

# PAUSE TO PRAY

## FEBRUARY 23, 2017

**GLOBAL PRAYER VIGIL** – “Seek God for the City” forty days to Palm Sunday makes an ideal time to venture into a season of sustained, hope-filled prayer, March 1-April 9. Pray that the Lord prompt many in your church, area, state and around the world to participate.

Pray for the **ministry, personal spiritual growth and godly relationships of these missionaries**. Ask God to provide all financial, spiritual and prayer resources to maximize their impact for Jesus’ sake.

Dennis & Julie Anderson (GoServ Global)  
Troy & Heather Cady (PlayFull, Chicago)  
Eric & Nicole Curtiss (Communitas Intl., Colorado)  
Ed & Mary Fox (CTEN, Guatemala)

Select one of our **special-interest missionaries** for prayer and intercession. Pray, also, for the **person seated next to you** on Sunday.

Continue to pray for **Ken Leander’s** recovery and rehabilitation following surgery earlier this month.

Pray for **Vivian Tica’s mother**, who is having an important interview at the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines regarding her visa application. The interview is to be held on March 1. Ask the Lord to guide the details of that process so that she will be able to secure entrance to the United States and give her strength to make the trip.

Pray for the effective witness of **Gil Zinke’s sister Beth** to the hospice care worker who serves her. Ask the Lord to encourage a positive response to the gospel.

Pray for **Eric Johnson**, who is facing the possibility of a serious health issue, depending upon the results of upcoming tests. Intercede for both Eric and Janet during this challenging time.

As we proceed with our **Succession Planning** process, intercede for each of our staff as they seek the Lord’s direction for the next chapter of their lives. Ask the Lord to give wisdom for important decisions that are made and for a sense of peace for the future.

Give thanks for the wise leadership of our **Succession Planning Team**. Intercede for them as they formulate a proposal for congregational approval and plan for recognition of Evangel’s “finishing well” in the next months (possibly). Celebrate our unity of purpose and God’s evident care of our church.

Pray for the leadership of **Vineyard Church of DuPage** as they consider their own future as regards to our facility. Ask of the Lord that a clear path to what they sense to be best for their ministry.

Give thanks for our partnership with College Church for **Backyard Bible Club** outreach ministry this coming July. Ask the Lord to bring many neighborhood children into contact with the Gospel presentations during that week.

Pray for our upcoming **“Songs of the Cross”** service featuring hymns, readings, Scripture, communion and the musical artistry of Tony Payne, Associate Professor of Music at Wheaton College. This special worship hour is scheduled for March 12.

Members & Friends: Isidro (Bong) & Alanie A, Jack B, Felipe & Carol A

### MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Troy and Heather Cady**, PlayFull, Chicago.

“It was very helpful to be in the same room as my team . . . to learn from each other . . . to get a macro-view of our ministry team.” That’s what the leader of the Outreach and Engagement Team said of the team development workshop Troy facilitated for Grace Covenant Church in Chicago. The team met for a marathon workshop to clarify purpose, vision, ministry objectives and actionable goals for the next three years, and PlayFull was privileged to facilitate the process. Will you thank God with us for the opportunity to come alongside Grace as they discern how to reach others for Christ, and will you pray as they make significant changes this year?

There are two questions that are fundamental to the human experience: “Who am I?” and “What am I to do?” They are questions of identity and purpose – and, just when you think you have them finally answered, life changes and so do you! Every day, our lives are a work-in-progress, making it crucial that we know how to hold on to God as our anchor day-by-day. This is the theme of four talks Troy will give as a retreat speaker for First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills. Will you pray for Troy as he plans and pray that God will use the messages to help others discern what God is forming in them?

Over the years, Troy has written more than 1,500 prayers and dozens of reflections on prayer. It’s time to make a book to help others experience the vibrancy of relating to God in prayer. Please pray for Troy as he works on a prayer book.

If you have a prayer concern you would like to put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Gloria Neal at home or at the church office.

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