January 2026

The following prayer requests are from CBF field personnel who are the presence of Christ around the world. As a "prayer associate" committed to praying for CBF missions and ministries on a regular basis, you are a partner, colleague and companion. Thank you for your support.

To think about:

"May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy."

-Franciscan Blessing

Janée Angel, Outreach to Arabic Speakers, Antwerp, Belgium

Please pray for the Arabic speaking church in Belgium. Pray for locations for our churches to meet as this is a challenge in Belgium. Pray for a new year of ministry in Belgium among Arabs. Pray for our partnership with other Arabic speakers to have a unified vision and good communication to work together as a team.

Karen Alford, Medical Ministry, Togo, West Africa

Please pray that 2026 start in a positive, life-giving way for everyone world-wide. Pray for world leadership and safety for immigrants and refugees. Pray for several people with cancer. Pray for my dog who got spayed but had some complications. Pray for my new car which had its first major breakdown

Kim Wyatt, Welcome House for Refugees, Raleigh, NC

Thank you for joining us in praying as many of our international friends heard about the Love of God through Christ Jesus for the first time this Christmas season. Pray that they will continue in this new year to experience "God with us."

Pray for our friend that has been in detention for 16 months. We celebrate that she won her hearing in mid-December. Truly a miracle!! Hallelujah!! Please pray that every possible barrier that would delay her from being released by mid-January will be torn down and that she will join her family soon.

Pray for the international women taking the Strengthening Families course. Pray that the skills they learn will assist them and their families in caring for themselves in body, mind, and soul.

Pray that the fear rampant in our land will be replaced with the Love for God that shows itself as

we love our neighbors. Join me in praying - Lord, direct me in the way I should go. Lord, may I stand with my neighbors and community in times of trouble.

Lita and Rick Sample, Ministry Among Internationals, San Francisco Bay Area, CA

Please pray for Mustafa, a young Afghan man who has participated in several things with us. He is working as a substitute teacher. Please pray that he gets a permanent job soon. He recently had foot surgery and is still recovering at home. Please pray that he fully recovers.

We had about 300 Afghans participate in our annual Afghan Christmas party. They heard the gospel message and received Christmas gifts. They also seemed to really enjoy the fellowship with our Christian participants. Please pray that God's Spirit will inspire them to understand the true meaning of Christmas as they go into the new year.

Pray for the Afghan refugees and their families which we engage with regularly to lead productive lives as immigrants in America. Afghanistan is in so much turmoil and constantly in crisis; pray for peace in Afghanistan and pray for the Prince of Peace to show Himself to Afghans worldwide.

Kirk and Suzie, Bible Literacy and Translation, Southeast Asia

Please pray for Somchai and the B believers as they follow up with neighbors. Both villages distributed bags of useful items to every household and offered prayer as a part of a Christmas outreach. Pray for hearts to be open to what they have heard and observed—the Good News of abundant life in Jesus. Pray for the conflict along the Thai/Cambodian border to be resolved and for lasting peace to prevail. Pray for the church in both countries to be salt and light during this troubled season of conflict and loss of life.

O Lord, we celebrate your goodness over the year that has gone by and trust you for the year to come. Bless the believers among the B people as they celebrate this new year. May they grow deeper in the knowledge and wisdom of Christ, bearing witness to all that you offer us in this life and the next.

Jade and Shelah Acker, Ministry to Those Affected by War and Conflict, Kampala, Uganda

Pray for the children of Shelah and Jade Acker that they may remain close to Christ as they attend school.

Brooke and Mike, Theological Education and Hospitality, Waco, TX and Indonesia

January means a new semester is here. Please pray for our incoming students at Baylor and in Indonesia. Pray that this would be a time not only of learning, but of finding fellowship and a family of faith.

This month, we will soft-launch our ministry to students at Baylor. Please pray for the logistics and for those to whom God has called us to serve alongside.

Eddie Aldape, Center of Hope, Almería, Spain

I love that our God is one of new beginnings—starting a new year is always an opportunity to start something new or recommit to something. Pray as we rededicate ourselves for His kingdom work. Pray for those we cross paths with. Pray that our reflection of Him may shine through everything we do.

Jonathan Bailey, Ministry Through the Arts, Bali, Indonesia

Pray for the health and strength of my father, now 93 years old and living in South Carolina, and all the surviving parents and family of CBF Field Personnel who live so far away from us.

Tina Boyles Bailey, Arts Ministry, Graz, Austria

Pray for international women seeking community in Graz and for me as I serve them.

Rick Burnette, Immigrant Farmworker Ministry, Immokalee, FL

Pray for a volunteer team from Chandler Baptist of Liberty, MO who will engage with farmworker families in Immokalee and LaBelle over two weeks while assisting the efforts of Cultivate Abundance, Misión Peniel, and Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de LaBelle.

Pray for the ministry of our local partner, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de LaBelle.

Continue to pray for the Immokalee farmworker community as residents are highly vulnerable to unjust treatment as a result of the national mass deportation policy.

Annette Ellard, Ministry Among Burmese Refugees, Louisville, KY

As you celebrate the beginning of the new year, pray for new beginnings for refugees from Burma and other places experiencing war and displacement. Pray for those struggling to make a new life in refugee camps or in third countries offering them a permanent home. Pray for refugees everywhere to be welcomed and treated well as God commands.

Praise God for the Louisville Evangelical Baptist Church (formerly the Louisville Chin Church) and its many years of partnership in our ministry. Pray for their church leadership and pastors. Pray especially for the youth pastor as he seeks to engage young people and provide spiritual guidance and pastoral care. Pray that God will continue to bless the witness and ministry of the church.

Carson and Laura Foushee, Ministry to Internationals, Kanazawa, Japan

January 1st marks the second anniversary of the Noto Earthquake that caused death and damage in the Noto Peninsula, located in the northern part of our prefecture. We have been blessed to participate in response work alongside other Christians, especially Japan Baptist Convention regional churches. Please pray for those affected in the Noto Peninsula. Many still grieve the sudden loss of loved ones. Thousands still reside in temporary housing with most of those being senior citizens. Pray that these who continue to experience such hardship not only find physical comfort, but that the comfort we share at the "Warmth Cafe" and that others are offering through their service to these in need helps them to know they are eternally loved by God.

Jessica Hearne, Urban Farm and Food Advocacy Ministry, Danville, VA

Pray for those in our neighborhoods who cannot afford to pay their utility bills, that resources will be available to help them stay warm.

Scarlette Jasper, Rural Poverty and Family Ministries, Appalachia, KY

Pray for those receiving emergency shelter and a hot meal through the White Flag Winter Relief Ministry. Pray that those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity can stabilize and obtain the specific resources they need.

Pray for those struggling with addiction that they will take the necessary steps toward recovery and have access to resources.

Pray for me as I provide mental health counseling to children, teens, individuals, couples, and families struggling with anxiety, depression, grief, and relationships.

Pray for my family as they travel out of the country. Pray for my daughter, Amoreena, as she celebrates her birthday.

Pray about the discord in our country.

Karen Zimmerman, University Student Ministry, Waco, TX

Pray for that this new academic term would be full of growth, challenge, and peace for students.
Pray for students who have been newly appointed to leadership of the Open Table ministry.
Pray for students who will be participating in the Open Table ministry for the first time this semester.

Jana Lee, Ministry to Displaced Persons, Larnaca, Cyprus

Pray that refugees and asylum seekers entering the new year will find renewed hope. Ask for strength as

they navigate bureaucracy, housing, and family separation, and for local communities in Cyprus to welcome them with compassion.

Alicia and Jeff Lee, Agricultural Development and Ministry of Presence, Skopje, Macedonia

Pray for the work of our friend, Dusko and the Food Bank of Macedonia as they seek to address food scarcity and hunger needs across the country.

Pray for continued development with agricultural partners, and preparation for the spring planting season.

Matt and Michelle Norman, Sr. Directors of Field Ministry and Leadership Development, Barcelona, Spain

Pray for Pastor Xavi as he pastors The Redeemer Baptist church in Sabadell. Pray for his family and for the church he leads.

Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, Ministry to Ukrainians, Kraków, Poland

Please pray for the end of the war in Ukraine. Please pray for the people whom we counsel in Ukraine.

Brittany and Casey Ramirez, Global Migration Partners, Baguio, Philippines

Please continue to pray for our English ministry to the overseas Chinese community here in Baguio.

Global Missions Team

Join us in prayer for new partnerships with congregations, gifts to the Offering for Global Missions and for increased growth in our Latin America Strategy.

January Birthday Calendar

(*CH)- Chaplain; (FP)- Field Personnel; (GSC)- Global Service Corps; (PC)- Pastoral counselor; (FPC)- Child of field personnel; (S)- CBF staff member*

1 Sam Bandela, Emeritus (EP)
1 Rebecca Brown, Elizabethtown, KY (CH)
1 Al Dean, Durham, NC (CH)
1 Varughese Jacob, Houston, TX (CH)
1 Christina Pryor-Pittman, Lexington, SC (CH)
2 Rick Bennett (S-Tennessee)
2 Emi Brand, Orlando, FL (CH)
2 Tammy Stocks, Emeritus (FP)
3 Christopher Bowers, Powhatan, VA (PC)
3 William McCann, Madisonville, KY (CH)
4 Joshua Hickman, Crete, Greece (CH)
4 Scott Hudgins (S-North Carolina)
5 Richard Durham, Mount Pleasant, NC (CH)
5 Charles Kirby, Hendersonville, NC (CH)
5 Kevin Lynch, Spartanburg, SC (PC)
5 Calvin McIver, Sacramento, CA (CH)
5 Linda Serino, Memphis, TN (CH)
6 Larry Hardin, Topeka, KS (CH)
6 Santiago Reales, Winston Salem, NC (CH)
7 Richard Catlett, Richmond, VA (CH)
8 Ellen Burnette, Emeritus (FP)
8 Luis Caiza, Elizabethtown, KY (CH)
8 Rachel Hill, Shelby, NC (CH)
8 Ethan Lee, 2009, Macedonia (FPC)
9 Bill Cayard, Emeritus (FP)
9 Paul Hamilton, Lodge, SC (CH)
9 Jeffrey Perkins, Westchester, OH (CH)
10 Melody Harrell, Emeritus (FP)
10 Jill Zimmer, Columbia, TN (CH)
11 Michael Gerace, Baker City, OR (CH)
11 Timothy Morgan, Pensacola, FL (CH)
11 Ed Waldrop, Augusta, GA (CH)
12 Neil Cochran, Greenville, SC (CH)
12 Phillip C. Moody, Lexington, KY (CH)
12 Scott Smallwood, Englewood, FL (CH)
13 Katie Dean, Atlanta, GA (CH)
13 Dianne McNary, Little Rock, AR (S-CBF Global)
14 Thomas Cantwell, Paducah, KY (CH)
15 Ian Bell, Louisville, KY (CH)
15 Keith Ethridge, Belton, TX (CH-Ret.)
15 John Foxworth, El Paso, TX (CH-Ret.)
15 Janie Powell, Lexington, KY (CH)
16 David Hormenoo, Durham, NC (CH)
16 Grace Sykes, Lincolnton, NC (CH)
17 Matthew Hanzelka, Round Rock, TX (CH)
17 Aaron Norman, 2005, Spain (FPC)
17 Glenn Norris, Sherwood, AR (CH)
18 William Beaver, Augusta, GA (CH)

18 Jeanell Cox, Cary, NC (CH)
18 Justin Nelson, Mount Airy, NC (CH)
19 Kaelah-Joy Acker, 2008, Uganda (FPC)
19 Kelly Adams (S-CBF Global)
19 Jackie Ward, Goshen, KY (CH)
19 Lyndsay Williams, Chesterfield, MO (CH)
20 Marshall Gupton, Smyrna, TN (CH)
20 Kevin Morgan, Pisgah Forest, NC (CH)
20 Paul Tolbert, Camp Atterbury, IN (CH)
21 George Francis, Tampa, FL (CH)
22 Jim Hylton (S-North Carolina)
22 Bruce Moore, Barrington, IL (CH)
23 Richard Atkinson, Bastrop, TX (CH)
23 Deborah Fortune, Columbia, SC (CH)
23 Brent Raitz, Cleveland, OH (CH)
23 Trevor Wilson, Malmstrom, MT (CH)
24 Stephen Reeves (S-Fellowship Southwest)
25 Mich, Emeritus (FP)
25 Chris Nagel, Houston, TX (CH)
26 Tina Hall, Manassas, VA (CH)
27 Darrell Bare, Charleston, SC (CH)
27 Stacey Cruze, Georgetown KY (PC)
27 Ben Sandford, Alexandria, VA (CH)
28 Chuck Ahlemann, Des Moines, IA (CH)
28 Marcia Henry-Day, Griffin, GA (CH)
29 Christopher Bowers, Powhatan, VA (CH)
29 Zachary Brand, Orlando, FL (CH)
29 Glen Foster (S-West)
29 Darryl Jefferson, Charlotte, NC (CH)
29 Colton Sims, Jacksonville, FL (CH)
30 Matthew Benorden, Lawrence, KS (CH)
30 Hal Ritter, Waco, TX (PC)
30 Nathan Rogers, Anchorage, AK (CH)
31 Rebecca Adrian, Irving, TX (CH)
31 John Manuel, Fort Hood, TX (CH)
31 Paul Smith, San Diego, CA (CH)