

February 2023

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. –James 5:16

Sunday- Preparing for Lent

Lord Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, on the Cross through wood and nails you wrought our full salvation: Wield well your tools in this, your workshop, that we who come to you rough-hewn may be fashioned into a truer beauty by your hand; who with the Father and Holy Spirit live and reign, One God, world without end. (BCP 2019, p. 668).

Monday-Bureaucracy

Ruler and governor of all nations, we recognize the importance of human governance, rules, and regulations and thank you that such systems exist. Humbly, we beseech you to intervene on behalf of your servants longing to establish permanent residency, visas, and other important documentation in their adopted country. Put upon government clerks and decision makers to act swiftly and grant the necessary permissions so our crosscultural workers (CCWs) can move forward unencumbered by paper work.

Tuesday- AFM Third Culture Kids (TCKs)

Calendar

(Please Pray for These Events)

February 5: Chris preaching at Good Shepherd in Charlotte NC; Gretchen at St. Stephens, Sewickley PA

February 12: Chris preaching at Church of the Advent, Washington, D.C.

February 19: Christ preaching at Immanuel in Woodbridge, VA

February 24-26: Chris at the Wheaton College Mission Conference

February 26: Chris at the Commissioning Service of Elijah and Elise at Resurrection, Wheaton IL

Holy Father, watch over AFMs TCKs as their days increase, especially Ralph & LiamMc who celebrate birthdays this month. Bless, guide, and keep them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them to stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up when they fall, and may your peace abide in their hearts all the days of their lives. (BCP 2019, p. 667)

Wednesday- Cross-Cultural Workers (CCWs)

Thank you Father for the good work you accomplished in and through C&R as they came alongside Raina and her team. Impart wisdom, creativity, and discernment to our CCWs to see if and how they can incorporate short-term workers in their ministries, so that we may exemplify the giving and receiving of partnership. (Phil 4:15)

Thursday- Laborers for the Harvest

Almighty Father, thank you for enabling AFM to meet the goal of 10 new CCWs in 2022. We ask that by the outpouring of your Spirit you would continue to stir the minds and hearts of your children to join you in the advancing of your kingdom to the ends of the earth through AFM. We hold before you the goal of 50 long-term CCWs (either on the field or in training) by the end of 2023. May your kingdom come and your will be done.

Friday- AFM Partnering Churches

Father, thank you for the privilege of partnering with you and others to advance your kingdom on earth. We thank you for the support of the congregations of All Saints (Peachtree, GA), All Saints (Hot Springs Village, AR), All Saints (Springfield, MO), All Souls (Jacksonville, FL) and ask they would desire you, and desiring you seek you, and seeking you find you, and finding you be satisfied in you forever. Amen. (BCP 2019. Pg 668)

Saturday- Unreached People Groups (UPGs)

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of these UPGs: the Arab peoples groups of Morocco, Northern Yemen, the Saudi Hijazi, and Saudi Najdi. Raise up servants to pray for and go to these people with your healing power and your transforming Gospel. Amen.