

United Methodist Women Prayer Guide  
Prayer requests for February 26-March 4, 2023

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Please pass this onto your UW in Faith/circle members, as we all pray for mission sites in Missouri, Nicaragua, California, India, Japan, Guatemala, and Louisiana; our UW in Faith hands are serving all over the world!

**Reflection:** Angelina Mbulo, Pilot Journalist, Maputo, Mozambique.

It's 80 degrees F in the coastal city Maputo, Mozambique. It's late February 2022 and the president has just lifted 90% of COVID-19 restrictions; I am both relieved and apprehensive.

In mid 2020, when the numbers of COVID-related deaths per day were in the thousands in Europe and the USA, I shuddered at what would happen in Mozambique once the virus hit with full force.

With the country in lockdown, breadwinners who depend on daily "wages" to feed their families were in anguish and distress. Images of these in the evening news left me wondering how we were going to get through this.

Imagine my surprise when Dr. Akale sent us an email asking that we submit grants proposal because our UMW friends wanted to help. Adelina, Alzira, and Quiteria, our executive secretaries who had stopped all activities because of the shutdown, met with their leaders and community members to prepare for the grant that provided families with long-awaited basic needs.

**Mission Focus:**

**February 26:** Della Lamb Community Services, Kansas City, Missouri.

**February 27:** Accion Medica Cristiana (AMC), Nicaragua.

**February 28:** St Paul's Way Back to Normalcy program at St. Paul United Methodist Church, San Diego, California.

**March 1:** Kinya Ruth Munene, scholarship recipient pursuing a degree in General Nursing at Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, India.

**March 2:** Asian Rural Institute, Japan.

**March 3:** Pura Vida, Guatemala.

**March 4:** Dulac Community Center, Dulac, Louisiana.

**Birthdays of the Week:** Antoinette Duncan, Blair Moses Kamanga, Dana Lyles, Esther Pangilinan, Fernando Matsimbe, Fu Xia Wang, Heasun Kim, Izabel Scott, Jeffery Fuller, Joel

Ncahoruri, Karen Caldwell, Kimberly Burse, Kulli Toniste, Laura Kirby, Tazvionepe Nyarota, William (Bill) White.

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Prayer requests for March 5-11, 2023

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**Reflection:** Connie Wieck, Mission Advocate, North Central Jurisdiction.

I picked my way along the narrow alley leading through the ancient village of Tongtan. A sudden grasp of my forearm startled me. I looked down at an elderly woman, smiling up at me.

"Where are you going?" she asked in Chinese.

"To the ferry. I'm going to visit my farming friends, across the river." I nodded.

"Are you a Christian?" she unexpectedly added.

I nodded.

"Come!" she announced with a decisive air. "You must see the church."

Her family name was Wu. She was the caretaker of the church, and she was 74 years old.

We rounded a corner and arrived at a one-story, whitewashed building. Sister Wu produced a key and unlocked the door. The one-room sanctuary was not grand: sinking rafters, plastic stools, a faded red cross. But the love given by its caretaker was highly visible in its clean, tidy appearance and by the glow of pride on Sister Wu's face.

**Mission Focus:**

**March 5:** Dumas Wesley Community Center, Mobile, Alabama.

**March 6:** Evangelical Methodist United Methodist Church of Ecuador, Ecuador.

**March 7:** Alaska Missionary Conference United Women in Faith programs and workshops, special events, leadership activities, and trainings for local, district, and conference United Women in Faith members.

**March 8:** Angelea Francesco, scholarship recipient pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation and Human Services and a Certificate in Chemical Dependency Prevention and Counseling at Pennsylvania University, Abington, Pennsylvania.

**March 9:** Urban Gardens, Israel/Palestine.

**March 10:** True Vineyard Ministries (Handspun Hope), Rwanda

**March 11:** Dalla Bethlehem Center, Dallas, Texas.

**Birthdays of the Week:** Abigayle Bolado, Albarka Abbo Wakili, Debora Constable, Dilundama Ndombasi, Finda Quiwa, Garlinda Burton, James Duncan, Juliet Choi, Maria Ramirez-Meneses, Olga Diaz, Sook Hee Yoo, Terri Goodin, Velda Dhanoolal.

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**Reflection:** Gay King Crede, Chaplain, Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, Illinois.

The youth I worked with at Cunningham Children's Home have lived a lot of their childhood in darkness, abused and feeling unwanted. It seemed the darkness might overtake them. God still shines and many of them have seen that Light.

For Vacation Bible School, I like to build a whale out of huge sheets of black plastic in our chapel. I use fans to blow the plastic up into a huge whale. With only the light from a small flashlight, the young people gather with me inside the dark whale. I tell them the story of Jonah and how he prayed inside the belly of the whale. How he promised God if he survived that experience, he would do what God asked him to do and would make better choices. Sitting there inside the whale, a girl said, "This story is showing me that God placed me at Cunningham to give me another chance. God wants me to learn how to live my life. And that's what I'm going to do."

**Mission Focus:**

**March 12:** Emma Norton Services, St Paul, Minnesota.

**March 13:** Vellore Christian Medical College Foundation, India.

**March 14:** NGO Working Group supports the Commission on the Status of Women. The NGO Working Group on the Security Council promotes dialogue between United Nations Security Council members and representatives of non-government organizations.

**March 15:** Hali Evaughn Smith, scholarship recipient pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Media Arts at Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

**March 16:** Aviation Assistance Program, Africa Region.

**March 17:** Mutambara Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe

**March 18:** Epworth Children & Family Services, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Birthdays of the Week:** Clarissa Evangelista, Cristian Schlick, Edwin Campomanes Ramirez, Elizabeth McCormick, Imourana Bockarie, Julian Uzumefune, Lillian Valle, Michael Gandi, Nan McCurdy, Osias Segura Guzman, Shiree Fetterly, Tatiana Dwyer, Una Jones, Valerie Riedthaler

United Methodist Women Prayer Guide  
Prayer requests for March 19-25, 2023

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**Reflection:** Lisa Bachman, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, Hope 4 Humanity, The Church at Spring Forest, Hillsborough, North Carolina.

After seeing a post on Facebook about the Native American Immersion tour offered by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, I registered for the tour because I am moved to educate about and advocate for Indigenous people. This is very powerful and, frankly, overwhelming desire that has led me to think, where is my call in this and what can I possibly do about the injustice of Indigenous people? On the last day of the tour, as we were saying our goodbyes, I expressed to a Native American woman how overwhelmed I was feeling. She looked me in the eyes, took my hand and said, "Thank you for seeing us, we want to be seen. This means a lot to us."

Just like Bartimaeus, who wanted to see and who jumped up and followed Jesus on The Way, I now am compelled to "see" each person in a new light. Bartimaeus didn't just see with his eyes, his eyes were open to see like Jesus, who saw every person and loved them. This is hard and this is what Jesus calls us to do. May it be so with us all.

**Mission Focus:**

**March 19:** Epworth Village, York, Nebraska.

**March 20:** Centre for Action and Rural Education (CARE), India.

**March 21:** Fund Agency of the United Methodist Women of West Congo Conference provides emergency food aid to alleviate the impact of COVID-19 in Western Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**March 22:** Bethany Warne, scholarship recipient pursuing a Master in Theological Studies at Southern Methodist University – Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas.

**March 23:** Babyfold at Old Mutare Fairfield Children's Home, Zimbabwe.

**March 24:** Mulungwishi Area Clean Water Projects, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**March 25: Friendly Center, Toledo, Ohio.\***

**Birthdays of the Week:** Debbie Byrd, Divine Gaga, Elizabeth Nichols, Freddie Cooks, Jefferey B. Murrell, Mary Sharon Mwango, Mia Higgins, Princess Jusu, Young Cho.

**\*Friendly Center is one of the four National Mission Sites in West Ohio Conference.**