



Local Teach Us to Pray 22-23

# Our Father

Our study of Scriptures begins with Law and Gospel. From God's Word, we learn about ourselves and about God- who He is, His creation and will, and His plan of salvation found in Christ.

The Spirit works through this wonderful truth to create faith...and guide us to a life of prayer; therefore, our very next lessons in our Christian walk leads us to the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. We learn about a dear Father who hears and answers our prayers, about His holy name and His will. We learn about His provision, about forgiveness, and about protection and deliverance from evil.

Just as we have had the privilege of being taught to pray, we pray that all of the children who attend a school or afternoon school program that we support might also learn about the gift of prayer. Our hope is that I Thessalonians 5:17-18 will become the pattern in their lives: Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

As we spend time this year focusing on God's gift of prayer, join us on a weekly journey praying for the children, teachers, and leaders who serve at our LeadaChild project sites around the world.

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Monday  
GUATEMALA

Puerto Barrios, Gualan,  
Zacapa, Central, Santiago  
Zamora

**LEADERS** Nury, Luis, Julie,  
Rudy, Nidea

- Thank God for the five decades of ministry that began in Guatemala
- Praise God for so many children who have received LeadaChild scholarships and are now serving as faithful leaders in their home, community, and church
- Pray for the necessary provisions needed to operate the large schools in Puerto Barrios, Zacapa, and Gualan
- Pray for the developing program in Santiago Zamora

# Tuesday

## CENTRAL AMERICA

El Salvador, Nicaragua,  
Panama, Honduras  
**LEADERS** David, Roberto,  
Griselda, Tulio

- Thank God for leaders and teachers who faithfully serve the children through challenging times
- Praise God that in-person programs are resuming in many places
- Pray for the families who are served through our project sites
- Pray that our teams receive the necessary supplies to run effective educational programs



Dominican Republic, Haiti  
**LEADERS** Mercedes, Ismel,  
Dorlus

- Thank God for the developing programs in Santiago and Santo Domingo, DR
- Praise God that our two Haitian project sites are still able to operate during times of political strife
- Pray that our lines of communication can remain open with our project leaders
- Pray for ongoing protection as gangs control much of Haiti

# Wednesday

## HISPANIOLA

# Thursday SOUTH AMERICA

Venezuela, Bolivia, Chile,  
Uruguay  
**LEADERS** Elsie, Limbreth,  
Juan Pablo, Andre

- Thank God for the collaboration developing between our Latin America leaders and teachers
- Praise God for new programs beginning in northern Uruguay and Talca, Chile
- Pray that the doors open for on-site teacher workshops and leadership development
- Pray that the children in larger cities can resume in-person instruction



Sierra Leone, Ghana, Guinea,  
India, Cambodia  
**LEADERS:** James, Nicholas,  
Moses, Carol, Joe

- Thank God for growing opportunities to serve our teachers and leaders virtually
- Praise God that the pandemic has had minimal impact on the health of the children, families, and school staff in these regions
- Pray that more travel opportunities develop so that we can offer increased encouragement, fellowship, consultation, and training.
- Pray that we can assist in developing a couple schools that model Gospel-filled, programs of educational excellence.

# Friday AFRICA & ASIA

**During our online zoom meeting, one of our directors relayed this story of how God answered their prayers during these very challenging times:**

In our country, the government has been cracking down on Christian churches and organizations. Many pastors and priests have been imprisoned and many churches have been closed because they may have mentioned something negative about the government. In order to stay open and operating, multiple hoops have been created that must be jumped through...and there are more hoops every year. Our prayer is to stay open so that we can share God's Word and serve our families and community.

This summer, we were gathering for a church meeting with all of our pastors and deaconesses (those who run our LeadaChild projects). At that very moment, an official police officer showed up unannounced and she began demanding answers as to why this meeting was taking place, and criticizing all that was going on at the church.

And then one of our deaconess stood up and said "I know you. You live in my village. I often see you there." The police woman responded, "I know you too." They began talking and discovered that a few years ago, her children attended the afterschool program in the village and it greatly helped them to become very successful students who are now doing well in university studies.

The tone of the police officer quickly changed from critical to encouraging and supportive. Our prayers were answered!

For now we can operate as a church. But for some reason, if we cannot stay open, we will still serve our families and community and share the love of Jesus!

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for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus**  
**I Thessalonians 5:17-18**

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