

United Methodist Women Prayer Guide  
Prayer requests for January 1-7, 2023

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Please pass this onto your UW in Faith/circle members, as we all pray for mission sites in Alaska, Republic of Georgia, California, Texas, Global, and Japan; our UW in Faith hands are serving all over the world!

**Reflection:** "The past two or more years of COVID-19 have made me cling to the message in I Corinthians 10:13, 'God is faithful, (God) will not let you be tested beyond your strength...' So true. The whole world got a shock regarding how vulnerable we all are. I lost many friends, family, and neighbors. Watching the local and world news became so depressing. In the midst of this, I am reminded that God is faithful and will continue to be faithful. I am comforted to know that God is supreme, caring, just, and upright.

As traveling became challenging, I relied on zoom, emails, and other modes of media to do work, worship, and to converse with friends and family. God makes a way where there seems to be no way. I give glory to God for being there for us. With all the challenges, God will always be great, and God's love endures forever." Grace Musuka, UWF Regional Missionary serving in Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.

**Mission Focus:**

**January 1:** AK Child & Family, Anchorage, Alaska.

**January 2:** Tbilisi Youth House Foundation (TYHF), Republic of Georgia.

**January 3:** Fund "Elijah Collective" of First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista, Chula Vista, California, offering professional development to youth.

**January 4:** Krystal West, scholarship recipient pursuing a Spiritual Development Certification at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas.

**January 5:** Abundant Health, Global

**January 6:** Tengokuya Café (Heaven's Café), Japan

**January 7:** Amarillo Wesley Community Center, Amarillo, Texas.

Birthdays of the Week: Amalia Bakhit, Amber Kupfer, Imelda De Los Santos, Julie Smith, Lorraine Charinda, Mary Melvin, Melanie Dewey, Michael Gurick, Ruth Serquina, Sara Albert, Sharon Brignon

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Prayer requests for January 8-14, 2023

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**Reflection:** "I celebrate God's faithfulness in my ministry as I am able to roll with the changes that come my way through each thing I do throughout the day.

As I ventured out for my day one Friday – my car was packed with newsletters to drop off at a volunteer's home, tools and supplies to repair a porch with four volunteers, and in the trunk a change of clothes and shoes, as well as presentation material. I was dressed in my heavy snow pants and winter coat to help the volunteers repair the porch, left for a lunchtime presentation – changing clothes at a friend's home on the way, returned to the porch worksite after the presentation as the volunteers reloaded my car with tools, since they had just finished. Then I took them out to lunch and ventured on to deliver the newsletters for another volunteer to prepare for mailing. Several aspects of ministry all in one day of missions!

That's what 'blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape' is all about!" Katie Peterson, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, Church and Community Worker, Director of Eastbrook Mission Barn, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

**Mission Focus:**

**January 8:** Atlantic Street Center, Seattle Washington.

**January 9:** Grassroots International, Palestine.

**January 10:** Encinitas Project Chacocente Ministries, Lexington, Massachusetts, advances the dignity, freedom, health, and joy of people in rural Nicaragua through education, faith, infrastructure, and relationships.

**January 11:** Sandra Melissa Strozier, scholarship recipient pursuing a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

**January 12:** Aid for the Coordination of Volunteers to Cuba, Cuba.

**January 13:** Water@Work: Clean Water in the Dominican Republic, Dominican Republic.

**January 14:** JAlliance Center for Education, Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Birthdays of the Week:** Amanda M. Hutchinson, Anna Troy, Cornelia Wieck, Emily Hartman, Eunha (Grace)Choi, Fawn McCallister, Harsha Mehta, Jane Grays, Lisa Bachman, Nora Asedillo Cunningham, Sonia Brum, Tendai Paul Manyeza, Venus Mae Barroga Gatdula, Wayne Moy.

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Prayer requests for January 15-21, 2023

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**Reflection:** An answered prayer from a student in residential care at AK Child & Family in the winter of 2022.

Our e-mail prayer chain goes out to hundreds of people every week. Some of our students' prayers are hilarious...others are heart-breaking. I've been told it's one of the most intimate ways people connect to our students and mission. Recently, we had been praying for "Tyler". He was feeling as if "nobody hears my prayers and I'm feeling like there is no God and it's all made up... I just don't care anymore." For weeks he struggled with his faith, and for weeks we lifted him up in prayer. I got many responses from prayer chain participants sending encouragement and testimonies to their own times of struggle. Our prayer chain lists celebrations, concerns. Sometimes we get to share answered prayers. From Tyler who was doubting and feeling as if God was not hearing or answering his prayers: "I found my answer.. When I was cleaning my room, I found a heart medallion inside my heater vent that says, 'Jesus Loves Me'". In that moment, there was a palpable feeling of peace in the room. Anne Dennis-Choi, President & CEO, AK Child & Family, Anchorage, Alaska.

**Mission Focus:**

**January 15:** Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee.

**January 16:** CEPALC (Latin America Communication Centre), Colombia.

**January 17:** Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference United Women in Faith programs or workshops, special events, leadership activities and trainings for local, district, and conference United Women in Faith members.

**January 18:** Taurai Sandra Chinyerere, scholarship recipient, pursuing a Bachelor of Business Studies in Management at Africa University, Zimbabwe.

**January 19:** AIDS Orphans and Community Health, Maua Hospital, Kenya.

**January 20:** Walter Reitz Child Development Center, Panama.

**January 21:** Bidwell Riverside Center, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Birthdays of the Week:** Courtney Michel Randall, Doris Risner, Eric Angel, Gaston Ntambo, Innocent Afful, Logan Alley, Margaret Kies, Maria Hase, Pennie (Jeanie) Hughes, **Sue Wolfe\***, Sumesh Kumar, Yorleni Jimenez Rojas.

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United Methodist Women Prayer Guide

Prayer requests for January 22-28, 2023

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**Reflection:** Ann Hidalgo, Global Missionary, Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana, (Latin American Biblical University), San Jose, Costa Rica

One of the great pleasures of teaching is witnessing students' faces light up as they suddenly reach a new insight.

The pandemic and the public health guidelines enacted by the Costa Rican ministry of education moved all classes online at our university before I arrived at my placement, and this situation continues as I write today. While technology has provided opportunities to stay connected with students living across Latin America and the Caribbean, I miss the energy and the personal encounters of the face-to-face classroom.

At the same time, navigating these challenges has provided another opportunity to witness God's great faithfulness. Several of my students live in areas where internet connections are limited, which makes video conferencing difficult. Nevertheless, these amazingly dedicated students' passion for learning and commitment to developing their knowledge and skills to serve God's people and all of creation are truly inspiring.

In their steadfast efforts to overcome daily challenges and in their dreams for a more just and loving future, I see God's faithfulness.

**Mission Focus:**

**January 22:** Camp Aldersgate, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**January 23:** Red de Mujeres para el Desarrollo, (Women's Network for Development), Costa Rica

**January 24:** Fenton Memorial Deacon Home operations and its ministry of respite and learning for deaconesses, home missionaries, and home missionaries.

**January 25:** Joyce Hamad Medard, scholarship recipient, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Medicine at St. Bakhita Health Training Institute, Tanzania.

**January 26:** Albania in Mission Together, Albania.

**January 27:** United Mission Hospital, Tansen, Nepal.

**January 28:** Bethlehem Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Birthdays of the Week:** Asheia Hayden-Ahaghotu, Betty Gittens, Claudia Genung, Erie Stuckett, Eun Mi Cho, Hee Cho Om, Mei Liu, Praveena Balasundaram.