



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MISSION AFRICA

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN,
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS.
AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR,
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

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Prayer Monthly Winter 2018/19

1st December/January

Pray for our missionaries as they take some time to reflect during the festive season. Pray for preparations and plans for the retreat in January, for Robbie & Margaret Toop, who are leading it, and for Caz Bustard, Naomi Gowan and Tim Mercer, who are travelling out to visit our missionaries.

2nd December/January

The annual UEC conference takes place in December. Pray for decisions that will be made, that they will honour God. Pray for Simon Hamilton as he travels to represent Mission Africa. Pray that working relationships that are made will bring fruit in the future. Give thanks for our long-standing relationship with the church.

3rd December/January

Pray for the Mission Africa Child sponsorship programme. Lauren Mornin, the programme coordinator, and her husband, Gareth, will be travelling to Ogugu in December to visit the project. Pray for the children on the scheme that they will be richly blessed by God in 2019.

4th December/January

Pray for David and Lucy Morrison as they finish up language studies and return to Northern Ireland during these two months - Praise the Lord for the wonderful ways that He has provided for and taught them this year.

5th December/January

As David and Lucy begin preparations for their next move to Chad, please pray that God would go before them in all the practicalities.

6th December/January

Please pray that God would be refreshing and renewing His vision for the work in Chad in David and Lucy over these next months of preparation.

7th December/January

Pray with Samantha Ibia for the students she works with through FCS. Pray that all that they hear through FCS would bring them closer to God.

8th December/January

Samantha asks that you pray for the FCS leadership. Pray that, as they guide the ministry, they will keep their focus on God alone.

9th December/January

The Garvies give thanks to God for the staff they serve alongside. Please pray all would have time to rest and be refreshed in their faith for the year ahead.

10th December/January

Please continue to pray for safety for the Garvies as they travel around Jos, especially during the holiday season as tensions can increase.

11th December/January

Join Pamela and Musa (and Gracie) today as they thank God for His grace and mercy in their lives; pray for a deepening relationship with the Lord.

12th December/January

Pray with the Gaiyas for encouragement in their responsibilities. Pray also for safety and daily protection, for good health and strength.

13th December/January

Sarah Morrison and Martha Burton give thanks for a successful response to the CPR training they held for the staff at Holley Memorial Hospital. Pray the staff would take on board the theory and practical elements they have learnt.

14th December/January

Pray for the recruitment of a new head of department for the maternity ward at HMH. Pray they would be a Godly and passionate person.

15th December/January

Katie Morrison has been teaching some lessons in Holley Memorial Primary School. It can be a challenge with over 70 children in one small classroom. Pray the teachers would have a real passion and commitment for teaching these children. Pray for wisdom in knowing the best way to assist the teachers with the limited resources they have.

16th December/January

Pray with Katie for strength and energy for each day, especially when working through the frustrations that can occur. Pray also for wisdom to know how best to assist people in need (there are many situations of patients not being able to afford starting or completing their medical treatment).

17th December/January

Ana van Brakel asks prayer for her time on home assignment. She gives thanks for all the support she has received so far and the Lord's guiding hand in all that has been done.

18th December/January

Pray for Godwin and Gail as they await a response from the Adoption Authority of Ireland to have their daughter's adoption registered in Ireland.

19th December/January

Pray for Godwin's brother, Victor, who had surgery to remove a cancerous tumour some time ago. They are concerned about him as he is now losing weight and has gotten very thin.

20th December/January

Pray with the Ekanems for God's clear guidance and direction as they look to the future.

21st December/January

Sid Garland gives thanks for his encouraging visit to Nigeria - he enjoyed his stay in the comfortable ACTS Writers Retreat Centre Guest House. Pray with Sid for restraint on attacks on Christian communities especially in the run-up to the February elections.

22nd December/January

Sid Garland is gives thanks for the success of the recent ACTS Writers Workshop. He requests prayer for new ACTS publications, many of them written by African authors. Pray also for the publishing of the Hausa version of the Africa Bible Commentary (delivery of 5,000 copies expected end of January).

23rd December/January

Jeremy Nash asks for prayer for the thousands of children who will now be studying Bible courses. Pray that God opens their understanding and draws many to faith.

24th December/January

Pray with Jeremy for God's blessing on the schools where his after-school Bible clubs are being run.

25th December/January

As we move into 2019 and preparations for next year's summer teams begin, pray that God will be guiding the right people to apply. Pray for the staff involved in promoting and organising the teams.

26th December/January

We give thanks for two nursing students who we were able to send out on a short placement to Kenya this winter. Pray that they will have benefitted from this time away, both in their medical knowledge and their faith. Pray that God will use people choosing to serve this way to further His kingdom.

27th December/January

Pray for the Mission Africa office staff. Pray that as they carry out their day-to-day duties they will be reminded that they are part of God's mission in Africa.

28th December/January

Pray for the Mission Africa Council. Give thanks for their commitment to the governance and leadership of Mission Africa. Pray that God will guide and lead their decisions to further His Glory.

29th December/January

Pray for ongoing trouble in the Kanyeju/Bassa area. Pray that God would bring peace and restoration to the area. Pray that the clinic would be preserved.

30th December/January

Pray for God to call new workers to serve him in Africa. Every day we hear of new need and new opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus. Pray for open hearts and willing hands to serve.

31st December/January

Pray for our partner organisations and churches as they work to share the Good News of Jesus. Pray that God will lead and guide them.