

2020 WORLDWIDE PARTNERSHIP DAY OF PRAYER

Annual Prayer Guide

Thank you for joining your hearts in prayer with the staff, supporters, and friends of The Navigators around the world. Navigators believe that prayer is essential and central to everything we do. As our Vision statement says, “We see a vital movement of the Gospel, *fueled by prevailing prayer . . .*”

The International Executive Team (IET) and Regional Directors are pleased to present the prayer requests from each of our seven international regions, and the requests from the IET. We encourage you to use this list on the day of prayer AND use it frequently throughout the year.

God-Focused Prayer

Isaiah 6:1-8 is a good picture of God-focused prayer, even though it says nothing specific about prayer. Isaiah comes into God’s presence and looks up to see the Lord “sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up.” He is in awe! He responds, “Woe is me! For I am lost . . .” God sends an angel over to Isaiah, who touches him and says, “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” Then the most amazing thing happens; Isaiah hears the voice of God. He listens, responds, and willingly goes out to attend to what he’s heard.

So, as you pray, look up! Isaiah 6 provides an important reason for us to focus on God *first* in our prayer times. Taking the time to look up and see God as “high and lifted up” is precisely what we need for the tremendous vision we have of advancing the Gospel of Jesus and his kingdom into the nations.

Pray through the Navigator Core (Calling, Values, and Vision)

Our Calling

To advance the Gospel of Jesus and his kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost.

Our Values

- 1) The passion to know, love, and become like Jesus Christ.
- 2) The truth and sufficiency of the Scriptures for the whole of life.
- 3) The transforming power of the Gospel.
- 4) The leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit.
- 5) Expectant faith and persevering prayer rooted in the promises of God.
- 6) The dignity and value of every person.
- 7) Love and grace expressed among us in community.
- 8) Families and relational networks in discipling the nations.
- 9) Interdependent relationships in the body of Christ in advancing the Gospel.

Our Vision

We see a vital movement of the Gospel, fueled by prevailing prayer, flowing freely through relational networks and out into the nations. Workers for the kingdom are next door to everywhere!

What characterizes this movement? A heart for the whole person . . . climates of grace . . . compassion for the vulnerable and broken . . . sacrificial unity embracing diversity . . . cultural relevance and sensitivity . . . interdependence with others in the wider family of God . . . transformed men and women, fragrant with humility and the aroma of Christ.

They are marked by a deep engagement with and obedience to the Scriptures as the Word of God. They believe the promises of God. Both personally and in committed communities, they seek to know and pursue the purposes of God.

Laborers and leaders are emerging, with an increasing passion for Jesus Christ. They demonstrate faith and courage as they live and move among their friends and families. As spiritual parents, they model authenticity and relevance.

Ordinary people, in many walks of life, are joyfully leading integrated lives. They live as fruitful insiders among the lost. There is perseverance in the face of hardship and suffering. Around the world, many are coming to faith. As they become established in discipleship, some grow to be foundational for further generations. The Gospel spreads naturally and powerfully, as believers share Christ . . . life upon life . . . family to family.

Crossing cultures into new cities and nations, teams of mobile pioneers intentionally proclaim and embody the good news of Jesus Christ, in such a way that transformed communities multiply. These communities are bringing joy and hope to their surrounding environments as relationships are healed and justice increases. Indeed, the lost and unreached burn in their hearts, as they move the Gospel into the nations.

The leaders of this movement, developed and empowered for God's service, live out a growing commitment to Christlikeness. They are dependent upon the Holy Spirit. New generations of leaders are emerging, rooted incarnationally in their local and national contexts. An international leadership community brings focus, alignment, and energy to their movement. These leaders are clearly committed to long-term impact in generational ministry.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM

2020 Missions Sending Priorities

Each year the International Executive Team and the seven international regional directors prayerfully develop the Navigator Missionary Sending Priorities. This year, the IET and the RDs have increased the focus on unreached nations. As a result, nearly 42 percent of the 19

priorities are aimed at raising teams to go to unreached nations. The complete list can be seen at www.navigatorsworldwide.org/worldwide-missions. Please pray for the following highlights.

Africa

A mature couple for Gabon and a regional resource director for the Africa Regional Office.

Asia-Pacific

Pioneering teams for an unreached Hindu country, an unreached Muslim country (cannot be named due to sensitivity), and a team for student work in Australia.

Eurasia

Couples/teams to pioneer ministries in two unreached countries and one under-reached country (cannot be named due to sensitivity).

Europe

A young couple to join veteran missionaries in a campus ministry at the American University of Bulgaria in Blagoevgrad. A young couple to restart the Navigator student ministry in Austria.

Latin America

A mature and experienced couple who can help mobilize laborers from Latin America for missions sending by working alongside some of their experienced leaders.

Middle East and North Africa

Navigator leaders are looking for a team of couples/singles to open a ministry in perhaps the least-reached country in the region and perhaps the world. There is also a need for Arab and expatriate missionaries to be pioneering workers in two other unreached countries.

A New Member of the IET

Chee Hoe Koay, an international vice president, began serving on the International Executive Team in January 2020. Chee Hoe's primary contribution on the IET will be to mentor pioneering missionaries throughout our seven international regions. His extensive experience is valuable as we give greater emphasis to working in unreached nations. Pray that Chee Hoe and his wife, Bitt, will adjust well to their new ministry as they serve pioneering ministries.

Together among the Lost

God is calling us to focus more on helping our people fulfill our Calling to live and disciple among the lost for a lifetime. We hope to Navigators ministering *together* in community through all seasons of life. Pray that God will strengthen our efforts around the world, raising up thousands of local leaders and healthy ministry communities. We want to avoid solo ministry efforts. Rather, we want to see ministry occurring through intentional, healthy, life-long communities of people who live and disciple among the lost.

AFRICA

Africa Strategic Planning Forum

Pray that the April 15-18 forum, in Nairobi, Kenya, will be led and inspired by God, giving us directions, in faith, for the next five-to-ten years. More than 100 Navigator leaders from across Africa will attend the forum. Ask God to speak with clarity regarding the direction he would take the Africa region, and that together we will be like the men in Zechariah 10:4-5.

Foundations for Life-Long Laborers

Pray that we will be committed to laying foundations that raise life-long laborers among ordinary people, families, and relational networks—communities of laborers who are transformational and missional.

Encountering Jesus

Please pray for Navigator laborers and staff, that they could help people have a deep encounter with Jesus. Pray also that this encounter would result in transformation that makes a tangible difference in family life, poverty, corruption, injustice, and religious extremism. Pray that we will see the fulfillment of Isaiah 61:1-4 in our lives and ministry.

Faith in the Face of Hardships

Terrorism, conflicts, and severe hardships continue to characterize some of the contexts in which we minister. Pray for staff and laborers to learn how to live and lead by faith in these hardships, so that the Gospel will continue to advance, to the glory of God (Philippians 1:12).

Maturing Ministries

Pray that pioneering and developing ministries would grow to the next stages of ministry, and that God would raise up more laborers and leaders in pioneering and developing contexts, to take the Gospel to unreached people in Africa.

Conventional Income Navigators

Pray for conventional income Navigators, that they would see the vital contribution they can make toward fulfilling the vision God has given our Worldwide Partnership.

ASIA-PACIFIC

In Asia-Pacific, within the framework of our Navigator Core, we have three main directions:

- To advance the Gospel through more lifelong laborers in all parts of society
- To advance the Gospel through pioneering work into new contexts
- To advance the Gospel by developing more pioneers, laborers, local leaders, and mobile alongsiders

Lifelong Conventional Income Laborers

Pray that we might advance the Gospel through more lifelong laborers in all parts of society. Thousands of conventional income people and families are needed as laborers to advance the Gospel into and among the mainstreams of society. Pray that God would help laborers have the mindset that God can use them to advance the Gospel through every stage of life.

Equipping Laborers

Please pray that our Asia-Pacific leaders would find ways to equip and engage more lifelong laborers for the practical aspects of our strategic plans.

Communities among the Lost

Please pray that the Lord would give us more sustainable communities of laborers throughout the region who are living and discipling among the lost.

Pioneering Work

Pray that we might advance the Gospel into new contexts. More than half the world lives in our region, and more than 90 percent of these people affiliated with a religion other than Christianity. At the end of last year, our country leaders agreed to focus our pioneering work on two new sensitive countries with large populations who follow major religions. Pray for our new task forces, asking the Lord for wisdom and creative ideas as we send pioneers into these countries. Pray also for team leaders to pioneer the work in these countries, people who can establish legitimate identities in each country and lead teams.

Developing a New Generation of Leaders

Pray that we might advance the Gospel by developing more pioneers, laborers, local leaders, and mobile alongsiders. In the Asia-Pacific region, we want to raise up the next generation of leaders who can continue to advance the Gospel in this region. Please pray for the Lord to give us a new generation of leaders who embrace our Navigator Vision and Calling. Pray for wisdom to know how to develop future leaders with character, vision, and skills to lead. Pray that they will engage deeply with the Scriptures so that they can live out the Gospel in different contexts.

EURASIA

Pray for Young Believers

Pray that God would deepen their experience of the Gospel, help them to be anchored in the Word, walk in the Spirit, live under the lordship of Christ, and see God break down sin's strongholds to bring freedom and redemption.

Pray for Protection and Unity

Pray for spiritual and physical protection, and endurance for long-term local and international staff laboring cross-culturally in Eurasia. Pray that staff would have unity and mutual responsibility for seeing their teams experience fruitfulness in personal ministry.

Pray for Generational Laborers

Pray that God would establish local communities of generational laborers and leaders in each city where we work. Pray that God would use the first and second generations of national laborers to impact a new generation.

Pray for Identity

Pray that our local laborers, leaders, and staff would have a shared identity rooted in Christ, both personally and as a team, as stewards of our Calling.

Pray for Breakthrough

Please pray for breakthroughs in evangelistic efforts in the context of long-term friendships, families, and everyday life.

Pray for New Laborers

Pray that God would raise up new missionary couples and singles to join existing teams.

EUROPE

Deeper Understanding

Pray that all European Navigators will grow deeper in their understanding of the transforming power of the Gospel for all cultures in Europe.

Emerging Leaders

Pray for the ten-member Emerging Leaders Group, who finished their time together in May. They have had two years together, learning from each other. Pray that they will continue to grow in their leadership skills and mature into strong, godly leaders.

Next Generation

Pray for the twelve-member Next Generation Group, who will meet together for the first time in May. The purpose of this group is to develop and encourage leaders. Pray that the group will quickly feel at ease with each other as we seek to help them develop in their leadership.

Missional Enterprises

Pray for the missional enterprises in Europe to be financially sustainable, to have a social impact, and to be environments for spiritual transformation.

Student Ministries

Pray for the growth of existing student ministries, for new student ministries to be birthed, and for new student leaders to be equipped for ministry.

20s and 30s Ministries

Pray for the 20s and 30s ministries to become more established and to grow in generational disciple-making.

Brexit Impacts in Europe

Pray for the UK and the rest of Europe as Brexit negotiations continue. Pray that European Navigator staff will have good relations and a unity of purpose to further God's kingdom.

LATIN AMERICA

LAN Leadership Team

Please pray that they will have the wisdom from God to see what he wants to build—not their plans but his. “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go” (Isaiah 48:17).

Preparing Youth

We have many young people among us. What must we do to prepare them to be mature disciples and develop into leaders who are helping others? Isaiah 61:9 says “their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples.”

Sending Latin Americans to the Nations

We want to see God calling and sending our people to the nations. Isaiah 54:3 says, “For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.” We are excited to see a young couple moving from Mexico to Chile in a conventional income person (CIP) capacity and we are praying for other new initiatives like this.

Restoring Brokenness

We want to see the fulfillment of Isaiah 58:12 in the streets of Latin America: “Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called repairer of broken walls, restorer of streets with dwelling.”

God First

We want God to be first in our people's hearts so that others will come near because they see this. Isaiah 45:14 says, “They will bow down before you and plead with you, saying: surely God is with you, and there is no other; there is no other god.” We are asking God to continue to work in the hearts of the men in LAN as we recognize our idols, abandon them, and place Jesus in his rightful place in our hearts. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, “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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Local Leaders

We are asking God for local leaders who understand the importance of looking out for one another. Acts 20:28 says, “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. We are asking God to recover our emphasis on investing in individuals who are

producing disciples. 2 Timothy 2:2 says, “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

Important Gatherings

Pray for three meetings: to connect the older and younger generations in Brazil (May 1-3); a regional women's meeting in Peru (October 9-11); and a new generation meeting in Mexico (November 14-16). “And let us consider how we may spur one another on . . .” (Heb 10:24-25).

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA)

Currently the Navigators have ministries in 12 of the 22 MENA countries. Praise God for these 12 places where the Gospel of Jesus and his kingdom is advancing!

Bold Pioneering Efforts

Our prayer is that we would expand to 30 new cities and 10 new MENA countries in the next five years. This is something that only God can do! We believe God is calling us to prayer in a fresh way and we believe he is intending to do greater things than we have ever seen.

Developing a Culture of Prayer and Worship

Pray that our hearts would desire to grow, first and foremost, a culture of prayer among our laborers and leaders. In Acts 13:1-4, we see how missions was birthed from a place of prayer, worship, and fasting. We believe that as a culture of prayer develops among us, a culture of missions will naturally emerge. This is not a program, but a mindset that places prayer at the heart of everything we do. “You do not have because you do not ask” (James 4:2). Let us be a people who ask God together to do what only he can do. May we take the next 12 months to focus on learning how to abide, take risks, and pray “in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and request” (Ephesians 6:18).

Developing a Culture of Missions

We trust that as our culture of prayer grows, so will a culture of missions. We trust that “as our faith continues to grow, our field among [the MENA region] may be greatly enlarged . . . so that we may preach the Gospel in lands beyond us” (2 Corinthians 10:15-16). Pray that God would grow a heart for missions in every laborer and leader in the MENA region a heart for missions.

NORTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

United States

2030 National Strategy

In 2019, we launched our 2030 National Strategy with a goal of raising up one million multiplying disciple-makers by 2030. The formulation of this goal was soaked in prayer. To fulfill this goal, we believe that each one of us will need to do some things differently. Please pray for unity and clarity as we pursue this together. Our National Strategy has three faith initiatives:

- Abide deeper in Christ: Pray for all Navigators to grow deeper in our dependence on Jesus as individuals, as an organization, and in community.
- Ignite: Pray for our staff to equip and mobilize disciple-makers and local leaders in every context.
- Multiply: Pray that we will see disciple-makers reaching the lost and building disciple-making communities next door to everywhere.

Next Generation Leaders

Pray for divine guidance and inspiration as we learn new ways to effectively recruit and retain the next generation of leaders as we fulfill our Calling.

Funding for Ethnic Minority Staff

Pray for the funding of our ethnic minority staff. We need a breakthrough to see them fully funded and thriving in their contexts. Pray for new and creative ways to connect them to funding sources.

Canada

Campus Ministries

We'd like to see growth in campus ministries at UBC, McMaster University, University of Calgary, Carleton University in Ottawa, and Queen's University in Kingston. We also need staff in Halifax; in Ecuador on the Onzole River Project; in Edmonton at the University of Alberta; in London where our national HQ is located; in the multicultural city of Toronto (for a multi-ethnic team); and in the post-church/almost anti-religious province of Quebec.

More Laborers

Pray that God would bring laborers, because the harvest is plentiful here in Canada despite the winds of secularism that blow cold currents across our country. Pray that our students and conventional income disciples would demonstrate a spirit like Caleb and Joshua. Pray that a confidence in Christ and his Gospel would animate our lives and ministries with a reckless love for neighbor and an unembarrassed freedom to speak of Jesus. Pray that we would not place our trust in the idols of our culture, but rather abide in Christ and put our hope in him. And finally, by His mercy, that he would give substance and fruit to our efforts to grow wider and deeper.

Caribbean

Pray Isaiah 42:10 (NIV) and Isaiah 54:2-3 for the Caribbean.

Foundational Generation of Laborers

Pray that God would establish a foundational generation of laborers in our five Navigator Caribbean nations (the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Haiti). Some of the five are showing clear signs of this happening while a few others are in process.

Growth and Maturity

Pray that our ministries would grow toward eventual local self-sustainability in finances, leaders, and laborers.

Synergistic Collaboration

Pray that the ministries in our Caribbean nations would connect with one another in appropriate and synergistic ways: learning from one another, being generous with one another, and in brotherhood and sisterhood.

Reaching Mainstream Culture

Pray that we will give appropriate focus to the mainstream aspects of these societies (e.g. Roman Catholics in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and in Puerto Rico) and that God would give us the ability to plant our movement among the majority who are economically disadvantaged. Ask God for local people who have resources and connections in this society.

Reaching Youth

Pray that God would bless our efforts to reach high school, university, and young adults.

Jamaican Leaders

Pray that God would raise up a couple to come alongside our current Jamaica leaders and who could eventually move into leading the work.

Missional Enterprises

Pray that God would help us successfully launch various missional enterprises in Cuba and in Haiti.

New Caribbean Director

Ask God to lead us as we seek to identify and invite a new Caribbean director.

Missions Sending

Pray that the Caribbean could become a sender of missionaries to hard-to-reach parts of the world within ten years.