

May 2021 Prayer Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pray for the men of our church <u>Men's Bible Study 9:00AM</u>
2 Pray for our services this morning and those of our area churches	3 Pray for those with May birthdays	4 Pray for the missionaries supported by FCC	5 Pray for those preparing to go on the mission trip in June	6 Pray for fellow Christians around the world	7 Pray for the women of our church <u>Proverbs 31:10-31</u> Women's event 6:00 pm	8 Pray for farmers as they are planting and working in the fields
9 	10 Pray for those on our prayer list	11 Pray for those who are homebound and their care givers	12 Pray for those serving in the military	13 Pray for our local businesses	14 Pray for our children Psalm 127:3-5	15 Pray for our youth and children's ministries
16 Pray for the volunteers that are serving this morning	17 Pray for our ministers and their families	18 Pray for the volleyball outreach ministry	19 Pray for the Ladies Bible Study	20 Pray for our staff and their families	21 Pray for the family unit Acts 10:2 Deuteronomy 6:6-7	22 Pray for our Sunday School classes
23 Pray for those visiting our services that they will feel welcome	24 Pray for our elders and their families	25 Pray for our deaconesses and their families	26 Pray for our deaconesses and their families	27 Pray for our first responders	28 Pray for and give thanks for grandparents Proverbs 16:31 Psalm 90:12	29 Pray for our outreach into the community
30 Pray for those who are unable to attend worship services	31 Pray for our schools – students, teachers, administration	<p>"I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy." Philipians 1:3-4</p> <p>This month's focus for prayer is family, and I pray that you are constantly thankful for your earthly family and spiritual family.</p>				

PRAYER LIST

**Ongoing problems –Mike Haptonstall, Ginger Howe, Keith Johnston, Linda Homer, Brenda Muckey, Rodney Harrell, Barb Dykema, Karen German, Joni Olson, LeRoy Knox, Kathy Harrison, Brenda Grabbe, Pray for our Nation, Shannon Martin, Kelly Neiryck

**Cancer –Rick Ford, Kathi Sheets, Jack Swearingen, Teri Albertson, Dennis Reside, Everly Stoner

**Nursing Homes -(Kewanee Care) -Jayne Forbis (Royal Oaks)-Judy Huggins; (Hillcrest) -Cindy Clark, Naida VandenDooren-(Betty's Garden)–Reva Steffen, Sandy Jones

**Courtyard Village-Rex McCormick, Sharon Bess

**Missions -Please see our website for a complete listing of international and local missions we support.

**Serving our country -Zach Hardy, Benjamin Schmidt, Matt Worstell, Matt Elbus(Iraq), Thaddeus Blanks, Andy Moseley, Jarrett Davis, Collin White, Brandon Rohrig, Calab Franklin, Isaac Frank (HI), Ryan Peed,Arrick Juarez, Collin Johnson, Chris Craig

Voice of the Martyrs

Apr. 22, 2021 | Iran

"The Most They Can Do is Kill Me"

A Muslim religious leader and professor named Hamed began chatting with Christians on a Christian broadcasting website. He was angry that someone would proclaim Jesus as the way and the truth. That conversation turned into Hamed writing in every day with questions. A week later, Hamed wrote to say that he had given his life to Christ secretly, but that he was afraid of the reaction of his family and workplace. "I felt so much peace after reading the Bible," he said. "I studied the Bible thoroughly and searched online for more commentaries on it." Hamed also said the content of what he was teaching his Islam students had changed, and they had noticed. His wife confronted him, and when he revealed he was following Jesus, she threatened to divorce him. "I am now a secret Christian and have to speak to you in private," he wrote. "The most they can do is kill me, but they can't take away my love for Jesus!" Pray that Hamed and other secret believers like him will stand firm in their faith and have a positive influence on those around them.

Apr. 22, 2021 | Mozambique

Christian Persecution Especially Severe as Militants Continue Assault in Cabo Delgado

Islamist insurgents recently led a three-day siege that left several people dead, hundreds trapped and many missing. In March, hundreds of al-Shabab attackers entered Palma completely unannounced, entering houses and killing whomever they found. While many were affected by the violence, the situation for Christians was especially severe, as the Islamists brutally murder those who cannot quote from the Quran and/or give explanation to the tenets of Islam. This attack is the latest in a years-long conflict as the Islamic insurgents seek to establish a caliphate governed by Sharia law, and it may signal a shift in the intensity of the violence. "This recent attack reflects another level of escalation in what is going on," said the VOM field leader for the region. "It really emboldens them to do even more." Pray for our brothers and sisters in Mozambique who are suffering at the hands of radical Muslims. Pray for strength, comfort and protection as they bear witness to Christ amid the violence.

Apr. 22, 2021 | Uganda

Believer's Family Torments Him Daily

Sohail became a believer several years ago, but his family refuses to accept his beliefs. Shortly after his conversion, they ran him out of the house. Today, Sohail, his wife, and their children live nearby, and his family continues to cause trouble. "They are tormenting him daily, kidnapping him often and interrogating him on matters of faith," a VOM worker wrote. In addition to ongoing persecution, Sohail's wife was in a car accident a few years ago and is still suffering the painful effects. She lives in a great deal of pain. "No matter how much they harass me, kidnap me or even kill me, I will remain strong in Christ," Sohail said. "Keep me in prayer always."

