

Pray *Every Day* for EVERYDAY



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Fri. 1 “When I...send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place,” 2 Chronicles 7:13-15 NKJV. We are not the people of Israel, but our God is the same God who longs for us to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our sin. The Lord is speaking loudly in this COVID-19 pandemic...are we listening?

Sat. 2 Pray for the Lord’s help while we are “officially” closed due to COVID-19. We have a skeleton crew (Mark Beach and Harold MacDougall) keeping things going in the office while the rest work from home.

Sun. 3 From David and Brigitte Sutherland, missionaries in France: “We are happy to say that twelve Emmaus courses are now available free of charge online. More will follow in the next few months.” Praise the Lord for another positive result from COVID-19!

Mon. 4 From Gail Beach: “Thank you for praying for me. The fibromyalgia has been acting up again, but God is faithful. ‘I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth’,” Psalm 121:1,2 ESV.

Tues. 5 From Don MacMullen: “Sara Townsend continues to work from her apartment in Kansas. Pray for wisdom and protection in her solitary isolation and as she goes out every two weeks for supplies.”

Wed. 6 From Don: “Harold has not missed a step in the print shop. His production continues at a happy rate! Barb comes in to prepare this vital prayer link for you all! Pray for protection for Harold and Barb and their family.”

Thurs. 7 From Don: “Noel Bondt is carefully isolated and working from home. Noel, Dwana, and the girls continue to home school. Pray for their health and peace.”

Fri. 8 From Don: “Mark works in his EPI office keeping the communications, bookkeeping, and North American shipping moving as well as possible. Pray for Gail’s health.”

Sat. 9 From Don: “Brian Cretney continues his EPI work from home, as well as Uplook projects, developing materials for School Ministries, and preparing new materials to encourage believers and win non-believers. Pray for the Cretney family.”

Sun. 10 “But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children,” 1 Thessalonians 2:7 NKJV. Pray that we may be gentle with those around us who are afraid and anxious, and that we may point them to the Lord Jesus.

Mon. 11 EPI has launched a prayer chain among partners, workers, and missionaries. Pray that we would all pray in the Spirit for what our Lord Jesus desires for one and all.

Tues. 12 Praise the Lord for bringing Peter Kerr’s new book, *Predestination and Election*, to completion (PED (*Pray Every Day*) March 26). Pray that it would be a useful tool in the Lord’s hands for His glory!

Wed. 13 Praise the Lord for the many Emmaus contacts of brother Ivan in Cuba. Pray for ‘good soil’ as the ‘Seed’ goes out!

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Thurs. 14 From Harold: *"Praise the Lord for His help in getting Paul Bramsen's books, Your Story in Spanish (5000) and The Way of Righteousness (420), printed and shipped out."* Pray for blessing! These books are now copublished by Rock International and EPI and can be ordered from EPI.

Fri. 15 Even though Easter 2020 was not celebrated in the way we thought it would be, we trust the Lord was honored and remembered in ways even greater than we could imagine or think!

Sat. 16 Pray for Dwana, Estella, and Mildred as their schooling has not stopped, but the girls' social life and extra-curricular activities have come to a standstill. Pray for them as they deal with the isolation.

Sun. 17 *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life,'"* John 14:6 NKJV. This is the message the world needs to hear: He is the Way!! Anything else is the wrong way, lies, and death! Pray for understanding for unbelievers, leading to faith as they read our gospel books and booklets.

Mon. 18 Praise the Lord for safety for all the EPI staff thus far (mid-April) during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Tues. 19 From Mark: *"Praise the Lord that a mere virus cannot contaminate, contain, or cancel out the Word of God! Pray that the Lord would greatly use the EPI materials that are already in the hands of hungry sheep!"*

Wed. 20 Pray for New Life Prison Ministries as they have been inundated with requests for Bible courses since COVID-19 hit. Pray that all prisoners desiring courses may receive them without delay. Pray for the new director, June Dryer, as she settles into place with all the new opportunities.

Thurs. 21 Praise the Lord for the huge NLPM order of 5,090 books soon to be heading to prisons in Canada.

Fri. 22 From Eunice Free: *"I developed and mailed out a gospel tract to 1,900 homes in the area in light of the current troubles. Please pray that folks will seriously consider their standing before our holy God and will turn to Him in faith and repentance."*

Sat. 23 Pray for perseverance and wisdom for Barb as she seeks to navigate daily with continuing dizziness and foggy head. *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you,"* James 1:5 NIV.

Sun. 24 *"I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize that He is able to carry out His will for me. It does not matter where He places me, or how. That is for Him to consider, not me, for in the easiest positions He will give me grace, and in the most difficult ones His grace is sufficient"* ~ Hudson Taylor. O for faith to trust Him more!

Mon. 25 Pray for wisdom and the Lord's definite leading for those responsible for decisions concerning when, D.V., to resume ACCTS shipments to Zambia as well as for those (including EPI) needing to get goods to the warehouse in Toronto in a timely way when, D.V., shipments are resumed.

Tues. 26 Pray that a book given to a technician in April would result in his coming to know the Lord Jesus.

Wed. 27 *"What the Bible does is not solve the problem of suffering but give us the right perspective from which to view it. Then, whenever we are torn with anguish, we will climb the hill called Calvary and, from that unique vantage ground, survey the calamities of life"* ~ John Stott. Pray that we may have this right perspective!

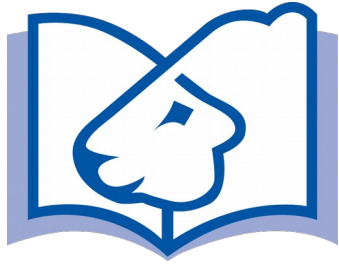
Thurs. 28 Join Sara in thanking the Lord for help given in preliminary work to prepare the Spanish translation of *Elders' ShopNotes, vol. 2: Leadership Qualities & Studies in 1 Timothy* for typesetting (PED April 8). Pray for patience and perseverance in dealing with much fussy detail in ongoing work on this.

Fri. 29 Pray for God's special hand of protection to be on Noel. Noel's compromised immune system makes him especially vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus.

Sat. 30 From Mark: *"We have suspended overseas shipping during the present emergency. Pray for the Lord's wisdom and enabling as to when to continue shipping."* Pray also that shipments in transit when the pandemic hit may reach their intended destination safely.

Sun. 31 Praise the Lord for over 5,600,000 books, Bibles, and hymn books that EPI has shipped around the world in five languages since its inception. Pray for the Lord's will for EPI to be done in the years ahead.

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Mon. 1 “Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world” — C.S. Lewis. Pray that many who are in pain at this time would be roused to hear His voice!

Tues. 2 Pray for the wisdom of God to hold sway over the EPI directors as they navigate in these uncertain days. Pray for Steve Adams, Bill Letkeman, Don MacMullen, Brendan McIntyre, and Terry Wilson.

Wed. 3 Pray for our brothers and sisters in northeast D.R. Congo. They have insufficient medical facilities, staff, and professionals and have just fought Ebola, measles, militia attacks, and now COVID-19. They are ordered to ‘isolate’, but few are equipped or have food in their homes. Pray that the Lord may be their help in this time of need and that their faith may be strengthened!

Thurs. 4 Pray for EPI staff during these days of COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for peace and a looking-into-Jesus attitude as we live from day to day.

Fri. 5 The proposed *Inductive Bible Study Series* has been taken up by Don MacMullen. Pray for the Lord to give insight and wisdom as he proceeds with this project.

Sat. 6 Give thanks for those who have kept EPI and its staff and volunteers in special prayer for the Lord’s safekeeping and His direction during the upheaval of the pandemic. Praise the Lord for those who pray, the most important and powerful thing we can be doing with our time at this time. May His will be done.

Sun. 7 “Then the king said to Daniel, ‘Truly I know your God is the greatest of all gods, the Lord of all the kings. He tells people about things they cannot know. I know this is true, because you were able to tell these secret things to me’,” Daniel 2:47 NCV. This is still our God today! Praise Him!

Mon. 8 From Mark: “Pray for those on the front lines who continue to minister to those hungry sheep. May EPI books prove a useful tool to doing ministry while social distancing!”

Tues. 9 From Gail: “Pray for wisdom for me to know how to encourage my Sunday School class during this time that we cannot meet.”

Wed. 10 From Sara: “Pray for health and strength and the mind of the Lord for Barb in her work at EPI, particularly as she prepares the Pray Every Day every other month.”

Thurs. 11 Pray for Noel in his health concerns. He is very grateful for the daily energy and strength the Lord gives.

Fri. 12 Thank the Lord for Portuguese translator Margarida Cerqueira. Pray for safekeeping for her and her family during this time and that the Lord may encourage her in ongoing work on *Proverbs: The King’s Wisdom*.

Sat. 13 Pray for us and for our worldwide family of believers to “fix our eyes and hearts on the Lord Jesus” so that out of our mouths may flow the love of the Lord Jesus to all we have contact with currently.

Sun. 14 Praise our wonderful Lord for the good service and well running equipment in the printshop. Presses were still humming along at time of writing in April. Harold is humming along as well!

Mon. 15 From Eunice Free: “Pray that Peter Kerr’s book, *Election and Predestination: Looking for Answers Not Arguments*, will reach a wide audience and that the Lord would speak His Truth into many hearts.”

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Tues. 16 Pray for health, strength, and stamina for Sara for her various work, assembly, and routines of life activities. Pray that the Lord may lead in the apportioning of time and strength to her various responsibilities.

Wed. 17 Praise the Lord that books do not, in general, need to be quarantined nor to keep appropriate “social distance”. Pray for super abundant fruit from EPI literature distributed and read during the past few months and for continuing fruit as more is distributed and read in the days and months ahead.

Thurs. 18 As a result of answered prayer in February, Rex Trogdon and Dr. Bob Watt were planning an essential trip to D.R. Congo in July on behalf of EPI. Now the doors are closed. Pray that when the D.R. Congo returns to ‘safety’, Rex and Bob will be cleared for travel.

Fri. 19 Our faithful volunteers, Tom and Hilda Parkinson, came in to EPI for the last time before the COVID-19 shutdown on March 31! Pray for their protection and patience as they “stay home”!

Sat. 20 From Mark: *“Praise the Lord for increased demand for materials from New Life Prison Ministries. Praise the Lord for this revival of spiritual interest among those in prison!”*

Sun. 21 *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven,”* Matthew 5:16 NKJV. May we honor and glorify our Father today!!

Mon. 22 Pray that God may give each one of us multiple opportunities to “give reason of the hope that is in us” to those frightened by the COVID-19 virus.

Tues. 23 Praise the Lord for Julie Harris de Ochoa’s continuing help with EPI’s Spanish program. She recently translated several chapters not previously available in Spanish for *Elders’ ShopNotes, vol. 2*. Pray for improved health and strength for her and for safekeeping for her and her family.

Wed. 24 Pray for continued open doors for getting our literature across borders and into places where it will be gladly received and read. Pray that the Lord may lead and overrule in the timing of shipping to bring this to pass.

Thurs. 25 As we are forced to spend more time at home, pray that we may use that time to grow closer to Him!

Fri. 26 Praise the Lord that Noel can continue to work on IT projects from home. Pray that the Lord may prosper him in this.

Sat. 27 Pray for wisdom and help from the Lord for staff families in seeking to plan for some kind of safe summer break for refreshment of body, mind, and spirit.

Sun. 28 Praise the Lord for His faithful provision for EPI! In a one-week period in March/April, we saw over \$5,000 in 3 gifts come from His hand!

Mon. 29 From Noel: *“Pray for EPI and for missionaries as they reboot their work after the quarantine. Pray that they may continue to be effective in reaching out in the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

Tues. 30 From Mark: *“So, what does all this [pandemic] mean for Everyday Publications? We pray, praising our God for who He is and asking for nothing but for His will to be done! He has been, and always will be, our Ebenezer (Thus far, the Lord has helped us) and our Jehovah Jireh (The Lord will provide). He will remain faithful!”* Praise God from whom all blessings flow!