

PrayerList for the Unity Women's Desk

December 2018

As the Advent Season begins, we are called to prepare our hearts and minds to the arrival of the Christ Child and to await the return of our Lord to reclaim His own. And then we must wait—wait to learn of Christ's will for our lives and how we can be ready to receive Him anew in our lives. May this be a season of true blessedness for each of you as you find your way to kneel in Bethlehem at the manger and rise to serve the Lord anew in 2019.

Pray for the people of Alaska as they begin the rebuilding of their capital after a major earthquake. Give thanks and praise that no lives were lost and very few minor injuries were reported.

Pray for our sisters and brothers in Alaska as they face the long, cold winter ahead. Pray that those who live in remote areas have stored sufficient foods for the winter, and remember them as they face the long, dark days ahead.

Pray for Sr. Safie Braima as she returns to Sierra Leone to continue to work begun with her beloved Mohamed. Pray for her safety and comfort and for wisdom as they discern the direction for the ministry there in the future. Give thanks for the wonderful work begun by Br. Mohamed in his days on this earth.

Pray for the Southern Province of Tanzania that will hold their Synod in December. Pray for the elections for their leadership that will be held then, and pray that those chosen will work for the good of all.

Pray for the Comeniana Association (an association founded by the Czech Province to support its social work). Several months ago they launched a campaign called "Give Children Your Time". The purpose is to encourage parents to spend more time with their children, to give them the attention they need, and to spend the quality time with their children. Our sisters there report "The situation has become critical: over 50 % of Czech marriages end in divorce from which the majority are marriages with children. The number of kids using antidepressants continues to increase as well as the number of children suicides. The Czech Republic also sadly holds the European primacy in youth addiction on alcohol, smoking and drugs. Many kids spend hours in front of their computers playing games or surfing on the Internet while their parents are doing their own stuff. The campaign wants to promote parenthood as a unique gift from God and unique responsibility. We would be deeply grateful for any prayer." While this is a program of the Czech Province, the issue is critical in all our provinces so please pray for them and for the children in your own province. Please consider having a similar program in your province as well.

On November 22, the women of Nicaragua held a prayer and a biblical study in the framework of the unity, peace and harmony of the Moravian Church of Nicaragua. In addition, they had

prayer focused on violence against women in conjunction with the “black Thursday” effort that is focused on violence against women at the international level.

Pray for the victims of the tragedy that happened on Lake Victoria in Uganda where a boat carrying over 100 people capsized into the lake. Over 30 people (most of whom were women) have been confirmed dead. “May the Unity please pray for the families that are grieving, children that were left orphans, and women that were left without husbands.

Pray for the eight sisters who were ordained in Suriname on December 2, 2018. Sr. Muriel Held was able to bring greetings and blessings on behalf of the UWD at this historic event when so many sisters were received into the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church. These sisters made many concessions to obtain their training and we congratulate them and will continue to pray for them. May the Lord bless their ministries and give them wisdom and guidance as they lead their congregations.

Give thanks and praise for the very successful conference that was held in Nepal last month. May the Lord continue to bless the work the women are doing there.

Pray for Sr. Julie Tomberlin as she begins her work as the new Coordinator of the Unity Women’s Desk. May the Lord bless her and guide her as she seeks to serve the women of the Unity and to bring the fulfillment of the Lord’s desires for His daughters everywhere throughout the Unity.

Pray for the planning committee of the American Women’s Conference to be held next June in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Additional information may be found on their website at www.moravianwomensconference.org. Registrations are now being taken.

Give thanks and praise for the Global Citizen Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Mandela in South Africa. Pray that the Lord will raise up more men and women like Mr. Mandela to stand up for the rights of all human beings. Pray that this celebration working to bring about an end to poverty and discrimination of all kinds will have a successful conclusion

Pray for the teachers and students at Bishop Kisanji Girls Secondary School in Tabora, Tanzania, which just celebrated its 13th Form IV graduation on November 17, 2018.

During this celebration of Advent and Christmas, may you be blessed and may the Lord use you to spread peace and harmony wherever you go.

Please continue to pray for the

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