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# INTRODUCTION

From the beginning, Nazarene Missions International (NMI) has been praying for the work of the global church. As a global denomination that ministers in 164 world areas, we strive to be connected and lift each other up in prayer.

This desire is not unique to the Church of the Nazarene. A heart for missions and the work of God's Kingdom here on earth has always been the heartbeat of the church. Beginning in 1887, there was a call to prayer for missions that has bloomed into the World Day of Prayer. This movement is global and stretches across denominations. The World Day of Prayer falls on the first Friday of March every year.

In 1996, Nazarene Missions International joined this movement by observing a week of prayer focused on joining together as Nazarenes all around the world to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer. We are also joining with our brothers and sisters outside of the Church of the Nazarene by observing our week of prayer the same week as the World Day of Prayer.

Thank you for participating in the Global Week of Prayer.

# DAY 01

# BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

## PRAISES

We thank the Lord for a generous church that ministers well around the globe. We are grateful for all of the new ministries that are appearing post-COVID. We celebrate the nearly 1000 new ordained ministers in the Church of the Nazarene this past year.

## REQUESTS

Pray for the planning for General Assembly.  
Pray for God's hand of safety on the travels of the BGS.  
Pray for our pastors who are faithfully leading in challenging days.

## STORY OF PRAISE

The Board of General Superintendents rejoices and praises God for the ways in which people continue to be called into vocational ministry. Throughout the pandemic there were areas of the world where the general superintendents were unable to travel, and there were those waiting for opportunities to be ordained. In this last year there have been exciting services around the world celebrating God's call on women and men to serve in the life of the church. Coming together from numerous countries there have been opportunities to have these special ordinations services. In the last year the general superintendents ordained nearly 1000 new ministers into the Church of the Nazarene. For this we give God praise and thanks.



# DAY 02

# AFRICA

# REGION

## PRAISES

We praise God that the church has been able to recover and return to full capacity with attendance following COVID-19.

We thank God for all the missionaries who are answering God's call to serve in different parts of the region. We are proud to be part of the sending church, God's mission to the world.

We thank God for the wonderful Women's Extravaganza Conference that was held in Nairobi, Kenya in May 2022 which had 12 nations represented.

We praise God for the three successful graduation ceremonies that NTCCA conducted in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.



# DAY 02

# AFRICA REGION

## REQUESTS

Pray for God's provision for those who are facing social and economic challenges on the African continent.

Pray for God to give wisdom to our local, district, field, and regional leaders.

Pray that our leaders and churches will be able to live out our regional values of authenticity, presence, relevance, and interdependence.

Pray for the implementation of the Africa Region's Hub Strategy. The goal of the strategy is to spread the Church's resources throughout the continent; as a result, there will be regional offices in Abijan, Côte d'Ivoire; Johannesburg, South Africa; and Nairobi, Kenya.

## STORY OF PRAISE

The Church of the Nazarene in Mozambique celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022. After months of celebrating, almost 3,000 Nazarenes gathered in Thavane (Machulane) for the joyful Centennial Celebration on the 28th and 29th of October 2022. The pinnacle of the event was the time set aside in the service for General Superintendent Dr. Eugenio Duarte to ordain 17 ministers from seven districts across Mozambique. From the testimonies of the retired ministers to the ordination of the next generation, it is clear that the Church of the Nazarene Mozambique has a rich history and a bright future!





## DAY 03

# ASIA - PACIFIC REGION

### PRAISES

We praise God for continuing to send out missionaries from around the region.

We praise God for the way youth are reaching out to their peers with the Gospel of Jesus through Work and Witness ministry.

We praise God for the continuing educating and engaging around the districts, field, and the region through NMI Leaders Enhancement Fellowships (NLEF) encouraging people to be involved in Missio Dei through NMI's five areas of impact.

### REQUESTS

Pray that fields and districts in the entire Asia-Pacific region will be open to missionaries being sent to their areas so that together we can bring souls to the Lord and be part of Kingdom building.

Pray for the newly appointed District Superintendent on the New Zealand District and for the churches on the ANZ Field that are needing pastors.

Pray for more church planters in the Philippines-Micronesia field, that membership will reach 100,000, and churches to reach 1,000 by the end of 2030.

Pray for the not yet organized churches who are facing financial difficulties due to the pandemic.

Pray that God will empower all our ministry leaders with new vision and insight to lead the church into the new quadrennium.

# DAY 03

## ASIA - PACIFIC REGION

### STORY OF PRAISE

Since 2020, the Australian churches have united together to achieve a wonderful Compassionate Ministry outcome. Each Christmas, the churches made 176 Christmas care packages that were sent to the Aboriginal families in the western Australian churches. Pastor YouSin Houe and his family distributed these backpacks to the Aboriginal children in the Katanning, Narrogin, Wagin, Lockridge, and Cullacabardee districts. This has been such a blessing not only to the children and families in western Australia, but to the churches around Australia that have united to show God's love and compassion to others.



# DAY 04

# EURASIA

# REGION

## PRAISES

We praise God for new work in Luxembourg and the missionary family working alongside the people to help build the local church.

We thank the Lord for the courage, resilience, and boldness given to our people and leaders as they live and serve in Christlikeness.

We praise God for the many people giving time, talent, and resources to help amid man instigated conflicts and natural disasters.

We praise God for the return of Work and Witness teams to help advance ministry in tangible ways and encourage the local Kingdom workers!



# DAY 04

# EURASIA

# REGION

## REQUESTS

Pray for the countries and peoples struggling with economic collapse to find their needs met in the Lord.

Pray for peace and understanding during the political and social disturbance across the region.

Ask the Lord of the harvest for more pastors who are people of integrity and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the EuNC Learning Center's staff and faculty to have abundant resources as they work to prepare Kingdom leaders.

Pray for the Lord to help those workers in resistant world areas to be strengthened for all the Lord has called them to complete.

## STORY OF PRAISE

Jesus Film team members gathered at a facility near the foothills of the Himalayan mountains for training. One morning they began their day with a vigorous hike and their destination was a cross which stood at the highest point in the area where they would have a time of devotions. To their surprise, they encountered a distraught man at the foot of the cross. Roy\* told them he had been deceived by a close friend and was now penniless. Roy listened as the Lord's Word was shared in the devotion. The team took him back to their hotel where he showered and was invited to join them for breakfast. They helped with his immediate needs and shared the Good News of Christ's redemption and salvation to meet his deeper need. He was deeply touched and wanted a Bible of his own.

\*Name has been changed

# DAY 05

# MESOAMERICA

# REGION

## PRAISES

We thank God for training and mobilizing hundreds of teenagers and adults in the past year on mission trips and opportunities through Global Missions and the Genesis initiative.



We praise God for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) for providing the resources and equipment for the 294 planters we have throughout the region.



We praise God for the donations 6,293 Pocket LightStreams on the entire region, which distributes Gospel media onto cellphones using Wi-Fi, MicroSD Cards, and Bluetooth.

We thank God for having the opportunity to equip, train, and empower 5,000 leaders in the region.





# DAY 05

# MESOAMERICA

# REGION

## REQUESTS

Pray that many children and youth will hear the missionary call and respond obediently and enthusiastically to that call.

Pray that God will allow us to reach the Haiti and Caribbean fields and deliver more than 2,000 Pocket LightStreams in 2023.

Pray that we can equip 315 church planters and plant the first 50 churches in the cities.

Pray that we can have the "Challenge" training in all the 80 districts and mobilize local churches to be involved and practice evangelism.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue guiding the 41 missionary families currently serving on the Mesoamerica region as they continue to navigate the challenges post COVID-19.

## STORY OF PRAISE

The MAX22 Regional Conference "People Matter" was scheduled to take place in 2020 in Panama City. Due to the pandemic, it was postponed twice and could not take place until 2022. Originally, there were to be around 600 participants, but the number was surpassed. We give glory to God for the 1,050 participants who came from the different countries of the region and for the guest speakers, who challenged us to make Christlike disciples in urban areas, and to youth and children.

# DAY 06

# SOUTH AMERICA

# REGION

## PRAISES

We thank God that after two years, the South American youth strongly re-launched their district and national camps and retreats.

We praise God for the 50 years of the Church of the Nazarene in Ecuador.

We praise God for the 253 ordained ministers in the last year.

We praise God for the VGC Conferences (Spanish acronym for "Living the Great Commission") where 562 pastors and leaders were led to reflect on church growth and seek revival.

We praise God for the impact of the Journey of Grace in South America.



# DAY 06

# SOUTH AMERICA

# REGION

## REQUESTS

Pray for the multiplication of districts in Peru.

Pray for the new "Pastoral Care" regional ministry, which was launched this year as a response to the need for emotional, mental, and spiritual resources for pastors.

Pray for the replications of the Living the Great Commission Conference in the districts and local churches. They have been held in Ecuador, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, and Peru, reaching more than 1,200 leaders, and are expected to continue in 2023.

Pray for the first "Explore" face-to-face missionary trainings since COVID.

## STORY OF PRAISE

During the last few years, virtual technology has been a tool that has allowed congregations in Colombia to grow stronger in prayer, discipleship, and evangelism. Last year carried much uncertainty with challenges due to the pandemic and an unprecedented national strike in the country. Despite these challenges, God continued to bless the church. The efforts to bring others to Jesus resulted in the opening of 2 pioneer zones: North East Central District, and North Coast District. Today, Colombia has 52 church type missions which are soon to be organized. We praise God for his faithfulness and the pastors and churches who did not stop sharing the Good News, even in times of crisis. The new challenges include discovering, training, and opening a space to serve to the new pastors and leaders who will be leading these churches, but we are grateful for these challenges!





# DAY 07

# USA/CANADA REGION

## PRAISES

We are thankful that people are still responding to God's call to serve globally. In 2022, two of the 13 commissioned missionary couples were from the USA/Canada region.

We praise God for the USA/Canada District NMI President Re-connect October, 2022. For the first time since Covid, District NMI Presidents and missionaries/field representatives spent a weekend together connecting, encouraging, being equipped, and inspired.

We praise God for the vision-casting strategies the USA/Canada region developed to untie and mobilize Nazarenes across the region to impact our communities and bring people to Jesus.

## REQUESTS

Pray for the 2023 Half-Million Mobilization Prayer Initiative happening between Easter and Pentecost. Pray that collectively and individually, we will experience the fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the 30th General Assembly and Conventions (June 9-16, 2023). Pray for travel mercies, that delegates can get the required visas, and for all the preparations and logistics as the USA/Canada region prepares to host this event celebrating Jesus is Lord.

# DAY 07

## USA/CANADA REGION

### STORY OF PRAISE

Before Pearl Simmons became a missionary in India from 1911-1912, she was rescued from a brothel and lived in the Berachah Home in Arlington, Texas. There her life was transformed and she went on to work out of a school as a missionary in India. Sadly, she was the first Nazarene missionary to die on the mission field due to smallpox. However, the story of her impact did not stop there.



Over 100 years later, in 2015 Reverend Premal Awasarmal and his wife Kavita moved from India to the United States to study at Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS). They are originally from the same town in India where Pearl Simmons did her work. In 2016, they were asked to move to Texas to reach out to the Asian Indian community. They said yes to the call and began to pioneer their ministry to work with Asian Indian students at the University of Texas Arlington (UTA) where there are approximately 7,000 Asian Indian students. The astounding thing is that the Berachah Home where missionary Pearl Simmons found transformation is now the property that UTA is on! Where she was saved, there are now 7,000 Indian students being ministered to by a family from the place where she was first a missionary.

