



Prayer Calendar Western Europe June/July 2019

Psalm 19:1-14

The 'Wordless' book. (v1-6)

We are all familiar with the 'wordless' book and, I'm sure, have used it many times for purposes of leading children to Christ.

In Psalm 19 v 1-2 we read of the first 'wordless' book. Without any spoken word, the **heavens** declare the glory of God, the psalmist says, and the **skies** proclaim the work of his hands. They pour forth speech, David says. They are not bound by language, or by the coming of the night. They tell us the glory of God – his awe, his power, his weightiness and his shining brightness. There is no one who is beyond their reach, and nowhere that their message doesn't speak.

Read verses 1-6 again and think about who God is and his awesome glory. Take time to praise him.

His Word (v7-14)

Looking at the heavens cannot save us, however. David uses the personal name LORD (Yahweh) seven times in this second half of the Psalm. He says we can only know God personally through his word, which is referred to in many ways in verses 7-9. This is a challenge to us all—how do you value Scripture in your life? It alone points us to our need of forgiveness and our need of the gospel in our own lives (v12-14). The bigger picture of the Bible reminds us that the Lord Jesus Christ is the living Word that the written word speaks of. Through him alone we can be forgiven, know God personally, live and serve in the strength that he supplies. Read Hebrews 1:1-4.

What a privilege to know God personally, in his creation, but ultimately through his living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be able to speak of him to the precious boys and girls of Western Europe.

June 2019

1. Luke 10:2 initiative

Our goal for Europe is that we increase the number of workers to 725 by the date of the next European Conference. This is a huge goal. We can only reach it with the help of the Lord. Please beseech the Lord to send labourers into His harvest!

Lithuania:

Pray for a church related seminar today and for about 20 Sunday School teachers who will attend. Please pray that their vision for child evangelism would widen and grow bigger. Pray that they would be encouraged to use our materials and methods.

2. Stephen & Grace Chambers: Designate Area Directors NW Europe

Pray as I share about CEF and preach in Macosquin Presbyterian Church near Coleraine, NI today. Pray that some will be challenged to support us prayerfully and financially.

3. Iceland:

Please pray for the summer camp ministry. This is the main ministry and takes place in Astjorn camp centre, near Akureyri. Pray for the leaders in their preparation and planning for camp. Pray too for the children, that they will respond to the teaching and put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

4. Norwegian Lapland:

Pray for a LIFT team who will come to Lapland to do work at the camp centre from the 25 May - 8 June. Pray for safety for the team and for good harmony.

5. Bogdan Bassara: International Literature Director

Thank the Lord for 20 years of Boxes of Books (BOB) project coming from IHQ, for the literature that has been sent free of charge for teachers that could not afford it. Thank the Lord for the partnership with Revival Movement that currently print and ship CEF literature around the world.

6. Finland:

Please pray for Helena, who is in our leadership team. She has suffered from sinus infection since January. Ask God to heal her completely, so that she can fully concentrate on teaching at the TCE 1 course in the beginning of June. Most of the participants are young people. Ask God to lead their lives so that many of them would be reaching out to children in the coming years.

7. CityKids:

Please do pray that more countries across Europe will get involved in this ministry in the coming months.

8. Wilna Shaw - CEF english ministry Netherlands:
Praise God for the opportunity to partner with an international church to reach the English-speaking children in Amsterdam.

9. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:
Today I'm preaching morning and afternoon at a Christian Conference in Germany. I will also have a seminar, introducing CEF. Please pray that the Holy Spirit touches the heart of the people who are there.

Stephen & Pam Garrett: Area Directors, SW Europe:
Please pray for Stephen as he speaks at the opening service of the English speaking CMLC course in Sibiu Romania today, and as he teaches the Biblical Basis classes throughout the incoming week.

10. Lithuania:
Pray for day camps starting today in the Kaunas area, pray for the children and for volunteers to help Audronė and Kristina Marija.

11. Denmark:
Please pray for Dorthe Jensen and a 3-Day Club from today until the 13th in a very needy area with many Muslims. The town is called Ringsted.

12. Italy:
Please pray for the mini-day camp to be held in the Parco della Speranza in the Rancitelli district of Pescara. Particularly pray for the protection of all involved, as this is regarded to be a particularly dangerous neighbourhood. Ask God for unity with the team of 3 Irish girls who will come to help in the 3-day outreach.

13. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:
Today we plan to move our offices from Kilchzimmer to the new location in Kappel. Please pray that everything goes smoothly. Pray also that the selling of Kilchzimmer continues to go well. The date at the notary is set for the 25th of June.

14. Estonia:
Pray for the successful changes of Wondersurf content for smartphones and website.

15. Spain:
Please pray that we will have many effective training workshops to help prepare volunteers for our summer campaigns.

16. Finland:
Marika is finishing her 12 new episodes of a children's TV-programme this month. The planned filming days are 13-14th June. Ask God to help her to teach clearly in spite of the many other things she has to keep in mind when working with the film crew. Pray also that the first 12 episodes from last year that can be found on her website (tosion.fi) could still affect many children and be widely used by parents and Sunday School teachers.

Denmark:
Please pray for our local worker Mette Sloth and a big children's event taking place today.

17. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:
Today the ELAG members arrive for meetings from tomorrow morning until Thursday evening. Please pray for good meetings, that we will be sensitive for the leading of the Holy Spirit and come to good conclusions together.

18. Great Britain:
Give thanks for a new Good News Club starting in an East London housing estate. Pray for the team as they contact children and families in the local community to build trust and confidence in this new ministry.

19. Belgium:
Ask God for all necessary preparation and work to be carried out to Camp Beho so that the summer camps can happen. Also ask God for the necessary volunteers for the running of each camp.

20. Portugal: Praise God for the training courses in Lisbon and for one student who led her child to Christ when she was practising the Wordless Book.

21. The Netherlands:
Please pray that God will bless our camp that will take place from the 21-23.

22. Stephen & Pam Garrett: Area Directors, SW Europe:
It is planned for the General Assembly of CEF Portugal to meet today in Lisbon. Please pray for this meeting and those who will attend that all the business of the day may be conducted in a God-glorifying manner.

23. Bogdan Bassara: International Literature Director
Pray for translators as they are busy translating the new curriculum and *Every Day with God* to many European languages. Pray that the translators will be true to the Bible teaching and culturally relevant to the new language.

24. France:
Praise God for the smooth running of CityKids in Istres, Salon de Provence and Montreuil. Through Lego events, children and their parents had the opportunity to hear the good news of salvation in Christ in April and May.

25. Norwegian Lapland:
Please pray for the children's camp from the 25-30 June. Pray for good weather and that God will keep everyone safe and well. Pray that Aud will get inspiration as she teaches at both camps.

26. France:
The National Board meeting will be held today. May the Lord grant wisdom in the decisions to be taken and may they allow more children to be reached with the gospel.

27. Philip & Denise Annett: Leadership & Ministry Development:
Please pray for good progress to be made on the planning for the next National Directors Institute to be held in Brazil in November this year.

28. Ireland:
We have two Summer Outreach Training Courses running throughout June and July. Please pray for the young people as they are trained and then involved in reaching children this summer. May they have the joy of leading some to Christ.

29. Germany:

Please pray for the General Assembly meeting of CEF in Germany today. The members come from different parts of the country. May the Lord grant protection on the road and give wisdom and unanimity when making decisions.

30. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

I'm preaching today in a local church in Bonn/Germany and would appreciate your prayers.

July 2019

1. Lithuania:

Pray for volunteer Grazina in Jonishkis (north of Lithuania) and for the day centre children she ministers to in this small town. May God give her all the needed resources for this ministry.

2. Norwegian Lapland:

Please pray that more boys will come to the teens camp from the 2-7 July. Pray for good harmony for campers and leaders. Pray that God will help Sarah as she does the missionary lesson.

3. Spain:

Pray for an increase in financial support for all the workers in Spain.

4. Germany:

We ask the Lord that during this summer, many churches and volunteers will distribute *Things You Need to Know* and other gospel leaflets to the children. May they read them carefully and trust Christ as their Saviour.

5. Finland:

Jouni is our new treasurer working part-time at the office. We thank God for him and would appreciate prayer that he could easily figure out how to take care our finances and support our ministry with his skills.

6. Estonia:

Pray for several camps during two weeks at the beginning of July, both for children and Junior Youth Challenge young people. Pray for good team-work.

7. Italy:

Please pray that people will attend the TCE-1 course in Pescara. Please pray that the students will see the importance to evangelise children and will start to do it.

8. Finland:

Please pray for Marika who is running three camps at her home (nowadays also a children's ministry centre) during July. Ask God to send enough helpers. Pray also that the Bible teaching makes a difference in the children's lives. Praise God for one 10-year-old girl who received Christ in May as a result of the teaching she received at a camp last year. Pray also for her 12-year-old big brother who is coming for the first time this summer.

9. Netherlands:

We ask earnest prayers for our TCE 1 courses. Very few people are showing interest at present. Pray that the Lord will bless our summer outreaches, with children coming to know the Lord personally.

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

Ask God for his blessing on the online meeting of the British workers today. Pray that he will guide the discussion of all involved and that there will be encouragement as workers share their plans for summer outreach.

11. Denmark:

Please pray for Dorthe Jensen who is leading the Bible programme at a camp (11-14) for Farsi-speaking children. These refugee children have many needs and behaviour problems.

12. Ireland:

Many camps will be held throughout Ireland this month. Pray that all the teams will have sufficient volunteers, safety for the children and salvation blessing.

13. **“Christmas Together”**

At the European Conference we launched the “Christmas Together” project. Together in Europe and together with local churches we would like to reach even more children during the time before Christmas. Pray that many churches catch the vision and that the Lord opens doors, especially into schools.

14. Gerd-Walter Buskies, European Director:

Thanks for your prayers for my preaching in the morning, and teaching in the evening in a Christian retreat centre in the Black Forest in Germany.

15. CEF European Conference:

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to meet with CEF workers from nearly every country of our European region at the European Conference in Germany. We praise God for a wonderful time of encouragement, spiritual blessing and great fellowship together.

16. Stephen & Grace Chambers: Designate Area Directors NW Europe

Pray as Gerd-Walter and I make bookings and arrange meetings in Austria around the 16th -18th. Please pray for opportunities of the Lord's making, so we can contact the right people to take the work forward in Austria.

17. Ireland:

Pray that God will call more workers, especially for the Republic of Ireland.

18. Estonia:

Pray for the Good News Bus ministry in South-East Estonia; pray for many children to hear the gospel in remote areas.

19. Bogdan Bassara: International Literature Director

Thank the Lord for children who will start a habit of reading devotional booklets during many camps across the continent this summer. Pray that this discipline of having a regular quiet time will stay with boys and girls as they grow spiritually.

20. Chris & Lynn Holt: European Member Care

Please pray for the single workers across Europe as they faithfully serve God.

21. Stephen & Pam Garrett: Area Directors, SW Europe:
Please pray for Stephen as he has a break after 2 months of hectic travel. Ask God for his help as we seek to spend time in prayer, reflection and planning especially for those countries in SW Europe without a country leader, in which we are acting as interim- National Directors.

22. Stephen & Grace Chambers: Designate Area Directors NW Europe:
I will be at the CMLC in Sibui, Romania until the 31st. I will listen to some classes being taught, and I will teach some classes on working with the local committee. Please pray I will be a blessing to the students and an encouragement to them in their lives and ministry. Continue to pray for Grace and the children at home while I am away.

23. European Partnership Ministries:
Thank you for praying for new full-time workers for Europe. Please pray for a support team for each one. May many more children be reached with the Gospel as God answers this prayer for more workers.

24. Philip & Denise Annett: Leadership & Ministry Development:
Pray that God will help us to design a really helpful Leadership Development Course for the National Directors of Europe. This will be held in January 2020.

25. Austria & Switzerland:
Pray for the Lord to send out labourers into his harvest field in these two countries. Please pray for the Lord to supply prayer and financial supporters, members for the Boards, and five students from each country to attend the CMLC with a view to having new workers to develop the ministry.

26. Latvia:
Please pray that God will save many children through the summer outreach.

Pray for the summer ministry to the children in several locations in East London and for good contacts and conversations for the team as they promote CEF in the third week of the annual Keswick Convention.

28. Wilna Shaw - CEF english ministry Netherlands:
Pray for a CEF worker for Amsterdam.

29. Germany:
We continue to ask the Lord for 20 students for the 2020 CMLC in Germany. We pray for Ute Bartz who deals with all enquiries that are already coming in.

30. Iceland:
Please pray for Magnus and Arni as they plan this year to translate the six *Every Day with God* booklets.

31. France:
From September, Corinne Ruhland, the current assistant National Director, will become National Director, taking over from Felly Yoka. Thank you for praying that God will bless Corinne in her new role. May the help Felly will provide be effective in the development of CEF ministry in France.

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27. Great Britain: