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Prayer Calendar October – November 2024

Dear friends,

I read this recently from a book by Warren Wiersbe. Please read Psalm 2.

“God hears (v1-3). He hears the raging of the nations. What do they want? Freedom from God! But the way to real freedom is by submission and not by rebellion.

God laughs (v4). Puny man does not worry God with all his noise and threats. God is on the throne and has everything in control. When the world’s noise frightens you, turn to the Lord and let him take over (Acts3:23-31).

God speaks (5-12). God the Father announces that his king is enthroned in the heavenly Zion where the nations cannot touch him. God the Son announces that the nations are his, so their rebellion is futile (v7-9). Finally, God the Spirit invites the rebels to submit and be blessed instead of destroyed (v10-12).

Over the noise of the nations listen for the assuring voice of God.”

May this bless and encourage us as we come to pray for the work of CEF in Western Europe during these months. May the Lord change many children and young people from rebels to those who submit to him. May he call many to proclaim the gospel so this can happen for his glory.

Stephen Chambers (NW Europe)

October 2024

- 1 **Estonia:** Please pray for all needed preparations for Christmas Together in Estonia. That many volunteers will be become excited about this idea.
- 2 **Britain:** Praise God that He has called Alex Ronalds to be the Office Administrator for CEF Britain. Pray for Primrose and Alex as they work together in the coming days to ensure a smooth transition
- 3 **Iulian Mangalagiu (Regional Director):** Please pray for the Christmas Together project. We are praying for 1,000,000 children to be impacted by the Gospel through CPCs and/or Gospel literature. A special project was prepared to encourage children and teens to pray and give for the children of Europe who do not yet know the Saviour.
- 4 **Cyprus:** On Sat. 5th, there will be a big evangelistic program in Nicosia and the official start of the G.N.C. Please, pray for our four volunteers who will teach and do all the program - may God touch many hearts.
- 5 **Greece:** We praise God for the Good News Clubs which have started, especially among Roma Gypsy Kids. Especially on Oct. 5th, a whole village will be invited for an evangelistic program - please, pray!
Ireland: we are holding our Autumn Conference. This is an opportunity to update our faithful prayer and financial supporters on how God has blessed the ministry, especially over the summer months. Pray that God will challenge and encourage those present.
- 6 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** We praise God for the group of men travelling to the Vendas Novas camp centre, Portugal to carry out maintenance work this week. Please pray for safety in travel, for unity within the group and that God will give them the needed skills to complete the work.
Stephen & Grace Chambers: Please pray for Stephen as he teaches the 'Biblical Basis' classes at CMLC in Germany this week. Also pray for Grace and the children at home in Northern Ireland.
- 7 **Switzerland:** Thank the Lord for the churches and individuals who have responded to our letters and ordered the "Do you know the King?" booklet and Wondersurf-Flyer (3000 pcs ordered up to September 25). Pray for more orders, but also specifically pray that the Lord will help with the distribution and prepare the hearts of the children, parents and all recipients. The booklets will be distributed on markets, in the streets, at craft afternoons, personal encounters etc.
- 8 **Finland:** Please pray for us as we ponder what to do with training. Two TCE 1 courses planned for this year were cancelled because we only got 1-2 registrations for each.
- 9 **Portugal:** We give thanks to the Lord for the team retreat we were able to have last September in the Azores, and for the closing of the celebrations of 75 years of ministry in Portugal with the churches there.
- 10 **Germany:** We thank the Lord for sending us two young ladies who will work as trainees for Wondersurf for one year. They will first attend the CMLC and then start the work with Wondersurf in January 2025. We ask the Lord that they will stay.
- 11 **Spain:** We thank God very much for the 5 Spanish students who are participating in the IOT course in Sibiu. We hope that it will be a great blessing for them and of help for the training ministry in Spain.

- 12 Oct **Education:** Praise God for His help during two busy weeks at the IOT 1 course in Sibiu. Pray for everyone as they travel home today. Pray that God will use these newly trained TCE 1 instructors to train many more Good News Club teachers.
Sweden: Pray for our TCE1 course in Helsingborg. Pray for the participants that they will be well equipped to reach more boys and girls.
- 13 **Ireland:** 13th-20th October is our Autumn week of prayer. We are very thankful for many who remember the children and young people of Ireland and further afield in prayer.
- 14 **Estonia:** Praise the Lord for great tools to reach children of today. Praise the Lord for wondersurf.com in Estonian and pray for good content.
Multimedia: Today the Literature Survey classes start at the CMLC in Ireland. Pray that the students will learn how to effectively use CEF literature in the ministry to reach and teach children. Pray that maybe some of them will help develop this ministry in respective languages.
- 15 **Education:** Pray that the Zoom meetings planned on the 15th & 16th related to the multimedia ministry in Europe and training ministries in western Europe will be profitable and fruitful.
Multimedia: Today and tomorrow, the Multimedia Advisory Group meets to discuss the current and future projects. Pray for all the group and Bogdan as he chairs the meetings.
- 16 **Finland:** Thank God for a new opening for Riina to start an afternoon club at one of the schools in her area. There is a devotional each time, but the rest of the one-hour program is something else. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would touch children's hearts when they listen to the devotional, so that they would later be willing to join other clubs with more Bible teaching.
- 17 **Switzerland:** Pray for protection of the logistical side of the project "Do you know the King?" - the printing, packing and shipping. Pray for a special blessing for the volunteers involved.
- 18 **Greece:** Stefanos and Magda will go to N. Ireland from 18th-28th to teach at CMLC and speak about the work in Greece in a couple of churches. May God help them with the language and use them for His glory.
- 19 **Portugal:** We give thanks to God for the brothers and sisters who have contributed financially and for those who have given of their time and technical expertise to come and help with the renovation of the camp centre facilities. Please pray for the work that is currently being done and for the amount that is still needed to cover all the work.
- 20 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** We praise God for the opportunity to share about ministry, please pray for Andrew today as he shares in Lisnagleer Baptist Church that God will speak through him and His people will be encouraged.
- 21 **Switzerland:** We thank God for His goodness and faithfulness during the last years. Please pray that God will continue to guide CEF Switzerland, and that He will call workers into direct ministry among children. Pray for the CLMC taking place in Germany from October to December.
Lithuania: Pray for online training "Go and Tell" so that teachers would be greatly encouraged to teach kids and get their families involved in witnessing, especially during the Christmas period.
- 22 **Norwegian Lapland:** Praise God for the open doors he has given us in Karasjok. After a new priest moved into the church there, we were told we are no longer allowed to have outreach there, but we thank God for providing us a community building where we ran a Holiday Bible Club last from 23-25th September. We are so thankful to Jesus for the 3 girls who came along and heard the gospel.

- Please pray for the Good news Club we are hoping to set up on a weekly basis in Karasjok on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday. Pray the 3 little girls who came to the HBC will come back and take lots of friends with them.
- 23 Oct **Germany:** A considerable part of Eastern Germany belongs to the most godless areas of Europe. We ask the Lord to open doors for CEF to reach the children there with the Gospel.
- 24 **Ireland:** Leadership will be conducting visits to all our Local Committees over the next few weeks. We praise God for faithful committee members and please pray for those areas who do not have a local worker, but the committee are maintaining ministry on an ongoing basis.
- 25 **Lithuania:** Praise the Lord for 140 children plus their families who actively participated in the program at the library and in the park in eastern Lithuania (Anykščiai and Rokiškis). Praise the Lord for the Christian choir VALIO to partner with us in this outreach.
- 26 **Spain:** For all the contacts, meetings and promotions that are being carried out throughout Spain to encourage churches to hold Christmas parties. Also for the online seminar for all of Spain that will be held today.
- 27 **Britain:** Praise God for calling Philip & Denise Annett to accept the ministry role of Training Coordinators for CEF Britain. Pray for wisdom for them as they prepare to teach the next online TCE 1 course, starting Module 1 in October. Pray that this will enable more volunteers to learn how to reach children in Britain with the gospel. Pray for some to consider further training with the CMLC course next year.
- 28 **Lithuania:** Pray for a volunteer to help with the multimedia items in Lithuanian language.
- 29 **Stephen & Grace Chambers:** please pray for the 11 countries of NW Europe – pray the Lord will send out labourers into his harvest field. Pray the Lord will call those who are attending CMLC this autumn to a gospel ministry among the children.
- 30 **Norwegian Lapland:** Praise God for health and strength as well as His joy in the work here in Lapland!
- 31 **Germany:** On October 31, some churches offer an alternative programme to Halloween. We pray that many children will attend these meetings and learn something about God or enjoy celebrating the Reformation Day.

November 2024

- 1 **Estonia:** It is time to train teachers. Please pray for every Training seminar held in different towns in Estonia.
Andrew & Beulah McMullan: We thank God for open doors into schools to share His Word. Please pray as we speak in Ballygawley Primary School this morning that God will prepare the hearts of the children to hear His voice.
- 2 **Greece:** In three weekends (1-2, 8-9 and 22-23) we'll teach the TCE-1 in Athens. May this be a blessing for some new people who will get the vision to reach children with the Gospel.
- 3 **Iulian Mangalagiu (Regional Director):** We continue to pray for workers for Europe! Please pray for nationals and missionaries to take the Gospel in countries and areas where there is no ministry currently.

- 4 **Ireland:** During the first week of November the CMLC students in Ireland have their practical week. Pray that this will be an encouragement to them, as they work alongside a local worker to see ministry firsthand.
Multimedia: Today the Literature Survey classes start at the CMLC in Germany. Pray that the students will learn how to effectively use CEF literature in the ministry to reach and teach children. Pray that maybe some of them will help develop this ministry in respective languages.
Britain: As Andrew McMullan, Philip Annett and Neil Verner represent CEF ministry at the FIEC Leaders (The Good Shepherd) Conference in Blackpool, pray for them to make good contacts with church leaders and explore ways to support churches to develop partnerships with CEF to strengthen and build up their ministries to children and young people.
- 5 Nov **Greece:** Hopefully the building of the new kitchen and dining room in the CEF camp in Thessaloniki will start beginning of November. May all the works finish on time and be within budget - we pray to God to send all the needed funds.
- 6 **Portugal:** Join us in prayer for the contacts we are making for the Christmas Clubs, that the Lord may open doors of opportunity for us in those locations in the north and centre of Portugal and in the Azores and Madeira.
- 7 **Greece:** In three weekends (1-2, 8-9 and 22-23) we'll teach the TCE-1 in Athens. May this be a blessing for some new people who will get the vision to reach children with the Gospel.
- 8 **Andrew & Beulah McMullan:** We praise God for the ministry in Netherlands which celebrates 75 years this weekend. Please pray for safety as we travel there and also for wisdom as we share about the work of CEF in some churches.
- 9 **Switzerland:** On November 9, we are invited to be present with a book stand at the annual conference of the Bible confederation Switzerland. Pray that many young people and families will join the day. Ask God for strength, good contacts and conversations with attendants.
- 10 **Education (Linda Corry):** I will have the privilege of teaching at both CMLCs this month. In Ireland the 10th – 22nd of November and Germany from the 24th of November – 6th December. Pray I will know God's help and be a blessing for the students.
- 11 **Ireland:** Pray for our Ministry Leaders as they meet today to pray, plan and discuss ministry relevant to their respective departments. May the Lord give much wisdom.
Stephen & Grace Chambers: Please pray for Stephen as he teaches through the book of Galatians at CMLC in Kilkeel, Ireland. Pray the students will be gripped again by the gospel of grace and may we all be shaped for God's glory.
- 12 **Germany:** We urgently need new members for the CEF registered association as well as for the National Board. We ask the Lord to call young mature Christians to serve Him in these committees.
Stephen & Grace Chambers: please pray for contacts in Austria – that the Lord will work in us all, to recommence ministry there, in his timing.
- 13 **Portugal:** We thank God for the brothers and sisters who have volunteered to help with the translations, pray with us that we may, step by step, be able to have each curriculum with its resources available for the teachers in time. Please also pray with us for someone with the ability to work in InDesign so that we can do the editing of the material.
- 14 **Finland:** Please pray for our Christmas campaign! Ask God to let many teachers hear about our training and literature and be blessed by trying it out.

- 15 **Estonia:** Praise the Lord for many open doors to schools. Pray that we may reach more Ukrainian refugee children in Estonia.
Lithuania: Pray for the Christmas seminar mid of November and God working in the hearts of those churches that say "We don't do kids ministry because we don't have children in our churches anymore. Our children have grown up." Let God move their hearts to reach young families with children in general and go outside their church to reach children specifically.
- 16 Nov **Spain:** We thank God very much for the people who participate in the National board and for their help and guidance for the ministry in Spain. On November 16 we will have a meeting to evaluate this year and think about 2025.
- 17 **Switzerland:** We are thankful that this year there is more demand for CEF materials than last year. Please pray that workers among children will take advantage and use our materials at Christmas time.
- 18 **Cyprus:** Please, pray for the Greek children's website which reaches also many children from Cyprus. There is also a children's radio program every morning and afternoon that can be heard from everywhere in Cyprus. May God use these programs for His glory.
Britain: Pray that God will direct our steps in the GB Workers' online Zoom meeting this morning, as we review plans for Christmas Party Clubs (CPCs) and look ahead to the objectives in 2025 to explore how we can reach even more children with the Gospel.
- 19 **Sweden:** Pray for the Christmas Party Club seminars that will be held in November. Pray that many Swedish churches get involved to reach the children around Christmas.
Pray for the work with videos to Unite TV, that many children in Sweden will find this channel.
- 20 **Ireland:** our Annual General Meeting will be held with committee members. Pray for all the business that will be discussed that God will be glorified.
Britain: Pray for Colin Bennett, leading the promotion of CEF ministry in Britain during 2024, as he continues to meet with church leaders, church networks and Bible College principals. Pray that Colin will be able to explore how CEF ministry can be more widely shared with churches, Bible College students and how CEF training may be hosted at Bible Colleges.
- 21 **Multimedia:** Pray that the *Light of Life* lessons will reach every teacher that is ready to organize a Christmas Party Club. Pray for the distribution of 1 million *Light* booklets in Europe and that it could be used as a Gospel tool for children to share with other children and adults the Good News.
- 22 **Greece:** In three weekends (1-2, 8-9 and 22-23) we'll teach the TCE-1 in Athens. May this be a blessing for some new people who will get the vision to reach children with the Gospel.
- 23 **Germany:** We pray for the meeting of the National Board today. May the Lord guide all the discussions and help to make the right decisions about all the points of the agenda.
- 24 **Norwegian Lapland:** Please pray God will raise up people with a true calling for both full time ministry in Lapland as well as plenty of local Christians with a heart for volunteering at our clubs!
- 25 **Sweden:** Pray for the work with videos to Unite TV, that many children in Sweden will find this channel.
- 26 **Lithuania:** Pray for finances to print Christmas booklets "Light" and a successful distribution during this Christmas time.

- 27 **Finland:** Thank God for an "old" Bible correspondence course about the life and ministry of Paul that we have updated during the summer. Thank also for Kaisa, who is our faithful correspondence course lady. Please pray that our two different courses would help many children to know Christ and grow as Christians.
Britain: Pray for the National Committee, meeting on zoom today, as we consider how to grow and develop ministry in Britain and complete the updating of our child protection policy and safeguarding procedures. Pray that the promotion and training initiatives will all enable more girls and boys to be reached with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.
- 28 Nov **Greece:** Please, pray for more children's workers in Athens (half the population of Greece, 5 million people- one million children). Sotiria Dino, the CEF worker of five years just resigned. We bless her and wish her God's guidance in whatever else God will bring into her life.
- 29 **Spain:** At the end of this month, the online TCE1 course that we are carrying out and where 23 students participate will end. May God put in the hearts of all of them the desire to share the Gospel with the children of all of Spain.
- 30 **Education (Linda Corry):** Continue to pray for the revision of the Summer Outreach Training Course for use on a European level. Pray especially for wisdom in knowing how to restructure the course in shorter modules which will make it a more versatile and flexible course to meet the needs of our CEF teams in Europe.

Many thanks for your prayerful interest and support!!