



Prayer Calendar Western Europe December/January 2019

December 2019

Devotional

"So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded."

1Thessalonians 5 v 6

The "day of the Lord's return" is a future time when God will intervene directly and dramatically in world affairs. All Christians may not agree on the details of the event, but we cannot escape the reality that someday we shall actually stand before the Lord. How then are we living in the light of this reality? It's good that we don't know exactly when Christ will return. If we knew the precise date, we might be tempted to be lazy in our work for Christ.

The coming again of our Lord Jesus demands certain things of us as believers. We are called to be on our guard, alert and clearheaded. Part of that being alert and clear headed will be watchfulness in prayer. Of course this admonition had a very special meaning for Peter, because he went to sleep when he should have been watching and praying.

You'll often find the phrase watch and pray in the King James Version of the New Testament. It simply means to "be alert in our praying, to be controlled." There is no place in the Christian life for lazy, listless, routine praying. We must have an alert attitude and be on guard, just as the workers in Nehemiah's day were.

An expectant attitude toward Christ's return involves a serious balanced mind and an alert, awake prayer life. I believe that the test of our commitment to the doctrine of Christ's return is not our ability to draw up charts or discern signs, but in our clear, level headed thinking and praying for boys and girls in all manner of situations. If our thinking and praying are right, our living should be right.

1. Italy:

Gary will teach some courses: on the 1st December a basic course in a church at Mantova, a TCE-1 in Milan on the 15th December and the second part of the TCE-2 on the 15th of December in Bergamo. Pray that teacher and students will be blessed and good results will follow.

Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Please pray for our all day Regional Director's meetings at International Headquarters today, and Monday and for a safe trip back home on Tuesday/Wednesday, Dec 4-5.

2. Denmark:

Please pray for the production of an online Christmas calendar that our national director is producing so that children can watch an episode every day until Christmas and learn about Jesus as the promised saviour.

3. Great Britain:

Pray for David as he meets online with Gerd Walter Buskies and Stephen Garrett, as the Kilchzimmer Executive, to review progress in the transition from Kilchzimmer to where the Lord is directing us to for the future CEF HQ in Europe.

4. Lithuania:

Praise God for the Christmas conference on November 17 in Kaunas. There were 35 children's workers and parents. Pray for God to lead them into deeper children's ministry that would bear fruits: children being born again and growing in the Lord.

5. Ireland:

Please pray for our Finance Committee and Board of Trustees as they meet today, that God will give wisdom and guidance.

6. Austria:

Pray for a special Gospel outreach in Vienna. Günter Brunner and his team have a stand in shopping malls in Vienna, where groups of children

can make Christmas cookies; while the cookies are baking in the oven, the children listen to a Christmas lesson.

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8. Estonia:

Many school classes will visit churches before Christmas and listen to the real Christmas message. Pray for the teachers and children, that their hearts will be touched and the life changing story will have eternal impact.

9. Finland:

We have two new Christmas lessons. Please pray that teachers will discover them, enjoy teaching them, and that many children will hear the good news this Christmas.

10. Iceland:

Please pray for churches and believers in Iceland as they distribute Meet the King! booklets during the Christmas period.

11. Stephen & Pam Garrett: Assistant Area Directors, SW Europe:

As the budgets are received by CEF International Ministries from those countries in South West Europe with workers in need of financial help, please pray that help can be given to these workers as they seek themselves to raise their full budget.

12. Spain:

Please remember to pray for all the workshops that are going to offer Christmas parties in different parts of Spain. TCE1 courses will be taught in 3 areas of Spain.

13. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Pray for the graduation service of the German CMLC, and that those of God's choice will come into the ministry.

14. Belgium:

Christmas is rapidly approaching and many of our helpers and TCE teachers are preparing to give special Christmas clubs. Please pray for new venues and prepared hearts of the children/youth who will attend them.

15. Latvia:

Pray for our team, for God's wisdom, strength, health and God to call new workers.

16. Luxembourg:

A special Christmas club will be held during this month to children age 7-11. Please pray that the lesson taught will draw the children to the Lord and that the teachers will be blessed through them and the church members also.

17. Ireland:

Our Ministry Briefing takes place today, when all our department leaders will be meeting to discuss their ministry. Pray for God's leading.

18. Russell Brooks: Development

Please pray for our trip to Italy to look at alterations needed at the CEF office. Pray for wisdom on the best way forward and for a very practical outcome to our visit.

19. Germany:

We praise the Lord for some new workers starting in 2019. Please pray that they will be able to develop a support team.

20. We thank the Lord for all the boys and girls who trusted Christ during the last year. May He protect them and lead them into Bible believing churches.

21. Wondersurf:

Please pray that the Wondersurf website in 4 languages for Central Asia and in Arabic will be published very soon and that lots of children will use it. May they get to know Jesus and receive him as Savior and Lord, as they use Wondersurf.

22. Roy & Ruth Harrison: Area Directors, NW Europe:

Roy and Ruth are retiring from full-time service with CEF at the end of this month. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness over the past fifty-two years of ministry in Europe. Pray that the Lord will continue to open up doors for witness for Him.

23. Holland:

For 3 years we had the CityKids focus on the city of Eindhoven. The work is planted there. Thanks to God the team that existed will follow up the work. Please pray for clear guidance as we want to "enter" a new city in the county Noord-Brabant. Now we are thinking and praying for open doors in Bergen op Zoom/Roosendaal.

24. Denmark:

Please pray for Dorthe our National director who has been invited to give the Christmas message today in a big state church in Copenhagen who focus on inviting unchurched families to their Christmas service.

25. Give thanks today for the birth of Jesus, the One who came to be the Saviour of boys and girls all over Europe!

26. Gerd-Walter Buskies: European Director:

Today I again have an opportunity to preach in my home church. Please pray that God's Word will be a blessing to all of us.

27. Stephen & Pam Garrett: Assistant Area Directors, SW Europe:

Please pray for Stephen as together with the National Boards in Belgium, Britain, Italy & Portugal he seeks to identify country leaders who can lead the teams of workers and develop the ministry in these countries.

28. Russell Brooks: Development

Please pray for the required finance to complete the roof work needing done at our Albanian CEF Centre. Praise God for the gift of the insulation we received from Germany and pray with us for the funding to complete the insulation and DPC work on all floors.

29. Bogdan Bassara: International Literature Director

Thank the Lord for the attractive and full of good teaching ideas Christmas lessons that can be used across the continent for special Christmas clubs. Pray that children will clearly hear the Gospel and will respond to it.

30. Germany:

The Lord willing, we will soon rent an office as a first step of establishing a new local work in Thuringia/East Germany. May God lead in all the steps ahead and especially call full time workers.

31. Great Britain:

Pray that Hannah Cashman's visa transfer is successful as we apply for a longer visa for her to develop her growing ministry in Scotland.

1. Belgium:

The Lord had other ideas for us this year regarding Peter's retirement. The person whom we thought would be our successor resigned. So He must have another person! Please pray for His will to be done and HIS person to be placed into leadership.

2. Russell Brooks, Development:

Please pray for God's guidance as we plan for the many meetings, projects and funding to be put in place for the coming year.

3. Great Britain:

Pray today for the GB National Committee as they meet in Reading, Berkshire to review progress and make plans for the year ahead. Stephen Garrett and Philip Annett will also be involved in this meeting.

4. Iceland:

Pray for Johanna Helgadóttir from Reykjavik, as she prays about the possibility of taking the CMLC in Romania next summer.

5. Luxembourg:

It would be helpful if more churches could take an interest in our camp centre.

6. Austria:

Ask the Lord to guide and bless Matthias and Barbera Demmin, and the members of the Executive Committee (Herbert, Harald, Joachim and Monika) as they give leadership to the work in Austria.

7. Philip & Denise Annett: Leadership & Ministry Development

Please do pray for Philip as he travels to the Philippines from today until the 18th January. He will be teaching at a support raising course, and then preaching at the Workers Annual Conference.

8. Ireland:

Our Workers in the Republic of Ireland will be meeting together for prayer and business today. Pray for a good time of fellowship together.

9. NW Europe:

Pray for Gerd-Walter Buskies as he takes on the responsibility of Area Director for North West Europe during 2019, before delegating it to Stephen and Grace Chambers when they finish deputation in Ireland.

10. Italy:

Every Saturday there is a GNC at Azzano Decimo in the house of the family Arconti, where Brindusa is teaching alternatively the preschoolers and children of the primary school. Please pray for the children, most are not from a Christian family, and also for good contacts with the parents of the children.

11. Russell Brooks, Development:

Please pray with us for all of funding for the existing capital cost projects we have running throughout CEF of Europe. Our Great God has been with us and supplied the needs for all of 2018 and we look to Him for our needs in 2019.

12. Spain:

We need people who can translate materials from English to Spanish. Please pray that we will find good people for this task.

13. Lithuania:

Praise the Lord for Super seminar training in Kaunas and Vilnius, and new teachers willing to be trained for children's ministry. This training is held by-weekly as evening classes. Please pray for Egle, Austeja, Meda and Emilija from Vilnius, and for God to work in them to prepare them for child evangelism.

14. Holland:

Pray for the supporting of the CEF workers in Holland. Pray that God would provide sufficient funds to meet the monthly budget.

15. Finland:

Thank God for Elina and Jouni, our new part-time workers. Please pray that they would enjoy what they do. Ask God also to give them financial supporters. Pray for a good co-operation and atmosphere in our team.

16. Great Britain:

Pray for the CEF Workers as they meet online to finalise plans for the Spring Conference and strengthen the local ministry in the areas where God has placed them.

17. CityKids:

Please pray for Citykids ministry to be well-planned and developed in Kaunas and Vilnius, and that Citykids seminars and events will help to draw new children to the Lord.

18. Latvia:

Pray for the start of a new TCE1 course today. Pray for students who would be willing to serve children.

19. Bogdan Bassara: International Literature Director

Pray for translations of *Every Day with God* booklets to many European languages. Pray also for the work on special Every Day with God App and that it will be available in 2019 for reaching and teaching boys and girls. Pray that in 2019 European children in all languages, will have an access to either paper or digital form of those attractive and interactive devotionals.

20. Lithuania:

Please pray for the translation of new curriculum and for teachers getting excited to use the new material.

21. Spain:

Praise the Lord for many open doors for direct children's ministry. Pray that we will be able to take advantage of these great opportunities.

22. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Pray for the meetings of the European Leadership Advisory Group (ELAG) in Sibiu, Romania (22-26). We have a full agenda and need God's wisdom and guidance.

23. Latvia:

Pray for successful follow-up work after the Christmas outreach.

24. Ireland:

Leadership will be meeting with representatives from other mission agencies today, seeking to encourage and build relationships.

25. Luxembourg:

Please pray that a greater vision for the unchurched children and youth would grip the heart of their Sunday School leaders, elders and pastors.

26. Bogdan Bassara: International Literature Director

Pray for the team of workers working on the new teaching curriculum. Pray that the Lord will guide the writers especially. Thank the Lord for the blessing the new curriculum is already to children and teachers in a number of countries in Europe.

27. Stephen & Pam Garrett: Area Directors, SW Europe:

Pray for the Garrett family as we visit local Secondary Schools and decide upon the best secondary school placement for Andrew in the next

academic year. Also pray for the safe arrival of our first grandchild to Rachel & Philemon, expected at the end of January.

28. Estonia:

Pray for the right people to attend JYC training in Tallinn, and for instructors to be well-prepared for the task.

29. Italy:

After a meeting in a church at Avellino, Katherina (who has 3 children of her own) has expressed her desire to open her house to start a new GNC. Pray that this will become a reality, and pray that she would be encouraged by others helping her.

30. Ireland:

Remember the 6 target counties in the Republic of Ireland, that God will call workers to fill these areas – Roscommon, Louth, Kildare, Kilkenny, Limerick, Waterford.

31. Denmark:

Please pray for our Teens To Children course this coming weekend where we gather teenagers for two days of teaching and one day of outreach.

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