



10 Days of Prayer 2020

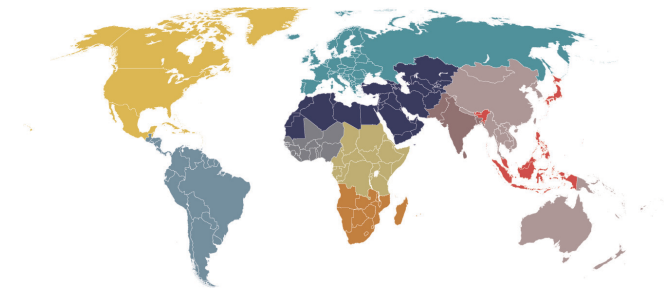
When we chose the theme of 'one anothers' for the 10 Days of Prayer for the year 2020, we had no idea that the term 'social distancing' would also emerge in our global vocabulary and become a daily reality. Yet the many biblical 'one anothers' are more relevant now than ever in a time of physical distancing. The New Testament alone has 59 one anothers.

Regional Director for Southern Africa Siegfried Ngubane has selected 10 for us to mediate on and use as a theme for prayer. May these ancient one anothers take on new meaning and relevance in our personal and corporate lives during a modern era of quarantine, isolation and social distancing.

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Day 1

SPUR ON ONE ANOTHER



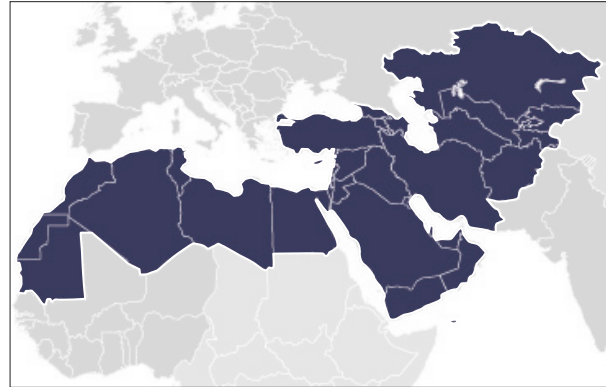
“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:24-25

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us so much that while we were still dead in our trespasses and sins, Christ completed his work on the cross. By grace through faith in him, we have forgiveness of sin and life everlasting.

Thank you for those who spur us on the way and encourage us to persevere in ministry. We pray for our colleagues and partners in the gospel, for those we lead and for those who lead us.

Even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, open our eyes, Lord, to see opportunities to spur one another on towards your love and good deeds.

Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to spur one another on. Forgive us that some good deeds never came to pass because we did not spur one another on to something that was within our reach to do, but a little encouragement was needed.



Teach us to demonstrate the love of Christ in other people's lives and help us to be so in tune with you that others may be provoked to love and to good works through our witness, as Christ lives in us and we in him.

Lord we need each other; we cannot make it on our own. You call us to encourage and to motivate one another to live vibrant lives of service and faith. With the day of our Lord Jesus coming and our ultimate victory imminent, we should be motivated even more to help and to encourage each other.

Lord God, thank you for our Christian family, who encourage and motivate us to serve others. Use us to bless others.

In the name of the Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.

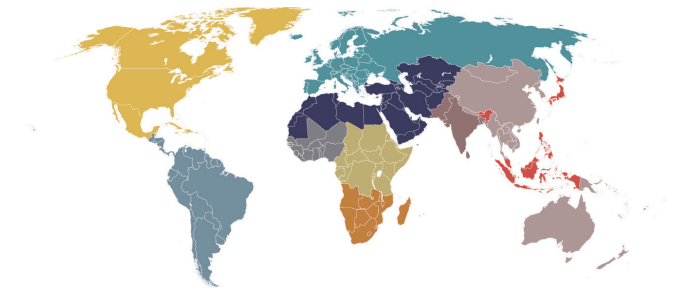
PLEASE PRAY:

Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia

- For every worker in our regions to have such an abiding and deep relationship with Jesus that each encounter with a local person would become a natural, incarnational and impactful experience.
- For our people to be protected from the attacks of Satan and from people with power in the region who may be hostile towards the gospel, in order that they would be free to stay and serve.
- For at least one missional business to be planted in every country in these regions during the next five years, to employ hundreds of people who will get a daily dose of Jesus.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (I Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 2

LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER



*“Live in harmony with one another.
Do not be proud, but be willing to
associate with people of low position.
Do not be conceited.” Romans 12:16*

Father, your Word is clear – we should not be conceited, we should not be proud and we should not look down on others. Thank you for exhorting us to live in harmony with one another. Lord, we acknowledge that sometimes pride comes before us and we fail to associate with those who are different to us.

Please forgive us, Lord, when we have been like the pharisees and only pretended to care for and love others. Forgive us when we have looked down on those from other cultures or socio-economic groups, those with different education or social status, and those we assume are less informed or experienced than we are. Forgive us for our attitudes that make harmony impossible.

Teach us to seek unity in the body, to associate with the humble and never to think too highly of ourselves. Help us to associate with those who do not look like us, who do not speak our language, and those with whom we may not be comfortable. As the fear of



COVID-19 grips many, help us reach out to others and be a force for unity.

Lord, you made us in your image, designed personally by you to bring glory and honour to your name. Please help us see those with whom you want us to associate.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

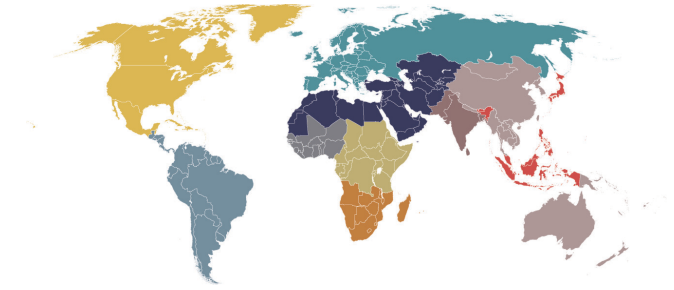
PLEASE PRAY:

East Asia

- For at least 200 new workers to be sent from East Asia by 2025 to reach those living and dying without Christ.
- For the 200 missionaries already sent from East Asia to grow as disciple-makers who are passionate about producing Christ-like disciples who settle into gospel-centred churches.
- For missionaries sent from East Asia to guard their first love for Jesus, to grow in their love and compassion for the lost and to work together with local churches to mobilise many for world missions. May every missionary become a missions mobiliser.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (I Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 3

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."
John 13:34-35*

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16

Father of compassion and God of all grace, thank you for teaching us to love through the example of our Lord Jesus. Even as COVID-19 continues to impact many lives, we pray our words and actions will reflect your love towards your people today, tomorrow and until you bring us all home to you.

Almighty God, you loved us so much that you gave your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice when he laid down his life for us. That act of love was the greatest gift ever given. We want to commit our lives to help others and, if it is your will, we want to lay down our lives in love for our brothers and sisters.

Forgive us, Lord, when we sin by not loving one another. To act in that way when you have so



generously loved us is to completely misunderstand - and even abuse - your sacrifice on the cross! Forgive us for our selfishness in receiving your love but not passing it on to others.

Lord Jesus, you call us to love one another just as you loved the disciples. We pray you will help us to be willing to love sacrificially our brothers and sisters for whom you died on the cross.

Give us strength, God, and be our example as we show your love to others.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

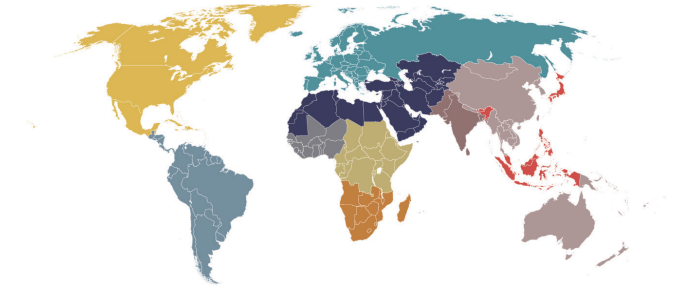
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East & Central Africa

- For the mobilisation of the church and for 1,000 workers from East and Central Africa to cross barriers with the gospel of life within 25 years.
- For teams in the region to grow in clarity of purpose and in ministry focus in order to see kingdom outcomes achieved.
- For an end to persecution in Eritrea, for an increase in SIM's engagement there and for a ministry coordinator for SIM Eritrea.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (1 Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 4

HUMILITY TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER



"In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.'" 1 Peter 5:5

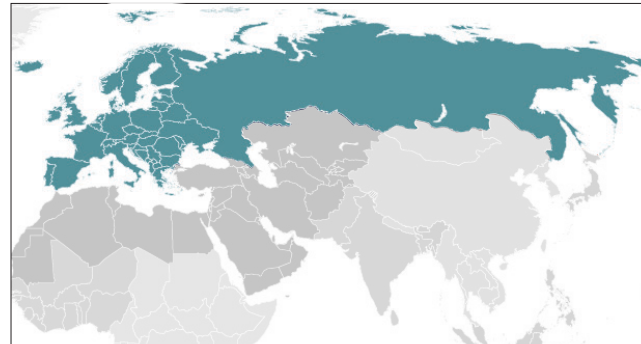
"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:3-5

Almighty heavenly Father, thank you for calling and adopting us into your family as your children. Please help us to see ourselves as you do. Then, as your precious children, empower us to serve others in ways which show them your glory.

We know we sometimes focus too much on ourselves. Please give us a humble spirit. Help us to focus on the needs and interests of others, to place them before ourselves and to be their servant today.

Forgive us, Lord, when we have refused the clothing of humility, and have pursued our personal aims and



selfish ambitions. Forgive us when our interests have overshadowed and even snuffed out the values, opinions and interests of others in our teams, churches or communities. Forgive us when we have cultivated a mindset of self instead of the mindset of Christ.

Even though COVID-19 has prompted many to act selfishly, give us a spirit of humility and grace to finish the race set before us. Please protect us from our own arrogance, vain conceit and selfishness. May all we do bring praise and glory to your name.

Heavenly Father, help us to be self-controlled, willing to serve, gentle in spirit and humble of heart. Help us to carry out all you have entrusted to us. Then our lives will be filled with true joy and happiness, and we will be able to bless others.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

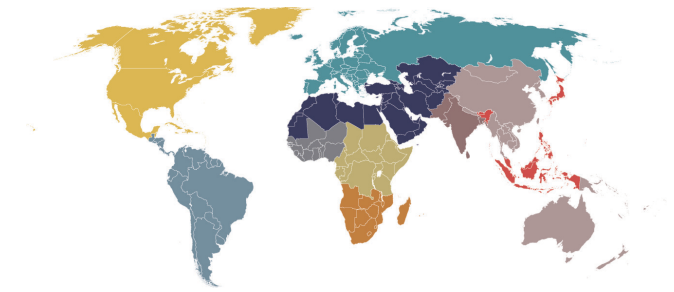
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Europe

- For SIM leaders to have true unity of vision and purpose for the whole continent, as well as love among them, so that our current and new partners would be drawn to collaborate more deeply — for the sake of the gospel in Europe and worldwide.
- For 22 new units to be placed in key ministries in Europe by 2022. At least 50 per cent of these should come from new sending contexts, so that in love and fellowship, many more people living in Europe would come to or return to Christ.
- For believers in each country to remain faithful in serving others, both during and following the crisis, so that more would know Christ!
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (1 Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 5

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER



“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

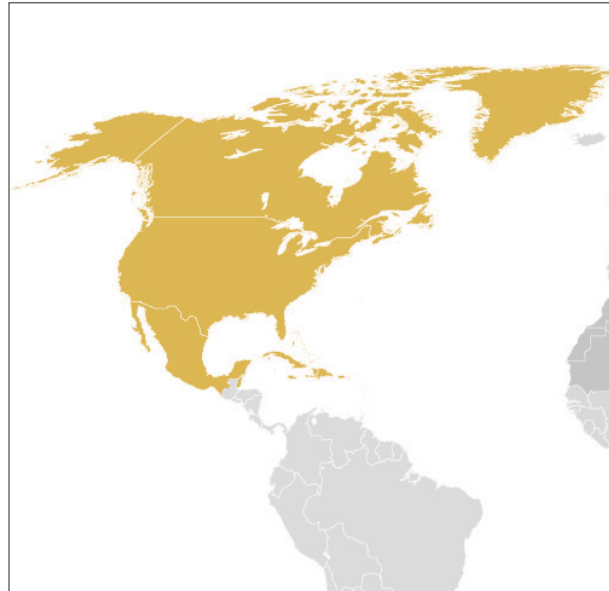
“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called ‘Today,’ so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.” Hebrews 3:13

Lord, we live in an age when we are constantly discouraged and pressured from all sides. We cannot fight the attack from the accuser by ourselves. Now, as the whole world faces the challenge of dealing with the coronavirus, we need to encourage and build one another up.

Forgive us, Lord, when we have neglected to encourage one another. Forgive us for attitudes of criticism or entitlement that block us from being daily encouragers. Forgive us when we have withheld affirmation or been sparing with praise, when we have preferred and cultivated an inward focus instead of focussing outward to build one another up.

Help us to share a message of encouragement, comfort and hope with those who are saved and those who are lost in their sin.

Father, we know sin’s power is deceptive. Help us to see those who need our encouragement today,



so that together we can help each other escape sin’s traps.

Teach us to get in the daily habit of building one another up, as Hebrews puts it so beautifully, ‘as long as it is called ‘Today’’

More often than we like to think, we need to remind each other of what you have done for us on the cross.

In the name of Jesus, who withstood all Satan’s tests, we pray. Amen.

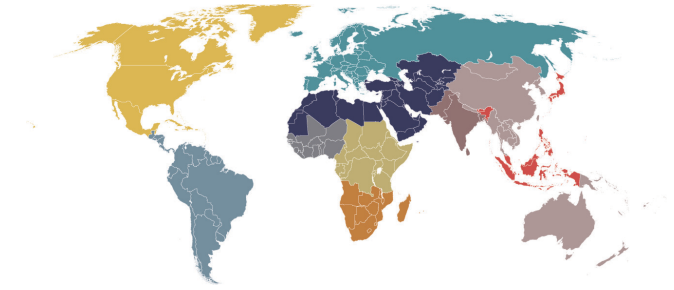
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North America

- For spiritual awareness: Pray for revival, unity and love to spring out of our understanding that we are not in control. May the churches in Canada and the USA grow numerically and qualitatively in the coming year.
- For increased participation in reaching the nations with the good news about Jesus. As the fabric of society changes and as people re-evaluate what matters, pray for 100 new candidates to enter the missionary pipeline in North America in the coming year.
- For mutual blessing for supporters and SIM: A potential downturn in the economy combined with an increased passion for the gospel has potential to increase giving to kingdom work. Pray for the total giving in 2020 to go higher than we have ever seen it before.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (1 Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 6

CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS



"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2

Heavenly Father, we pray we may grow in grace and live our lives as you would have us live - in spirit and in truth. Help us to be kind, compassionate, hospitable and gracious towards our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we love others in the same way Christ loved us and gave himself for us. Help us to exhibit a spirit of forgiveness and grace, honouring others above ourselves.

Give us a spirit of gentleness and love in all our dealings, especially with those who are straying from the path of righteousness. Help us share our faith with those who might question you, or may be searching for you, as they deal with Covid-19. Keep us humble before you.

Forgive us, Lord, when we avoid carrying another's burdens. Forgive us for our mentality of scarcity or self-preservation. Forgive us for filling our schedules so full we have no time to carry one another's burdens. Forgive us when we pretend to be deaf or blind towards our families, teammates, neighbours or even strangers whose burdens we do not want to help carry.

Powerful God, be with us today and help us be a rock of support for one another. Help us be the kind



of friend who bears another's burden and gives them rest.

Lord Jesus, come gently, we pray, when life is difficult. Bring a word, a touch, a sense of your presence. By your love and compassion, place in us the seeds of hope and renewal. Then, with every day that passes, may we increasingly know the transforming power of the Holy Spirit working deep within. Then lift our hearts to praise your name, we pray, forevermore.

Holy and merciful God, please give us eyes to see, a heart willing to serve, and hands ready to help people in my path who need a burden lifted.

Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen.

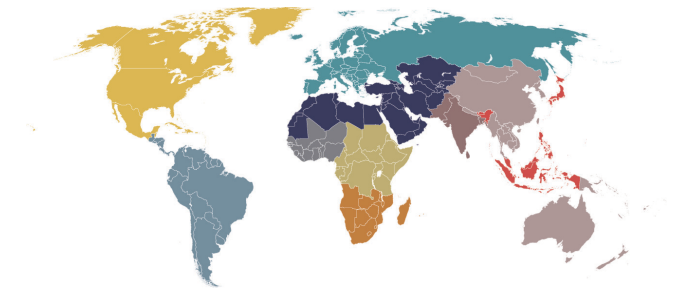
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Pacific Asia

- For mobilisation of Australia, Korea, New Zealand and other countries. Pray that our sending entities would mobilise 100 per cent more workers by 2024.
- For the Lord to raise up and lead out leaders in each team, country and region, so there will be 100 new godly leaders by 2024.
- For four new Faithful Witness teams to launch and reach communities where Christ is least known by 2024. Praise God for the multi-ethnic, multi-skilled team forming now in Ayutthaya, Thailand.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (I Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 7

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER



*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
Colossians 3:13*

All powerful and merciful God, give us hearts of forgiveness. When others offend us, help us repay them with love and forgiveness. We are sinful, yet you forgave us completely. When we struggle to forgive others, remind us of the sins you bore on the cross for us. We ask for the courage and willingness to forgive others as completely as you have forgiven us.

Loving Father, help us understand the precious relationship we have with Christ and what it means to be 'in Christ' and to be seated with him in heavenly places. Help us set our hearts on the wonderful things you have prepared for those who love you. More and more, especially as we meet people feeling the pain and pressure of dealing with COVID-19, may we reflect Christ to all those we meet.

How can I not forgive a brother or sister for whom Christ died, when I know what God paid to forgive me?

Forgive us, Lord, for not reflecting the grace and mercy that you lavish on us. Forgive us for a spirit



of unforgiveness and, at times, even a desire for revenge. Forgive us for acting as if the sins committed against us are worse than the sins we have committed against you. Holy Father, we commit today to release every grudge and bitterness we hold against another.

We need your Holy Spirit's help to relinquish our claim on the wrongs committed against us and to treat those who have hurt us as full siblings in your family. Please empower us to follow your example in forgiving, even when it is hard.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

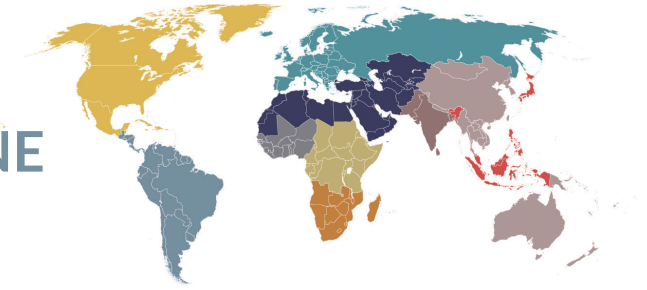
PLEASE PRAY:

South Asia

- For local churches in South Asia to be truly united in Christ. For this unity to be a source of great joy and a testimony in their communities.
- For local churches across South Asia to be identifying, preparing, sending and fully supporting their own workers to cross significant barriers into the least-reached peoples living on their own doorsteps.
- For a large scale revival through witnessing the church's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for creativity for God's people in these uncertain times, which reveal our hearts.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (I Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 8

TEACH AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER



"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3:16

Thank you, Lord, for all the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness give us hope for the future.

Your gift of salvation in Jesus gives us life today and promises life tomorrow. Our incredible physical blessings, as well as the blessings of family and friends, are wonderful, especially in these times of suffering caused by COVID-19. Thank you for the family and community of believers you have placed us in.

Forgive us, Lord, when we have let your message visit us, but not dwell among us. Forgive us for accepting your message only in superficial ways. This results in our being unprepared and unequipped to 'teach and admonish with all wisdom'. Give us a desire for your message to 'dwell richly' in us.

The message of the gospel, the word of Christ, fills our hearts, and we are tuned to be thankful children of the most high. The greatest of all blessings is the



assurance of one day seeing you face to face and sharing your glorious presence forever.

As we sing songs of gratitude, whether we are happy or heartbroken, help us to teach and admonish one another.

We thank and praise you. We sing to the Lord a holy song, for he is good and gracious and has lifted us up and shown his own righteousness over us. Loving Father, to you be all praise and glory, our God and our Saviour!

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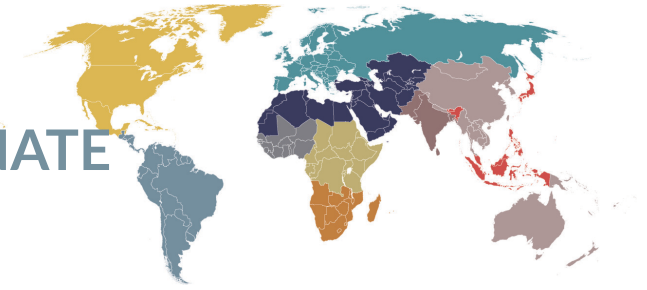
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South and Central America

- For leaders in South America to thrive in leadership, proactively investing in the development of leaders in their teams.
- For God to create a spirit of unity and collaboration, resulting in SIM's ministries growing in influence, scope and impact.
- For positive opportunities and outcomes for our ministries amid the COVID-19 crisis both now and in the long run. Pray for the church in South America to be a relevant voice of hope and courage.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (I Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 9

BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER



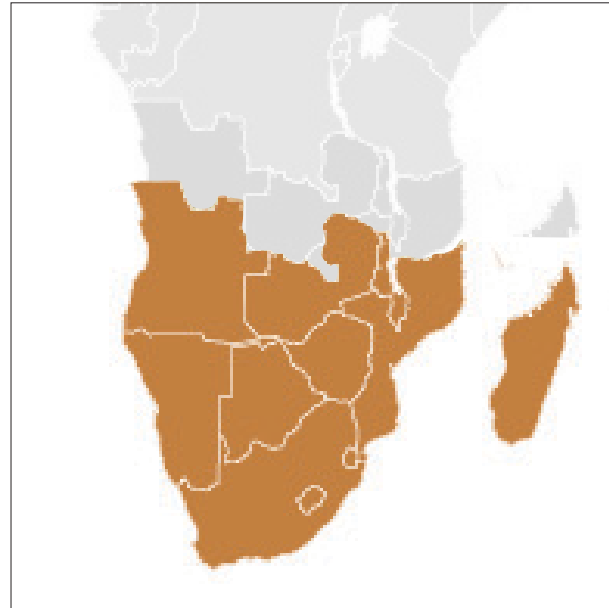
*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32*

Holy Father, there is no way we can adequately thank you for sacrificing so much for us and for forgiving us our sins. Help us to become more like you, to share more of your kindness and grace with those who have wronged us.

Kindness and compassion are needed now more than ever as the world sees the impact of the coronavirus. Unfortunately, these two qualities are often seen as signs of weakness rather than strength. Lord, to forgive others as you forgave us requires great courage and great strength. Teach us this strength!

Forgive us, Lord, for our simple lack of kindness and compassion. We teach these qualities to our children, yet fail to cultivate them in ourselves. Forgive us for such lack of discipline that we are unable to be gentle and patient towards others, but are instead critical and harsh, assuming the worst of one another.

We come before you today, asking you to help us release our bitterness toward those who have



wronged us, asking you to bless those people with your kindness and grace.

Loving heavenly Father, thank you for your grace, mercy, love and immeasurable forgiveness towards us. May we reflect you in our thoughts, words and deeds. Help us to be kind, compassionate and forgiving towards others, just as you forgave us in Christ.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

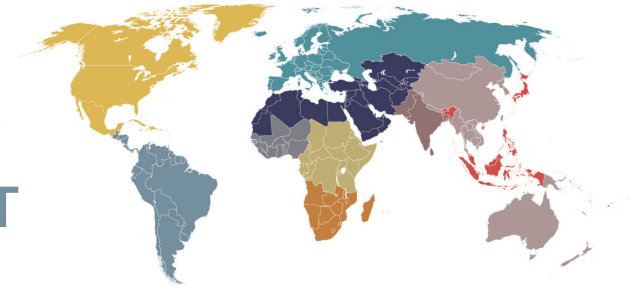
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Southern Africa

- For the church to fully understand her calling to be the light and salt in the world in the midst of a pervasive, prophetic movement in the region that is leading many astray.
- For SIM missionary communities to be true representatives of Christ and a true blessing to the region, fostering unity between the mission and the church.
- For pastoral and theological training schools to take missions seriously in their programmes.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (I Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Day 10

WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET



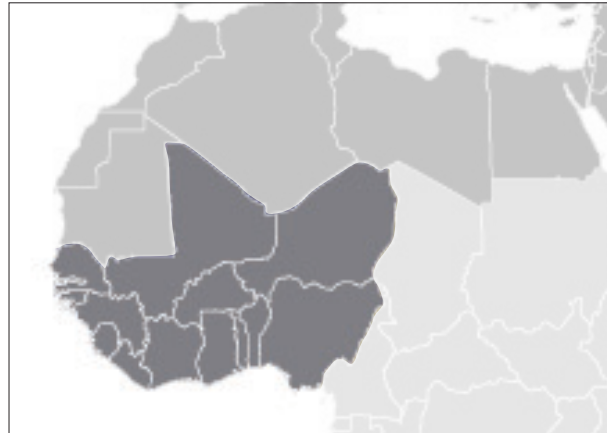
"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." John 13:14

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the beautiful example the Lord Jesus Christ gave us of how we should live our lives. You gave us an example of how to serve one another and taught us to wash one another's feet.

You taught us again and again that you are never going to deviate from your process. Even though we may not always understand that process, as the coronavirus spread demonstrates, may we gladly consent to it, so we may see you bring life out of death.

Forgive us, Lord, when we are too proud to wash one another's feet. Forgive us for being too busy or too arrogant to kneel before our teammates with this humble action. Forgive us when we have admired stories about you in the Bible but have refused to imitate your actions towards those you have placed around us.

Help us to be ready, after your example, to humble ourselves before our brothers and sisters; to be willing to do the simplest, dirtiest or most inconvenient tasks



for them, and to prefer and honour the least of them above ourselves.

May we decrease in all we say and do, so Christ's new life may increase in us. May our lives be lived out in love, truth, humility and grace, so that Christ may be seen in us, as we die to self and live to him.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the example of godly living and holy behaviour seen in the life of the Lord Jesus. Help us to walk as you walked and live as you lived ... in spirit and in truth, in humble obedience to your voice, in total dependence on your provision, and in grateful thanksgiving for all that you have done for us.

Thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY:

West Africa

- For the Lord to move the West African church to see her crucial role in bringing hope and healing to a world that needs Jesus. Pray for 50 units of West African workers, fully supported and sent out through West Africa Missions Office (WAMO). Currently, there are 11 units and 8 appointees.
- For believers to be consecrated first and foremost to Christ, with faith unshakeable by the waves of uncertainty. For our missionaries to be found making disciples who are in turn consecrated wholly to Christ.
- For more people to turn to Christ. For geographical, social, political and spiritual barriers that are holding communities back to be overcome, so that many will find courage to answer God's call and step out of the darkness into his marvelous light.
- For leaders in this region to understand the times and know what should be done, like the men of Issachar. Pray for the God of peace to equip them in everything good for doing his will. (I Chronicles 12:32, Hebrews 13:20-21)