



NED Alliance Women

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A Prescription for Prayer in the New Year

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The Alliance family is participating in a 40 Days of Prayer journey for the next 6 weeks as an effort to increase prayer. As I was reading in Ephesians 6 the other day, I came across verse 18 and created the graphic you see here as a reminder of how we are to pray.

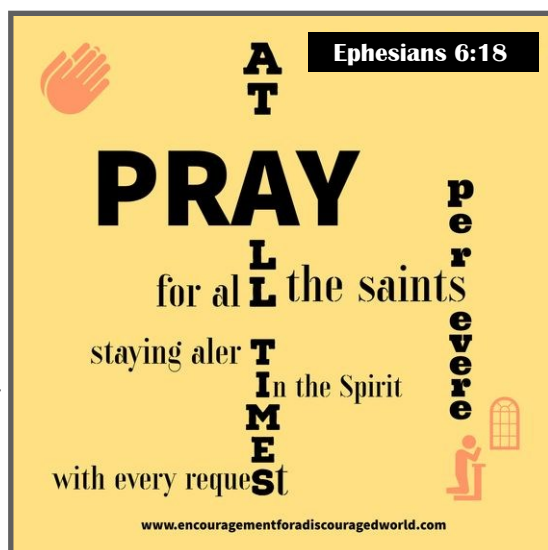
We are to pray:

At all times—I often pray as I'm walking, pray as I do housework, pray as I'm sewing, as well as during my schedule times of Bible reading and prayer time. Prayer can happen any place and at any time of the day or night.

In the Spirit— Romans 8:26 tells us that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we do not know how to pray. The Spirit is a participant in our prayers and as we bring our prayers before the Father, the Spirit will help our prayers to be more effective. Many times I don't know how I should pray or how to verbalize what I'm feeling and yet, this verse encourages me that the Father hears and knows because of the work of the Spirit.

For every request—in other words, pray for everything no matter how small or silly it may seem to you. Prayer should be our first response no matter what we face.

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Stay alert—I have been trying to do a better job of being alert in seeing opportunity to encourage someone through prayer. Look for opportunities to pray and don't get lulled into complacency.

Persevere in prayer—This one is difficult for us in our age of instant answers, instant information and instant everything! I don't like persevering when I can't see the end result and yet, that is exactly what is needed as we pray. Do you have loved ones who don't know the Lord or who have fallen away from Him? Persevere in prayer. Are you facing a medical crisis? Persever in prayer. Are you struggling emotionally? Persevere in prayer. Unfortunately, most people give up and never see their prayers answered because they failed to keep on persevering.

For all the saints—Finally, we are to pray for one another. I've been trying to start a new habit of not just telling someone I'll pray for them, but if appropriate, stop what I'm doing and pray for them right then and there. All too often, we tell someone we will pray but then never actually do it.

To kick off the 40 Days of Prayer at our church, we decided to have a time of directed prayer 45 minutes before the service started. Sunday was our first one and unfortunately, besides my husband and myself, only one person came. I felt discouraged and felt myself starting to get judgmental. However, the Lord reminded me that He is where 2 or 3 are gathered. I can pray that more begin to catch the desire to join together as a corporate body and pray. I can pray that the Holy Spirit will stir in hearts. But more importantly, I can take my eyes off what everyone else is doing and make sure that I'm being faithful in prayer.

That's all I have control over anyway, isn't it? Just myself and my prayer life, and making sure I'm taking the prescription for prayer in the new year.

Pray for our International Workers

CAC Worker, AB

- AB is our latest NED IW and was set to go on a vision trip in January. However, the borders have been closed until at least January 31st. Please pray that they would reopen.
- Pray also that AB would receive the funding she needs to get on the field in the fall.

Eikost, Mark & Kathy, Bosnia-Herzegovina

- We need special prayer for our pastor's wife and head deaconess. They are both experiencing extreme physical problems just as we're heading into our heavy ministry season. Please pray for healing and freedom from any attack of the enemy.

CAC Workers, K&K

- The good news is that you have been praying with us for one of our students, Mr "G." We are delighted to tell you that he is a Jesus follower now! Pray this is the beginning of more students coming to Christ. Thank you! Thank you!

Hopkins, Walter & Laura, Tres Cantos, Spain

- We have been given clearance to purchase our plane tickets to leave for Spain! We will be flying out on February 7, 2022, arriving in Madrid on February 8.
- We picked up our visas at the Consulate in New York City on November 23, so we are all set to legally enter Spain.
- The sale of our home here in

New York is going smoothly. We expect to close at the end of December or early January.

- Pray that we would find time to say our goodbyes well.
- On January 6 or 7, we leave for North Carolina to attend a four-week long residential training program for our whole family, "Equipping for Cross-Cultural Life and Ministry" at the Center for Intercultural Training

Ingrassia, Phil & Chelsea, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon

Praise:

- Hannah is loving full-time kindergarten and her amazing teacher. Esther is starting part-time pre-K on Monday.
- We have a marriage retreat and debriefing times scheduled for January 24-Feb 18
- Simeon is beginning to use words to communicate.
- All the Bongolo nursing students passed their exams to complete their first year!
- Hannah has an eye appointment with a specialist in strabismus in mid-March.
- We have a team supportive of our needing time in the States.
- Phil finished his 1st trimester of the anesthesia doctorate program. Five trimesters left!
- Chelsea was able to get a much-needed shingles shot.
- We have you and many others who have generously supported us through prayer and gifts.

- We have an eternal hope that goes beyond any earthly circumstance
- We get to be ambassadors for Christ to those around us in the US and overseas.

Spronks, Wayne & Suzanne, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon

- Hosanna is visiting us for Christmas and tested positive for Covid on Christmas day. Thank the Lord that Wayne and I are still well and Hosanna is recovering. Pray that she will be able to go back to school in January as planned.
- Pray for the Gabonese staff at the hospital. There are several out with Covid and several soon to retire. The workers are stretched thin. Pray for their stamina and for them to share the love of Christ.
- Thank the Lord for an opportunity to pray for and give gifts to kids on the pediatric ward on Christmas day. May the Lord water the seeds we planted.
- Pray for our other 3 kids in various places for the holidays. We are very thankful for our IW family here on the field, but holidays are the hard times to be away from our kids.

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2021-2022 National Project, “Belong”



NED 2021-2022 Goal—\$20,000.00

Year-to-date total—\$ 2,015.50



Pompidou Guest Home Needs

The Northeastern District Alliance Women is supporting in Libreville, Gabon, Africa. Libreville is an important city as this is where all team members entering and exiting the country travel to as a starting point. The Pompidou Guest House has many needs and we have decided to take this on as our district project.

Pompidou Guest Home Needs & 2021-2022 Goal:

Paint & Spruce up 3 upstairs bedrooms—\$1,500.00

Amount Raised to Date—\$ 300.00

Any extra that comes in over the \$1,500.00 will go towards new screens on a screened-in back porch, as well as furniture for the porch.



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Valach, Dr. Renee, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon

Pray for the finances at Bongolo. The finances at Bongolo continue to be a major problem because of the following: The health insurance company has not paid the hospital regularly and has not allowed the hospital to raise rates since 2009. Because of Covid, the total number of patient visits has dropped, and thus income generated. Pray for the finances we need to function.

Pray for an end to Covid. There are currently multiple patients with respiratory infections. Most of them probably don't have Covid, but we have very few tests. Several more staff members have been sick with Covid this month. The family member of a nurse died in our Emergency Department because of Covid.



Short-Term Missions Scholarships Available

The District Missions Committee offers four \$250 scholarships to anyone 13 years or older interested in doing a short-term mission's trip to an international C&MA field or with a C&MA International Worker. This is a first come first serve opportunity.

If you are interested contact the Terri Groh at terrigroh@yahoo.com for an application and guidelines

Spring Refresh 2022

“You are Welcome at the Table”



Spring Refresh Women's Conference

April 22-23, 2022

Auburn Alliance Church

Jen Vogel, National Alliance Women's Director

Keynote Speaker

Details will be sent later this month. There are some changes to Spring Refresh so be on the lookout!



If your church would interested in hosting a one day regional women's event, please send Terri Groh, District Director, an email at terrigroh@yahoo.com.

