



**NAZARENE MISSIONS
INTERNATIONAL**

**GLOBAL
WEEK OF
PRAYER**

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INTRODUCTION

From the beginning, Nazarene Missions International (NMI) has been praying for the work of the global church. As a global denomination that ministers in 164 world areas, we strive to be connected and lift each other up in prayer.

This desire is not unique to the Church of the Nazarene. A heart for missions and the work of God's kingdom here on earth has always been the heartbeat of the church. Beginning in 1887, there was a call to prayer for missions that has bloomed into the World Day of Prayer.

This movement is global and stretches across denominations.

The World Day of Prayer falls on the first Friday of March every year.

In 1996, Nazarene Missions International joined this movement by observing a week of prayer focused on joining together as Nazarenes all around the world to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

We are also joining with our brothers and sisters outside of the Church of the Nazarene by observing our week of prayer the same week as the World Day of Prayer.

Thank you for participating in The Global Week of Prayer.

DAY 1

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

Throughout the last two years, the church has been greatly impacted by the global pandemic. While the church has been affected, we have also seen the ways in which the church has been able to shift and lean into new patterns of ministry as we seek to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

Often on the frontlines, our pastors are in need of our prayer and support. They are growing weary and need the encouragement of our Lord, but also of God's people.

Let us also remember our district superintendents, our field strategy coordinators, and our regional directors in our prayers. They are all adjusting their work to continue to be effective ministers of the gospel. Our world is in desperate need of hope, and it is the good news of the gospel that can impact their lives for the better.



We continue to launch the Journey of Grace around the world. This emphasis on discipleship: from prevenient grace, to saving grace, to sanctifying grace is formational in the lives of our people. Across the age spectrum, we minister to those who need to know Jesus Christ. Whether small children in a refugee camp in Africa or the one who is set free from bondage in the United States, God is at work. We need to pray for expanded avenues for discipleship around the globe.

DAY 1

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS



We pray that the Lord will help us to continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ around the world. There are many obstacles these days, including government restrictions and the difficulties in obtaining legal documents. At the same time, we are called to participate in the Great Commission by engaging with people all over the world who need to know Christ.

For some it is in your local community, whereas others are called to cross international borders to tell others about Jesus Christ. Mario and Irma Martinez answered the call and left their home in South America, traveling to the continent of Africa to serve as missionaries. God has used them in a powerful way to impact the communities that they serve for Jesus Christ.



DAY 2

AFRICA

REGION

PRAISES

Praise God for the various ordination services that took place in our region: Côte d'Ivoire, South Africa, Mozambique, Angola, and Cape Verde. We celebrate how God continues to call people in Africa. The Church in Africa is responding and maturing.



Abidjan



South Africa



Mozambique



Angola



Cape Verde

DAY 2

AFRICA

REGION

PRAISES

We celebrated the 120th anniversary of the gospel's arrival through the Church of the Nazarene in Cape Verde. The celebration started on Santiago Islands with more than 1,000 people in attendance, and the country's authorities were present as well. The main point of celebration took place in Brava Isla, where the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Africa started 120 years ago with Rev João José Dias, a Cape-Verdean born who immigrated to the USA, was converted and sent to return to share the Gospel with his people. He experienced persecution at the beginning, but God blessed the nation. Today, the church in Cape Verde is celebrating 120 years.



DAY 2

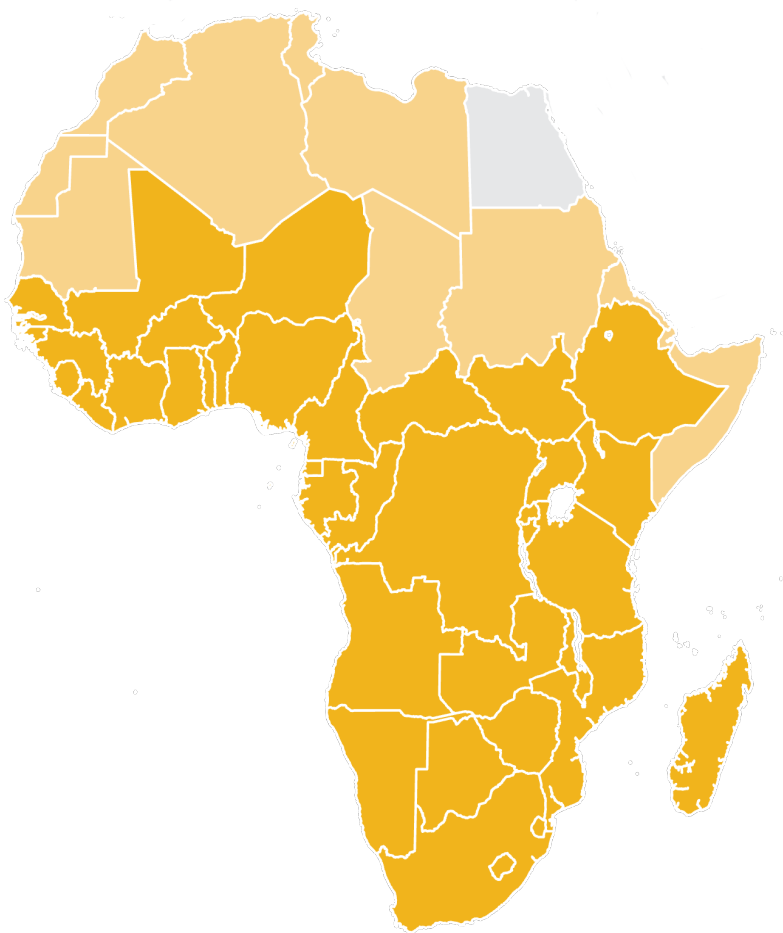
AFRICA REGION

REQUESTS

Pray for the socio-political and economic problems of Eswatini that have caused protests and civil unrest. Pray for peace for both the people and leaders of the country.

Pray for peace in Ethiopia. Pray that leadership on all sides will stop military offensives and create opportunities for dialogue about peace and stability.

Pray for the implementation of the Hub Strategy that was approved by the Board of General Superintendents. This Hub Strategy will help the church in Africa respond to what God is doing in this season. The Africa regional team will focus on areas that need the resources to mature while also encouraging the church in Africa take on the responsibility of being a sending church. The Africa regional office will be expanded into three locations: Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), Johannesburg (South Africa) and Nairobi (Kenya).



DAY 3

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

PRAISES

Praise for individuals across the region who are being called to missionary and pastoral service and those who have begun to serve.

The Australia-New Zealand Field worked in collaboration with the New Zealand Tear Fund and New Zealand government to raise funds for the Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea. Together they raised US\$245,000 to help with the Covid-19 response in the Papua New Guinea Highlands.

The Philippines-Micronesia Field raised funds amounting to US\$4,400 for Myanmar to be given to the districts and to the 17 students at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary unable to return home due to the pandemic and the civil unrest in Myanmar.

The Sealands Field distributed over 4,000 lunches to their neighbors in need during the pandemic sharing the gospel in a practical way.



REQUESTS

Pray that NMI's Five Areas of Impact may be supported by the local churches on the Asia-Pacific region.

Pray for the South East Asia Field and Chapman International College to achieve goals of having 500 churches, 80 campus extension centers, and 15,000 full members by 2025.

DAY 3

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

STORY OF PRAISE

The following is a testimony of one of our Nazarene pastors on the Sealands Field. Throughout the pandemic, he has served his community as part of a special "Covid-19 burial squad," that works late at night burying those who have died of Covid-19.

"When Covid-19 hit Indonesia and began to take its toll on our people, bodies were being buried in unnatural and un-cultural ways. Government officers would "plant the body" while no family members were allowed to come close and no pastors or priests dared get close enough for a burial service.



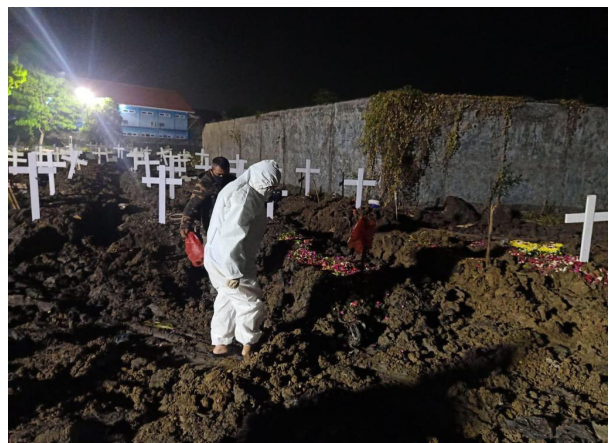
When one of our faithful members died of Covid-19, I

went to the burial site and watched from a distance. I saw his body being stacked with others like an animal by workers using heavy equipment.



I requested permission to bury the bodies in a more compassionate way. When I began, no priests or pastors were willing to pick up the bodies of Covid-19 positive patients who had died at home. I buried people who did not have a pastor who was willing to bury them.

The task became most difficult when 200 people were dying every day from Covid-19. I thank God I was able to serve my community this way."



DAY 4

EURASIA

REGION

PRAISES

Opportunities to expand education, coaching, mentoring, and discipleship across the region.

The Lord is providing short-term, long-term, and national workers for the harvest!

Newly ordained pastors in places where no Nazarene presence existed previously.

A strong, interconnected team of young people across the region with a heart for prayer and desire to support God's work.

REQUESTS

Pray for the Holy Spirit to move across the nations so hearts and minds may be turned toward God and transformed by an encounter with Jesus.

Pray for God to call a generation of men and women, both young and old, to serve as pastors and teachers who are committed to holiness.

Pray for believers to awaken to opportunities to reach beyond themselves by coming alongside the vulnerable people in our communities.



DAY 4

EURASIA

REGION

STORY OF PRAISE

Youth are taking the lead in the Kingdom harvest.

Eighteen-year-old Anna is active in her community; she leads a Bible study and had the privilege to lead her brother to an eternal relationship with Christ. He is now a member of a JESUS Film team.



His team shared the following testimony.

“We celebrated Independence Day of India with slum children. We prayed together for our country, shared stories of freedom, and sang songs. The children were excited after hearing the real-life stories of

freedom fighters. At the end of the celebration, we took them to see the life story of the world’s greatest hero for freedom. They watched this real-life story the JESUS film with great interest. One young girl named Jyothi was so moved while the crucifixion part played, she was in tears. Later she asked, “Why did Jesus have to die”? Our team replied to that honest question and explained to her the truth of Christ’s love for her and us all. Now, Jyothi regularly attends church and Sunday school as well! We praise God for Jyothi!”

DAY 5

MESOAMERICA REGION

PRAISES

We mobilized more “sponsored” missionaries in a single year than ever before! Volunteer missionaries impacted our cities and countries, representing 9,273 days and 222,552 hours donated to Nazarene missionary work.

While many Nazarene homes have suffered the death of loved ones and many have contracted Covid-19, more than 18,000 people united in prayer devotionals on live and virtual platforms.

We praise God that during the pandemic many young people have been trained in youth ministry. This has resulted in many young people in Mesoamerica being reached with the Word of God and ministered to by their peers.



We praise God for the completion of the Impact Mentoring Project. The regional project aimed to develop over 400 leaders so that they are able to intentionally act as counselors and mentors for new generations, integrating those with pastoral calling and leadership in formal theological education programs.

Praise God for the renewal of the Church of the Nazarene on the Mesoamerican Region through 80 Days of Prayer 2021 initiative.

DAY 5

MESOAMERICA REGION

REQUESTS

Pray that we will be able to send 20 missionaries next year to the cities of Mesoamerica!

Pray that the Lord will reach local NYI through the quadrennial NYI emphasis on the region.

We ask the Lord that the church in Mesoamerica remember their calling and that the Holy Spirit mobilize each Nazarene to fulfill the Great Commission.

Pray that the church in Mesoamerica takes on a spirit of mentorship.

Pray for us as we continue to train, learn, and walk along the Journey of Grace.

STORY OF PRAISE

The Mesoamerica region praises God for the successful launch of the Journey of Grace discipleship training. We began with a regional workshop, taught by Dr. Scott Rainey in English, Spanish and French, attended by more than 600 people. The workshop provided training and resources free to download. We have continued to rollout the Journey of Grace via Sunday School classes, small groups, monthly trainings, and more follow-up workshops. We are excited about the reports we have been receiving on the renewed emphasis and progress in discipleship in the local church.



DAY 6

SOUTH AMERICA

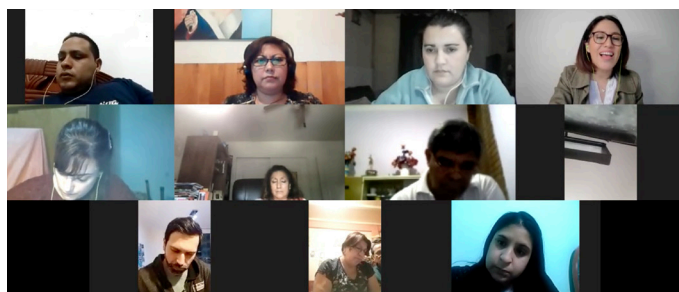
REGION

PRAISES

We praise God for the riverboat project in the Peruvian Amazon. Five boats were built with the purpose of optimizing missionary and evangelistic work, planting new works and strengthening the churches of the Loreto district.



We praise God that in the midst of the pandemic many have responded to the missionary and pastoral call, and have begun to prepare. During the last year, 17 candidates were approved as missionaries, and some of them have already been sent.



In the midst of increased virtual meetings, God has given us the tools to better serve on digital platforms. We thank God for ProduSam, a production team that has guided the virtual regional conferences with excellence.



We praise God for the new churches, preaching points, and new small groups in the midst of a pandemic.



DAY 6

SOUTH AMERICA

REGION

REQUESTS

For the pastoral body and missionaries, who were hit by the Covid-19 crisis. 62 pastors passed into eternity as of October 2021, and many were affected. We pray for emotional health, physical recovery, spiritual renewal, and provision.

For the plans of our region to continue expanding the Kingdom of God in pioneer areas of the ten countries on the region. Pray for missionaries and pastors who have been challenged to reach these new areas.

For regional training initiatives: IWin: which seeks to train leaders, and Disciple Academy (ACADi): which provides training in local church ministries. We pray for the leaders who are serving today and for those who will be discovered, trained, and sent in the coming months in the different ministries of our region.

STORY OF PRAISE

Months before the pandemic, Paraguayan leaders met to set goals in church planting. Expectations were high, several missionary families joined the challenge, and together with the national leadership, they committed themselves. Soon after the pandemic arrived and the outlook was not hopeful. However, this team began to see the hand of God. The church buildings were closed, but the pastors and missionaries continued preaching, visiting, ministering, opening new preaching points, and new small groups. The results have been 11 churches opening their doors for the community, in the midst of the pandemic. To God be the glory!



DAY 7

USA/CANADA REGION

PRAISES

Praise God for the 27 missionaries that were sent from the USA/Canada region from 16 districts throughout 2021. We are thankful that the called are still answering and going even in the midst of uncertain times.

Praise God for the virtual Work & Witness Conference that took place in late 2021. 600 participants registered, and over 80 site coordinators participated with representation from every region. In the last two years, while we have been unable to travel internationally, preparations have been made for the future.

REQUESTS

Pray for the families and communities of those who have passed away from Covid-19 including local and district NMI leaders in the United States and Canada.

Pray that the church continues to reflect the diversity of our nations, as we resource all local churches on the region for Kingdom building.

Join the USA/Canada Region in the Half-Million Mobilization prayer initiative through June of 2022 as we pray for protection, direction, and revelation.



HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION

DAY 7

USA/CANADA

REGION

STORY OF PRAISE

In June of 2021, Encuentro Missions had three sites for their teams to serve across the USA/Canada region: Indianapolis, Appalachia, and South Texas. These intergenerational teams from all over the region came together to serve local communities through VBS, sports camps, construction, medical clinics, and community outreach and relationship building. In 2021, the teams worked on 35 projects across the three sites with around 700 participants.



Since 1966, Encuentro has facilitated trips in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Peru, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Over 250,000 students and adults have participated, resulting in more than 2 million children and adults hearing the Gospel message through Encuentro events. Please be praying as Encuentro returns to Appalachia and Puerto Rico in the summer of 2022.