors' Book Set conferences, prison ministry—all need the support of praying and giving believers, as finances tighten.

# **SUNDAY**

Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture. Excerpt from JV's 2024 report: This last year has been the most fruitful in the entire history of Josiah Venture. At the summer camps alone, over 700 of the 3700 unbelievers attending made professions of faith in Christ, the highest percentage they have ever seen. "Once again, we are experiencing God shaking us with the need to reach this young generation across 16 countries of Central and Eastern Europe with the gospel."

## 24

**KWM Committee.** Continue to pray for Jeff Bloom and the rest of the Committee, looking to God for wisdom and provision as they weigh opportunities for outreach, budget and programming, while keeping in touch with our missionary family.

#### 25

Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. "Together with nurse Melda, I will be conducting training days for the community health team (CHT) every month. There have been multiple delays so far this year. I need wisdom to encourage Melda to take ownership of the CHT programme. Our communication and expectations could improve. One idea that I've been hoping to see take shape for a long time is that I want her to accompany the CHT out to the villages to occasionally oversee the work."

## 26

Elaine Esser, Owen Sound. "May the Lord supply all the needs of His servants in this very unstable economic time. May the Lord grant the leaders at every level of government wisdom in their decision making in these very challenging times."

#### 27

Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. "Please pray for the National Colombian Student Movement (UCU) as it seeks God's vision, guidance, and provision for campus ministry throughout Colombia under the leadership of the new General Secretary Carmen Benitz and her staff, campus workers, and student leaders."

#### 28

Gus & Marliese, London. "We ask for continued prayer for the Yazidis Gus helps with English. They are learning the language but still need help."

## 29

**Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn**. All of the regional leaders were together in mid-February in Eldoret for their first leadership conference. That's 11 leaders, men & women, from all across Kenya, plus eastern Uganda. The goal is

to encourage each other and plan in a coordinated way for the coming year. L2L Canada is trying to have them pay attention to budgeting, making for fewer last-minute funding requests. They're hoping for stable growth that will develop stable Local Bible Institutes and leaders.

# **SUNDAY**

Fern & Glenn Byerly. "Praise the Lord that all the equipment for Bible translations that my son-in-law took to Cameroon got through the airport quickly."

#### 31

Phase II Workers. John & Debra Bowen, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Jim Mason, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn, Pamela Stedman, Diana Wadsworth, Rosemary Walker.