



• PRAYER WEEK •

22ND TO 29TH OF MAY 2022

Welcome to the Latin Link 2022 Week of Prayer!

As we look at the needs of the world around us, in all its complexity, we may easily react similarly to Habakkuk:

*How long, O LORD, must I call for help?
But you do not listen!
"Violence is everywhere!" I cry,
but you do not come to save.
Must I forever see these evil deeds?
Why must I watch all this misery?
Wherever I look,
I see destruction and violence.
I am surrounded by people
who love to argue and fight.*

- Habakkuk 1: 2-3, NLT

Pandemic, inequality, war, corruption: all of this can make us despair. Even on a smaller scale, we see relationship breakdown, sickness and need. It can be overwhelming. And it is right for us to join with Habakkuk in pleading to God for justice and action. He hears our honest cries and mourns with us for all that has been lost. His presence in the suffering comforts us. But we can also join Habakkuk in hearing God's reply:

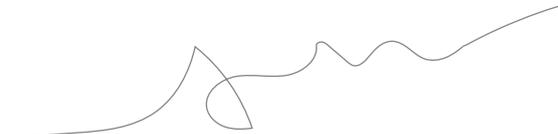
*"Look around at the nations;
look and be amazed!
For I am doing something in your own day,
something you wouldn't believe
even if someone told you about it.*

- Habakkuk 1: 5, NLT

God is doing something unexpected in our world. He is showing himself in new and different ways to what we have seen in the past. So let's open our eyes anew to the nations, to see the glimpses of God's handiwork, the sparks of light and hope in dark places. As we pray throughout this week for the very real needs in the different countries, let's also praise God and celebrate the good things that we see in our own ministries and others.

SUNDAY 22ND MAY





MONDAY 23RD

GUATEMALA & MEXICO

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For the Guatemalan church to mobilise to help those in the community most affected by the pandemic.
2. For congregations to return to church after the pandemic. Many believers are not returning to church, and revival is needed.
3. For the situation of violence and crime in Mexico. That amid everything, let there be justice and that people recognise that they need God and seek him.
4. For the advancement of church planting in Mexico, may God begin to bring non-believers to the doors of the churches.

NETHERLANDS

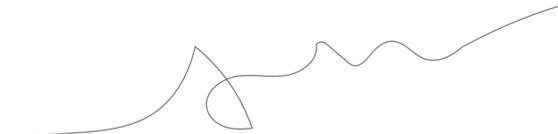
PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. We are looking for more people who can support the new mission of Latin Link Netherlands, especially Latin people. And prayers for all the people who are supporting Latin Link.
2. For the new structure in the organization and the transition to this new structure.
3. For the new missions, Latin Spots and Latin Cafe's.

CONSULTATION TEAM

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For the leading of the Holy Spirit in appointing an external consultant to walk with Latin Link as we listen to God and each other. May we select the person or people God wants, who will have the time, energy, skills and knowledge to understand and challenge us.
 2. Also pray that all members will be and feel included in this process, for good engagement and for all of us, for open hearts and minds.
 3. Additionally, Latin Link International will be inviting several people to be part of an International Advisory Board, to help us better listen to the Latin American Church on an ongoing basis. Pray for wisdom as we consider who to invite and that the right people would receive the invite with joy and be excited to take on this role.
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TUESDAY 24TH

CENTRAL AMERICA SOUTH

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. May the kingdom of God come with its justice in Nicaragua; believers seek this justice and act in response to this.
2. May the people of God in Nicaragua rise and be salt and light, and may there be revival.
3. For an evangelistic movement amid the churches in Costa Rica. For wisdom and strategy to share the gospel in these difficult times.
4. For the new government that has just started. Costa Rica has many challenges such as unemployment, drug trafficking, violence, cost of living, Etc. Pray that the government finds answers.

SPAIN

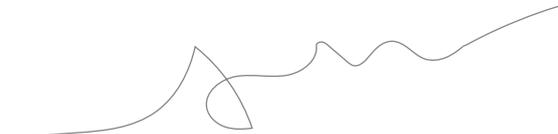
PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. That more Spaniards can hear and responds to God's personal calling to mission at home and overseas.
2. Give thanks for the faithfulness of the evangelicals in Spain. Many are of Latin American origin. Although estimated at only 1% of population there are many ministries throughout Spain that are impacting the community.
3. Give thanks that unemployment has fallen recently from 27% in 2013 to 13.3% at the end of last year. Pray for the challenges of how to work forward on the ongoing issues of national unity relating to Catalanian moves to become independent.

MEMBER CARE TEAM

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. That God would strengthen and encourage our members, and also that they would seek to care for themselves, enjoy the blessing of Christian community and strive to grow in resilience.
 2. For each of our member care facilitators, that they would grow in knowledge and wisdom and that God would be their help as they engage in conversations with our members.
 3. For our members who are going through transition and change this year, that they would grow in their relationship with God through these experiences.
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WEDNESDAY 25TH

COLOMBIA

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. The elections for president are on May 29. There is a lot of tension and fear.
2. The border areas with Venezuela experience violence from groups and guerrillas that carry out violence in Colombia and then withdraw behind the border into Venezuelan territory.
3. We are in the rainy season with its implications of floods, avalanches, landslides and others.

SWITZERLAND

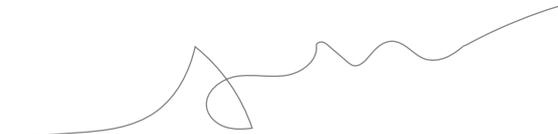
PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For the current situation in the Swiss office. We are looking for a person to do administrative work and accounting for donations. Also, someone to coordinate public relations and social media.
2. For wisdom and creativity to reach millennials and encourage them to take short-term mission trips.
3. For a strategy on how we as a mission (and others) can strengthen the vision in world mission churches.

MOBILIZATION TEAM

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. Let's pray for the call to mobilization, for understanding the importance and responsibility to promote mobilization from and to Latin America to the rest of the world.
 2. Let's pray for opportunities for mobilization within the Latin Link teams, that we can have mobilizers in each country where Latin Link serves by 2026.
 3. Let's pray for spiritual support for the mobilization, for understanding the importance of prayer in the task of mobilization, we not only need mobilizers, above all we need intercessors.
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THURSDAY 26TH

ECUADOR

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. On 29th April, the president Guillermo Lasso, declared a 60 day state of emergency in 3 provinces of the country – Guayas, Manabí and Esmeraldas – where there has been a significant rise in violent crime, due at least in part to gangs and drug trafficking. Pray for God to bring peace and order into the situation.
2. For the children, teenagers and university students returning to in-person classes, after 2 years of classes on-line during the pandemic, that God would help them to catch up with all the education they have lost.
3. For the economic situation of the country as a whole and of individual families as well – prices of petrol, raw materials for construction, and some food items, are rising, and many people who lost their jobs during the pandemic are finding it difficult to make a living.

BRITAIN AND IRELAND

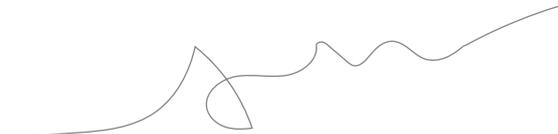
PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. Please pray that God inspires more people to serve Him on Step and Stride and that suitable placements can be found for them.
2. Please pray for the whole of the B&I team, that our work would be fruitful and that the Lord will bless us with the funds we need to His work.
3. Please pray for the churches in the UK as they face the challenges of going back to in person services and activities.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For International Communications Team. May God give us wisdom, direction, creativity and patience to invite the right people and build the team.
 2. For good connections and conversations with the different teams in each country, to unify communication efforts and identify the needs of each team /context in terms of communication.
 3. For effective communication strategies. For discernment, wisdom and creativity to create and carry them out.
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FRIDAY 27TH

PERU

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For the president, Pedro Castillo and his government. Pray for more unity in government and for good and creative ideas to get the country out of the current political crisis.
2. For protection, justice and healing for the high percentage of children who are raped daily in Peru, also for the women who have been sexual harassed and/or raped.
3. For a united and compassionate church, that knows how to help and comfort those in their community and beyond. For leaders with integrity in all areas of their life.

SOUTHERN CONE

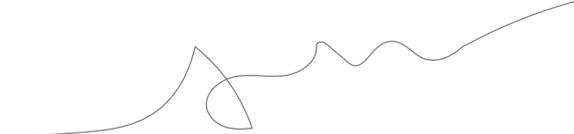
PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For wisdom for leaders to guide the nation out of the current economic crisis. May God help us protect all those struggling during this challenging and difficult time; provide for their needs, and give them hope.
2. We give thanks for the Christians that provided pastoral and physical care. Helped people deal with the ills associated with the pandemic, such as depression, anxiety, relational stresses, panic attacks and even suicide attempts. Pray for churches and more workers to serve society with holistic aid.
3. Pray for wisdom for the church leaders; they are evaluating what they have learned during the pandemic, how activities need to be adjusted and what needs to be discontinued. The Argentina Evangelical Alliance (ACIERA) has recently returned to facilitating meetings for church leaders in all provinces; pray for these face-to-face meetings with church workers. May they will be challenged and inspired to learn, study and develop continuously.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS & TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. Wisdom to support leadership transitions.
 2. Gather a Connect Group of young leaders.
 3. Updating the Intranet that allows the development of new functions. Some technical difficulties need to be resolved.
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SATURDAY 28TH

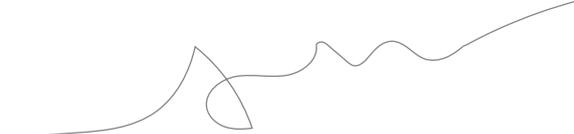
TEAMLIFE & DIASPORA

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For the different ways we are piloting that should enable members to connect together – that they would be encouraging ways to express community
2. For wisdom in the development and roll out of different courses and tools that will help our teams put our values into practice.
3. For our Latin Link International Prayer meeting today. For good digital connections and for a great time together.

As we support and enhance our existing team life, we also want to make space for developing new partnership work amongst and through migrant populations. This may call for different mindsets and structures, as we join in with what God is already doing.

- For insight and wisdom across our teams as we discern new opportunities in Latin Link
 - For God's provision of members and partnership to develop new initiatives.
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SUNDAY 29TH

BOLIVIA

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. Bolivia is currently going through a period of relative political stability; the restrictions and uncertainty surrounding the pandemic have notably reduced in the last 2 months which means churches and ministries are in the process of reconnecting with people. Please pray that people will be energized and encouraged to come back to church and to serve in ministries again.
2. The economy of Bolivia still seems to be affected by the global events and means many are still struggling to support themselves and their families.
3. Please pray for the Bolivia team as they are going through a process of transition and appoint a new leadership team.

BRAZIL

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

1. For the Brazilian church to grow in maturity, unity, in understanding of the word and of biblical ethics, to be bold in confronting sin and to resist the temptation to exchange political support for resources and power.
 2. Brazil's presidential elections are scheduled for October 2022. There is much apprehension about these, since the last two elections have seen growing polarisation, and hostilities have only grown since then. Please pray that they would take place, that they would be free and fair, and that the results would be accepted by all parties. Pray that the Brazilian church would display integrity throughout the election period, and respond with wisdom and courage to unfolding events.
 3. For Latin Link Brazil to grow as a sending and receiving team.
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Thanks!

Thank you for joining us in prayer this week. It has been a joy to stand together before God as we lift up one another and the situations where we serve.

*"The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face towards you
and give you peace."*

- Numbers 6: 24 -26
