MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS
DAY OF PRAYER

28TH APRIL 2020

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”

Jeremiah 29:11
Welcome to our prayer guide for the 2020 Day of Prayer

This day is an opportunity for us to join together in prayer, across the world, to give thanks to God, share our concerns and challenges and seek God's guidance for the way ahead. You will find prayer requests from each of the countries where we work globally in Eastern Europe to guide your prayers during the day.

We live in a challenging and uncertain time with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting each of the countries where we have a presence. As a Mission we pray that you and your families are remaining well and keeping safe during this difficult time.

Over the last 60 years, since we were founded, we have seen many of our prayers answered by God. We have seen doors opened, lives transformed and the gospel shared with thousands of people. God has also been faithful to us in times of trial and difficulty and with that knowledge we come before Him now, in prayer.

Thank you for your continued and faithful support over the years, it is only because of your support that we can continue reaching people for Christ. We look forward to joining with you in prayer on Tuesday 28th April, even if we cannot be face to face.
to God for all his blessings, acts of goodness and support offered to those we work with this year
that despite significant material damage because of the earthquake in November 2019, our families and children, staff and volunteers were all kept safe
for our sponsors and supporters who continue to believe in what we do and contribute financially to make it happen
for our new program providing care for elderly people in communities. Through our work people become less isolated and receive hope
for the changed lives of the families we work with, both materially and spiritually
for strong relationships with the local churches
for the communities that get involved in our activities and see and hear Christ’s love
for Bogomil, a boy in one of our sponsored families, who suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure and had very serious problems with his kidneys. The doctors informed him he needed a kidney transplant to survive. His father was approved to be his kidney donor, however administrative, financial and health difficulties postponed the operation almost to the deadline. After much prayer the money needed for the surgery was raised and Bogomil underwent a successful transplant; his health is constantly improving and the lifesaving medicines he was taking regularly aren’t necessary anymore

Zeinep’s future looked bleak. A single mother with very little education and a history of poor health, it seemed impossible that she would ever be able to provide for herself and her daughter. But one day her little girl was given an unusual gift – and neither realised how much their lives were about to change.
MOLDOVA

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS:

• for a time of peace. Despite social and economic hardships we have the freedom to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with families and children in the villages
• that the families we work with value the help given, and that many use this opportunity to grow, develop and appreciate that their lives are changing in a miraculous way
• for the dedicated people in the Moldovan team, who often go above and beyond in their ministry to the needy. Also for their families who often share the emotional and physical burden
• for the local churches we partner with, and the volunteers, for their commitment to our work
• for the sponsors who continued to bless the poor in our country through their prayers and giving

ROMANIA

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS:

• for the students who graduated thanks to the scholarships they received from the Mission
• for those who have given their lives to Jesus and have been baptised
• for the families who have become self-sufficient through our help, and able to look after themselves
• for our volunteers, without their commitment we would not be able to carry out our work
• for all the donations of clothing, hygiene items and other materials we receive that improve the lives of our beneficiaries
• for the valuable partnerships we have with the churches

UKRAINE

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS:

• for the religious liberty that we have enjoyed in Ukraine over the few last decades and the opportunity to freely share God's love
• for 27 years of official ministry of the Mission in Ukraine and for all the projects and programs that have greatly benefited many Ukrainian families and children over the years!
PRAYER FOR CHALLENGES

ALBANIA

PLEASE PRAY:

- that God will stay by our side in this time of uncertainty due to the corona virus
- that there will be economic growth and more jobs for the people of Albania
- that young people will find hope in their future and invest in their country
- for communication with couples and families in times of conflict
- for motivation, strength and energy for the staff while working with those in need
- that God will take away any fear and uncertainty felt by the people of Albania, since the earthquake, and replace it with hope and confidence
- for healthy relationships in families, creating a loving and compassionate community. Pray that neighbors would learn from each other’s differences and find common ground
- that the staff will always feel encouraged with reading God's word and it will give them comfort
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

PLEASE PRAY:

- for the strength and health of our employees and beneficiaries, and a special protection against the corona virus situation
- for calm in the midst of the political situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and for tolerance and love to overcome insecurity and fear of new conflicts among the people
- for wisdom for our political leaders
- for God to bring the right staff and volunteers to work with us where needed
- for Summer Camps and the hope they will go ahead
- for our work with elderly people in Glamoc and for guidance and wisdom for our staff. For peace and joy for the 30 elderly people we will be working with more closely

"THE LORD IS A REFUGE FOR THE OPPRESSED, A STRONGHOLD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE."
PSALM 9:9-10

BULGARIA

PLEASE PRAY:

- for the families that cannot afford health insurance. This means they don’t receive medical care and because of their lifestyles, they are vulnerable to many diseases, including flu and viruses. The elderly and homeless are among those most at risk, they currently come every day to receive food packages
- that God will keep free of any serious illness all the families, children and elderly people we work with, and pray for the staff involved; may God keep them in His hands, give them strength, peace and confidence for the future especially in this period of chaos, insecurity and panic
- for God’s help, guidance and persistence as we seek to work more closely with institutions such as social care departments, hospitals, local authorities to help solve the endless problems of those who are struggling
**MOLDOVA**

**PLEASE PRAY:**

- for wisdom in how to use the resources we currently have, to get greater results and see even more changed lives
- that God would bring stability and integrity into the political realm in Moldova
- for good health for all the families, children and elderly people we work with, and for protection from the corona virus
- for our staff – every year staff members and their families go through difficult health problems

**ROMANIA**

**PLEASE PRAY:**

- for the political and economic situation in our country, and for wisdom for our politicians
- that there will be stability and less corruption in the country
- for God’s peace and reassurance in the middle of these challenging times, especially now with the corona virus pandemic
- for protection over our staff and their families
- for the children, families and elderly people we work with - that they will be kept safe
- for reform in the educational, health and judicial systems of Romania
- for our staff and volunteers as they are travelling continuously visiting communities.
- for wisdom, protection and patience for our staff and volunteers who face poverty and despair every day, may God give them strength

**UKRAINE**

**PLEASE PRAY:**

- for peace and political stability in Ukraine, and for our political leaders
- that we will get clear guidance, from the customs authorities, on how we can receive donated goods and distribute them to the families that we work with, who are in such great need
- for God’s guidance as we evaluate the best way to respond to the situation in Eastern Ukraine, and for our partner churches there
ALBANIA

PLEASE PRAY:

- that God uses us in the best way possible, as we hope to expand our work this year, into new communities and projects
- for employment opportunities in our country so that more jobs are created, for our sponsored family programme members and for all Albanians in search of an honest job
- for our government leaders, that they may have wisdom in managing the rebuilding and reconstruction following the earthquake last year
- that the expansion of our sponsored family programme in the north becomes an opportunity for more people to hear the Gospel and for the partnering local church to be a light in their community
- for our beneficiaries to come to know Christ and the amazing story of salvation through Jesus
‘When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way…’

“I began to understand that God wants more from us than we want for ourselves. The Mission planted God’s seeds in my heart, and I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. God affected our family’s lives in every way. I have no fear anymore. I have no pain. God’s power lives within us and will always help us overcome any fear, any obstacle that life will throw our way.”

Nafie, Albania

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

PLEASE PRAY:

- for successful implementation of the activities that we are hoping to run in the coming months; agricultural projects, self-sufficiency help and distributing seeds
- for God’s guidance and wisdom so that the projects will be a blessing to the families, children and elderly people that we work with
- for the work of the Holy Spirit to soften people’s hearts and change people’s lives

BULGARIA

PLEASE PRAY:

- that God will bless and extend our sponsored family ministry. Over the years it has proved to be a success and has changed lives, spiritually and emotionally. Through our work many families have overcome a life of despair and hopelessness inherited from their ancestors. It also has a huge positive impact on their children
- that God will open doors in new communities so we can expand this very important and fruitful program
- that the Lord will open the hearts of dedicated pastors, staff, volunteers, and of local authorities who can support us as we expand our work
- that the Lord reveals all the vital needs of the communities and equips us so that we can alleviate people’s burdens and give them new hope through different activities like soup kitchens, after school activities and vocational training

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MOLDOVA

PLEASE PRAY:

• for the families who have completed their work with us, so that they would continue to grow and change, and that the positive results would not be lost
• that our staff and volunteers would help children and teenagers to build good values and a Christ-like character
• for opportunities to help families and young people improve their economic situation
• for the opportunity to help and care for the elderly people of the communities
• for new creative ideas and opportunities to help more children and teenagers find the courage to make decisions that will change their future

ROMANIA

PLEASE PRAY:

• that the seeds that have been sown in people’s lives will bear fruit and that many more families will come to know Christ
• that God would strengthen the local church and increase the number of volunteers who are essential to our ministry
• that our staff are inspired with creative ideas for activities that will touch the lives of the beneficiaries
• for our donors and sponsors, that God will bless them
• for God’s guidance in our projects and that we continue to have the determination to be good stewards
• for wisdom and understanding in approaching the issues that families have to deal with in their everyday lives and to help them with solutions that encourage them to turn towards God

UKRAINE

PLEASE PRAY:

• for God’s blessings and guidance on the Mission’s ministry in Eastern Ukraine
• for God’s wisdom as we make decisions about the 2020 Summer Camps
• for God’s encouragement for the staff to be evangelists and to share the gospel with those we work with
"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done". 
Psalm 105:1