

# Prayer Diary

## JANUARY 2021

'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.' **God is still at work!**  
(Isaiah 43 v 19)

**25 ROMANIA, Târgu Mures - Sándor & Napsugár Kelemen:** 'We have lost people from our congregations this year due to death (not COVID-19) and also by moving to other places. We pray that the Lord would fill their place and would give us more. We feel that these are trying times and the Lord is sifting his people. We pray that He would move in power among us with His Holy Spirit.'

**26 SPAIN, Almuñécar - Manuel López Franco & Alba Ortega González:** 'Please pray for the Food Distribution Project. We are providing food for 23 families. And we provided toys too for the families with children. We will continue at least for the next six months with this distribution, twice a month. Please also pray for the new people attending our services: one man and two women. Finally, please pray for the elder members of our congregation and specially for Julia, the first member, who is in a care home suffering with Alzheimers.'

**27 SPAIN, Alcazar de San Juan - Jose & Virtudes Moreno Berrocal:** 'Pray for those who, from outside the church, attended the special Christmas services, that the Lord will work in their hearts. We have seen an increase in the number of people attending the weekly service at the prison. Pray that the Lord will open their hearts to be attentive to the Word so that they may be brought to Him.'

**28 POLAND, Żywiec - Dawid & Agnieszka Kozioł:** 'Although our plans were disrupted by various illnesses and quarantines the building work slowly progresses. We hope that God willing in 2021 we will be able to open our new building, and we hope that all restrictions and limits of people in the church buildings will soon be over. So we can say that we build with hope that soon we will enjoy the whole church gathering. We are so thankful for the financial provisions,

various gifts that help us to continue the work. The Lord was good to us, and at the end of the year we can again testify about His faithfulness.'

**29 HQ, Church Partnership Coordinator - Martin Tatham:** 'Could I ask for prayer for more churches to enter into long-term partnerships with our missionaries, and the Lord's help as we look to enable these.'

**30 UKRAINE, Kyiv - Vitalii & Lyudmila Mariash:** 'Give thanks that we have recovered from Covid, and also that the church has elected me for pastoral ministry (ordination ceremony will take place at the end of January. Please also pray for healing for my wife as she has broken her leg.'

**31 GREECE, Ioannina - Leonidas & Irene Kollaros:** 'At the time of writing this message churches are not allowed to open. Some of us meet via Zoom but most of the people of our church either don't have the equipment to join, or don't know how to join, or don't like this kind of "technical" meeting. Nevertheless there are one or two evangelical Christians from villages who don't come to church when it is open as they live very far and don't have a car to travel who now have the opportunity to meet with us on the internet. This is a good way to break their isolation.'

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**1 GREECE, Patra - Evangelos & Georgia Sikoutris:** 'Pray for a young girl Konstadina who shows interest in the gospel and promised to come to our meetings when lockdown for the churches is over. We thank God that after six weeks we have had services in our churches, on Christmas day and are due to have services on the first day of the New Year and on 6th January.'

**2 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki:** 'London is in Tier 4 now and we have to adjust our services for more social distancing. Our hope is that in the new year the virus will gradually fade away and we can return to normality.'

**3 UK, HQ - Andrew Birch:** 'As we look back over 2020, a very strange year, and, for many of us, a very hard year, let's give thanks to the Lord for bringing us through and for continuing to meet our needs through the sacrificial commitment of our supporting churches and other supporters.'

**4 UK, Northern Ireland Representative - Phil Dunn:** 'Please join me in thanking God for all his faithfulness throughout 2020. He has sustained and strengthened the work here despite the many challenges resulting from COVID-19. Also pray for new opportunities to engage with churches either in-person or online especially during this time of increased restrictions here in NI.'

**5 ITALY, Forlì - Michael & Mary Steedman:** 'Please pray for online Bible studies for longstanding contacts using Google Meet. We've started studying Romans with Susanna and hope to do the same with Claudio, Maddalena and possibly others. Mael, a Muslim from Senegal, continues to read the New Testament and came to a Bible study with his Christian flat-mate, Sang, for the second time recently. Pray that the Lord will speak to Mael through His Word.'

**6 SPAIN, Ciudad Real & Cuenca - Xavi & Paty Pérez:** 'We have been happily married already for two months and we are grateful for God's faithfulness. Please, pray for Paty as she adjusts to her new life in Spain, and for me to be a husband after Ephesians 5:25.'

**7 ITALY, Peschici - Antonio & Anna De Noia:** Antonio has commenced a chemotherapy treatment to reduce infection and inflammation of the brain. The severe headaches which have

afflicted him have eased but he asks for prayer for full recovery.

- 8 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis Topaloglou & Viki Yfantidou Topaloglou:** 'We are very blessed as a young Christian woman joined our team and we are so excited to see how God will use her in our community. She has in her heart to serve the elderly people and we pray for opportunities to be helpful.'
- 9 ROMANIA, Târgu Mures - Sándor & Napsugár Kelemen:** 'We are thankful that we were able to hold our meetings in our circle of churches. And although many people went through the symptoms of COVID19 nobody had to be hospitalized. Our extra, evangelistic activities are still at halt like the Children's Club, Barnabas Bible Group for the disabled and other events. The Bible School wasn't able to resume after the lockdown. Please pray for the people involved in these and also for new opportunities to share the gospel.'
- 10 ITALY, Peschici - Antonio & Anna De Noia:** Four hundred food parcels have been distributed to needy families in Peschici, Vico and Ischitella. Each parcel contains a calendar with bible verses for each day of the year. Please pray that the Word of God would touch these families' lives for good.
- 11 HQ, Mission Director - Andrew Birch:** 'We would appreciate your prayers for two meetings today (the Lord permitting): (1) a meeting of the mission's Business Subcommittee (14:00, GMT); and (2) a webinar on the key role of women in the work of the gospel in Europe (19:30, GMT).'
- 12 UK - T & L:** 'We've submitted the adoption papers to the court. Please pray we'll get a court date asap, the adoption approved and the twins continue to settle in. Please pray for continued

opportunities to share the gospel with existing and new contacts we've made in the council and other groups in the area.'

- 13 GREECE, Athens - Stathis & Ruth Yfantidis:** 'Please pray for the older folks in our church, as the pandemic and its restrictions have been hard on them. Church was their weekly outing, and now the churches are closed. And moreover, they are afraid to go to church due to the risk of infection.'
- 14 FRANCE, Marseille - Richard and Barbara:** 'Please pray for the weekly visits to island homes. We resumed these in December following lockdown. May the practical help we give (particularly with childrens' studies and homework) make a real difference; and may the Word of God take root and bear fruit as we bring a short passage at each visit. Please pray for the distribution of scripture calendars. As well as the families we visit regularly, this distribution is a means of maintaining contact with other families. May the scriptures be read and create questions and searching for the Truth.'
- 15 BELGIUM, De Panne - Michael & Ariëtte Robinson:** 'We pray that the Lord will once again overwhelm us and our church fellowship with the wonder of Who he is and the power of all His works. We pray therefore for greater resolve at the start of a new year to serve the Lord better in 2021.'
- 16 GREECE, Volos - Evropi Tzelis:** Evropi asks for prayer: 'I have the opportunity to witness to a music school owner. This lady seemed to have truly enjoyed the conversation for at the end of it she thanked me exclaiming: No one has ever talked to me about God! Please continue to pray for my health issues. I need to visit a specialist in another town but due

to restrictions and other problems I am not able to do so at the moment.'

- 17 SPAIN, Ciudad Real - Luis Cano & Pilar Herrera:** 'Please pray for our annual members meeting, we always have important points to deal with and need wisdom and guidance from God. Also some people have asked to be members of the church and I and Pilar are discipling them. The first works on the new church premises are about to begin. We are talking to a bank to request a loan for the works. It's a very exciting step.'
- 18 UK, Hungarian Reformed Church in London - István & Tünde Salánki:** 'From January the new rotas present a problem as many have moved back to their home countries and others do not attend church for fear of the virus. Please pray for people to undertake duties in the church with commitment. Please, pray for the five people preparing for baptism. They have relevant questions and a desire to know more of God.'
- 19 SPAIN, Ciudad Real & Cuenca - Xavi & Paty Pérez:** 'The church in Cuenca is fighting with low assistance to services and some discouraging news. Despite everything, the Lord is building his people in Cuenca and strengthening us. Please, pray that our faith will not fail.'
- 20 GREECE, Thessaloniki - Antonis Topaloglou & Viki Yfantidou Topaloglou:** 'We are very encouraged by 2020 as a community because we are witness to so many things that happened this year. A lot of work, contacts, feelings, so many capable enough to cover the Covid situation with grace. Right now we are in the process of making our websites for our ministries so we need wisdom in order to make it fast and free. A friend from Wales (Andrew) is very supportive as he is taking care of it too. Pray for all the plans His love will lead us in next year so that we can be faithful to him.'

- 21 ROMANIA, Târgu Mures - Sándor & Napsugár Kelemen:** 'Sándor has responsibilities in the Mission Zone and at the Convention. They need much wisdom in dealing with difficult issues. Napsugár is studying (Computer Programming) and also teaches online. All our children have studied online since November. It's been a challenge... they need strength and wisdom in all this.'
- 22 GREECE, Athens - Stathis & Ruth Yfantidis:** 'Please pray that despite the fact that we cannot go out, God will work within! As the more we allow him to work within, the more ready we will be to serve him when the restrictions will cease. Also pray for our young people. They want to be active; they want to do things for God and the church, but they cannot do much. Pray that they will channel their energy wisely!'
- 23 UK - T & L:** 'We had a water leak in the kitchen and found it was lead piping embedded into the kitchen wall behind the kitchen units. We've had to have all the kitchen redone and replace the boiler as part of the repair. Please pray for God's provision for this unexpected expense.'
- 24 PORTUGAL, Alto do Moinho - José & Elisa Rodrigues:** 'We are to give thanks to God, for as far as our knowledge can tell, no people from our church relations have been infected by the coronavirus. Pray for the elderly people, as they suffer isolation and are not able to celebrate Christmas and worship the way they have done all their lives. The Sunday School adults' class has created different groups, two or three people each, to evangelize, relatives, friends, colleagues or neighbours. There have been some good encouraging contacts. We pray intentionally for those at this special celebration.'