

# Prayer guide

February | 2026

**1 New Beginnings** Praise God for the Seasons and cycles of the world He has created, for new days and new years that allow us to reset and refocus on Him. Pray for all of those involved with ISVNZ – partners, staff, council – and those journeying towards involvement, that in this new year they would “overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”. Give thanks for His provision in years past and ask that He would continue to provide for the year to come, and give us all wisdom to know our part.

## NZ-Based | Aotearoa

**2 Esther and Paul, Joshua, Rina, Caleb and Jubilee (Ministry Outreach)** Thank Father for our meaningful time at the EASP conference. Little Changs stayed in NZ with Paul’s mother. Pray that we will hear Father’s voice and follow it. Pray for a brother (broken background) who is willing to be baptised! Pray for God’s comfort for the journey with people who are broken in NZ, so they may experience God’s Shalom.

**3 Jan and Johannes (International Prayer Coordinator, Global Partnerships, Research and Discernment)** Thanks for your faithful prayers in 2025! The Conference and Silent Retreat in Greece were a genuine blessing. Please pray for a mid-Feb gathering in Thailand where we both will serve in member care, retreat, and




leadership/governance. Pray for a number of prayer initiatives we're working towards in 2026, for discernment and connections. And for bigger-picture ideas, health, and faithful practice as we realign our m-journey forward. May Jesus shine in and through us!

**4 Anna (People Care)** We are encouraged and give thanks for the steady trickle of enquirers and applicants. Please pray that this would continue and grow. Pray for discernment and wisdom for me and for our personnel team as we seek to place people in locations and roles where they will flourish in their service for God’s kingdom.

**5 Cynthia and Graham (National Leaders | Business and Administration)** Graham is in India from 1st - 24th Feb for the launch of the MYG Hindi New Testament. He will visit Tim and Sarah in the neighbouring country, and the Good Word Projects. Please pray for our new curriculum writer for Grihashiksha - Home Schooling. She has a big task to complete the material by the end of this year. Pray for our daughter, Sophie, who completed her Masters and starts a teaching role this month, and our son, Scott, who finished walking the North Island section of the Te Araroa Track and has returned to

# 30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

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university. Please pray as we advertise for a Finance Administrator for the office, and staff to fill the Communications and Operations space.

**6 Liza and Richard, Alana and Rohan (Creation Care)** Mongolia Trip - giving thanks for 5 interested, need 3 more ideally. Please pray for a team to come together by end of Jan. Pray for a new Creation Care book study group that is being planned for Mongolia Team and others, for this to be formational. Please pray for Iran, for GOD to be at work in this crisis. Our mosaic project is progressing - a full design has been created by a Persian artist. The group are very worried for what is happening in their country and ask for prayer. Pray for our online CC partners conference that we are planning for early May - for programme content/themes, speakers and partners' availability to join, and dates and times to all come together.

**7 Rachael (ESOL)** Pray for the beginning of KiwiTalk conversation class and the official start of KiwiTalk kids alongside the adult class. Praise God that we have a facilitator for the kids' programme, but we still need another person to assist her for 2 hours on Saturday mornings. Praise God for connections made with several Sri Lankan families in the local community.

**8 Charles (People Care)** I'm thankful for a good Christmas break and good connections with friends and family. Please pray for wisdom and careful transition planning for our team as I retire from my role at Interserve at the end of April. Please pray for wisdom and care as I am more involved in the leadership of my church fellowship this year.

**9 Hongkyu (Ministry Outreach)** Pray for Hongkyu that Jesus would guide his daily steps, grace-filling and blessing his time with extended family and work commitments.



## EXPLORE ● DISCOVER ● ENGAGE

An opportunity to explore God's work



### MONGOLIA

**3-21 AUG 2026**

Creation Care focus

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### INDIA

**26 SEPT-10 OCT 2026**

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### CAMBODIA

**2-22 JAN 2027**

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**10 Bruce (Ministry Outreach)** The home country of many of our network is struggling with street protests and the government crackdown. This involves the families we engage with, so we pray for wisdom and understanding as these events unfold. And that each couple or individual involved will not turn away from the Lord because things don't go the way they want them to.

**11 International Fellowship** Pray for Lyn and Chris, our International Co-Directors, and their families, as they face many challenges and opportunities and have a busy travel schedule for 2026. Pray for the yearlong prayerful lead-up to our 4 yearly global Leadership Consultation in November. Pray for our teams in the ME amidst heightened tension and disruption; pray for safety, but also opportunities to live and share the Good News of Jesus.

**12 John and Grace (Ministry outreach)** Pray for John and Grace as they work in the HHF team to support, care pastorally and guide those being drawn into His family. Pray the family's needs would be met in full and for health and grace on each member of the family.

**13 Melanie (Finance)** I'm thankful for a very refreshing and wonderful time with our children and grandchildren in Lower Hutt. We're also celebrating and giving thanks for the birth of Tiaki in December – a wee brother for our whanau baby Mohi who passed away in October 2024. Please pray for our partners as they start a new year, especially the Fitters as they settle into their placement.

**14 Anne (People Care)** Please pray as the year gets into full swing that I can draw deeply from His strength and hear His voice clearly, guiding all I do. I'm thankful for a refreshing Christmas holiday with family.

**15 Drew and Nadine, Makarios, Jericho and Zebedee (Ministry Outreach)** Pray for a series of outdoor picnics with our neighbours in Auckland parks this month, a great opportunity to welcome new friends and build on existing friendship with BBQs, games, and story sharing. Pray for the boys as they begin a new journey at school and Kindy (Year 3 for Maka, Year 1 for Jericho and starting Kindy for Zebedee). Pray for our Persian friends as they are mourning yet hoping for brighter future soon.



**16 Kelly (People Care)** Praise God for a peaceful and restful break and joyful celebrations. Pray my heart would be filled with the Father's peace and joy this year, and for my thoughts and actions to be centred on Him. Please pray for our partners in unsettled locations and constant transition to know His peace and presence. And for new enquirers and applicants, that we would have His wisdom and discernment as we journey with them.

**17 Council (Annette, Sue, Jeshuran, Jon, Kim, Gordon, Jordie, Daniel, Conrad)** Council meets for its first meeting of 2026 on Saturday March 14th. Please pray for us as we engage with the responsibilities of our governance role. Please pray that God will provide all that is needed for this year, in particular that finances and staffing needs will be met, and new Partners moved into mission. We give thanks for our national leaders and office staff.

## East Asia

**18 Paul and Helen (Language learning/Program Director)** We are very thankful for the welcome here. We are enjoying provision for all our needs. We are sleeping a lot as we adjust to the climate and altitude. Very thankful for a comfy bed and couch! We had 2 weeks of full-time language study in January which was a challenge. Pray we will be able to retain and use well what we learned.

## Central Asia

**19 Naomi (Language Learning)** Please pray for ongoing progress with language, and for continued growth of friendships. Please also pray for guidance for this next year regarding the language learning/work balance.

## Southeast Asia

**20 Sharon and Shaun, E, W and A (Home Assignment)** We are thankful for friends who have hosted us on our return to NZ on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and for a rental to move into soon. Pray for the kids as they start school, for positive school friends, and for the transition to a new school culture. The last few months have been very unsettled, pray for a season of stability and a sense of "home". Pray for Sharon's new job which starts mid Feb and for next steps in finalising Shaun's potential role/s. We are all grieving for our other home and friends in SE Asia but also enjoying reconnecting with friends in Hawkes Bay. Pray for peace in this transition time.

## Arab World

**21 Nina (Nurse)** Pray for this region with unpredictable politics and civil unrest, as well as the continued conflict between our neighbours and the local militia. Recently we have seen escalation of strikes from our neighbours again. Please pray for the displaced people who live in refugee camps. Pray for food, blankets, and fuel to help them keep warm in the cold winter. Pray also for the new wave of displaced families coming in the region again from our northerly neighbours. Pray the church and those in ministry will be able to respond in a meaningful way to those who are in need.

**22 Angela and Tim, Adelaide, Louis and Theo (National Team Leader, and Teacher)** We're grateful for re-creation over the Christmas break, and to have been mostly in good health for the winter so far. Pray we'll navigate the next few cold months in a similar fashion. Pray for Holy Spirit leading for our team as we work out some strategic, longer-term plans. Pray for the region after recent tensions to the north and east of us, and the ongoing need for better access to aid in G'za.



## Keen to pray with others?

### Join our Online Prayer Group...

We'd love you to join our online prayer group on a Wednesday evening, at **7:30 pm** for **45 minutes**.

Our next gathering will be:

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30 pm**

Being online, **anyone in New Zealand** can pray for Interserve and its people.

**If you'd like to join this group**, please email [charles@interserve.org.nz](mailto:charles@interserve.org.nz) and we'll send you the meeting link.

**23 Karina and Jeremy, Lucas, Caspian and Zoe (Language learning)** We are grateful for the recent AWAC conference in Greece, for the time to meet with others in our region, and enjoy community, encouragement and care. Pray for Jeremy's ESL conversation classes and the developing community centre in our local church, that it will be an encouragement for the neighbourhood. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we build new relationships. Pray for ongoing language learning – this month Karina is doing an intensive medical Arabic course. Pray we will have more and more encouraging moments of language coming smoothly. Pray for the kids as they settle into the rhythms of the new year, and for wisdom and strength as we parent, coach and guide them each day.

## South Asia

**24 Jo (Teacher)** It has been great spending time with my parents and catching up with others. Please pray that my sisters and I may make wise decisions about my parents' needs/support.

**25 Tim and Sarah, Zoe and Eve (PhD Study in Creation Care and Language Learning)** We are grateful for provision of a more suitable flat to move into, and for the short break at a

national park over the school holidays. Also, for the many visitors to the Christmas service – pray that they would feel prompted to come along to our fellowship again. Please pray for our conversations and connections with expats and locals keen to gather around shared passion for creation care.

**26 Sarah (ECE Teacher)** Please pray for peace around the election (held Feb 12<sup>th</sup>) and the results. Pray for good connections in parent teacher meetings and comfort for one of our families who lost a baby. Pray for wisdom for those in new leadership roles making key decisions.

## West Asia/Europe

**27 Lily (Language Learning)** Pray for expats from neighbouring countries – Africans, Indians (medical students), Ukrainians, Iranians, Israelis, Turks – for opportunities to hear the Good News. Pray for good ability to learn the local language, and good relationships with people. Please pray for the English Bible Study which is developing. And remember my children, that they would walk with Jesus.

**28 Allen and Liz (Outreach)** We PRAISE GOD for: our granddaughters growing strong and healthy; for the amazing ways we are seeing God's provision; the Red Cross refugee resettlement team that we can meet in Dunedin. PLEASE PRAY for: the timing and organization of visiting our support team throughout NZ fitting together well with the support of our family in Dunedin; ongoing accommodation during our Home Assignment, and for wisdom as we try to organise a long term home base in Dunedin; an increase in our financial support – we are currently at approximately 90% of what we need.