

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

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- 1 **Wednesday** — With recent news of new Christian martyrs in the Middle East, today we lift up the “49 Steps” project. This AWM initiative helps believers in the Arab World who are living with the daily reality of persecution.
- 2 **Thursday** — Our partners in Russia continue to ask for prayer as they minister within the constraints of the country’s “anti-terrorism” law which has put tight controls and severe restrictions on electronic media and religious freedom.
- 3 **Friday** — Most of HopeStreamRadio’s listeners are in North America and Great Britain, but we know of several who listen from other far-flung areas of the globe. We pray these listeners will receive and pass on spiritual encouragement.
- 4 **Saturday** — Ron recently returned from Mexico City where he spent a week marking the 10th anniversary of our ministry in Spanish. Updated numbers now indicate that the program is heard on more than 100 stations as well as on-line and by apps.
- 5 **Sunday** — Today we are thanking God for Sergey Burlaka, FEBC’s leader in Kiev, Ukraine, as he works behind the scenes to open an FM station in Odessa, a key city on the Black Sea with a population of 1 million people.
- 6 **Monday** — Ron and other board members are looking for new opportunities to talk about the ministry, whether in public meetings, small social gatherings, or one-on-one conversations. Pray for fruitful interactions as people learn about FBH.
- 7 **Tuesday** — AWM told us about a Syrian man who wrote: “I used to hate Christians, but saw Christ in a dream. I began to follow Him... I would like someone to help me understand the Christian faith more deeply.” Contact has been made.
- 8 **Wednesday** — Finding engaging guests for our call-in program in Russia has become more difficult because participants must now have a document provided by the government to grant them permission. Pray for good leads in this regard.
- 9 **Thursday** — Volunteer producers are essential to HopeStreamRadio’s success. We are grateful for these faithful believers who devote time, energy and creativity to making programs which declare truth and demonstrate how God works in life.
- 10 **Friday** — Ron and Nathan have identified opportunities for more people to be involved in the Spanish program. This was announced at the anniversary celebration. Please pray for positive responses from capable people.
- 11 **Saturday** — The radio team in Eastern Ukraine continues to face challenges with simmering military hostilities. Victor Kurilenko heads up the group and needs discernment and wisdom in his leadership role.
- 12 **Sunday** — We are thankful for the positive response we’ve seen to recent reports from the various areas where FBH is working. We confess that we need both spiritual and financial support to keep the ministry moving forward.
- 13 **Monday** — Ahmed, in Iraq, has been in touch for several months and has professed faith in Christ. In a recent communication he said: “I am lonely and sad at the war and all the bloodshed and violence.” Pray for believers in the hard places.
- 14 **Tuesday** — Roughly 20% of Russian men die of alcohol-related causes. (It’s 6.2% globally). The prevalence of the problem prompts recurring programs addressing the issue. Pray for creativity as the team takes on this common theme.
- 15 **Wednesday** — Ministry in the digital age has its own set of obstacles. Pray for the technological aspect of our outreach, without which we are left talking to ourselves. This includes social media as well as the online streaming aspect of the work.
- 16 **Thursday** — Ron’s time in Mexico last month left him impressed with the freedom Nathan enjoys in tackling hot social issues without fear of being pulled off the air. Thank God for the liberty he has in proclaiming God’s truth.

- 17 Friday** — Among those God has a special interest in are the widows. Ukraine has seen a spike in this particular group because of the rebel activity in the East. Today, we hold up these women who are walking a road they did not choose.
- 18 Saturday** — Partnerships are crucial to the effective carrying out of the ministry whether they are with individual donors, local churches, volunteers, or international ministries with technology and workers on the ground. Pray for our partners.
- 19 Sunday** — This quarter, AWM is particularly focussed on those who are suffering from the trauma of displacement from their homes. Thank God with us for the message of hope as expressed in a song specifically produced for refugees.
- 20 Monday** — Social isolation is a growing problem in Russia. Oleg and the team there seek to encourage listeners to connect with them and find the relationships they need, particularly one with the Lord Jesus. Today we think of the lonely.
- 21 Tuesday** — HopeStreamRadio is working with several new producers who have expressed interest in joining us. This keeps the program fresh and allows us to touch a variety of areas of interest to our listeners.
- 22 Wednesday** — Rodrigo Gómez is a colleague of Nathan's in Mexico City. He is a regular contributor to the program and his talented wife Patricia has done a lot of the design work for the ministry. Thank God for both of them.
- 23 Thursday** — Today we remember that Belarus has a significant population of Ukrainian speakers. Both radio and the internet cross international boundaries carrying the good news to people even beyond the intended target areas.
- 24 Friday** — Our donors, led by the Spirit, make the work of FBH International possible. Join us in thanking God for these faithful people who make financial sacrifices to enable us to take the truth of God's word around the world.
- 25 Saturday** — The Maarifa.org website is the backbone of our work in the Arab World. Through it, seekers can find the information they need and relationships with Christians they crave. Pray for the writers and developers who keep it fresh.
- 26 Sunday** — Today we are specifically thankful for Oleg, our producer in Moscow, and his family. He has been working with us for more than 10 years and we appreciate both his natural abilities and spiritual gifts which enrich our ministry.
- 27 Monday** — A never-ending task associated with HopeStreamRadio is promotion of the ministry to potential listeners. We seek to do this in a variety of ways and pray that God will connect us with the people He wants to bless through it.
- 28 Tuesday** — One of the countries reached by our Spanish programs is Venezuela. It is an extremely distressed state with food shortages and civil unrest. These are difficult days for the church there. May believers find encouragement and hope.
- 29 Wednesday** — Regular users of this prayer guide may remember praying for Anna in Ukraine. Her daughter abuses drugs and we continue to lift both mother and daughter to the Lord for restoration and refreshment.
- 30 Thursday** — Ray Marshall is our “social media guy” who, along with his team, keeps our web presence fresh and relevant. Pray for those dedicated to this time-consuming but important labour which draws attention to the ministry.
- 31 Friday** — Today we'll pray for Saudi Arabia and the persecuted church in that land. Earlier this month we heard of a young woman imprisoned for her faith. There are others. Remember our brothers and sisters in chains for the gospel.

A few notes:

AWM — Arab World Media — our ministry partner in the Arab World.

FEBC — Far East Broadcasting Company — our ministry partner in Ukraine and Russia.

Radio Teos — The Russian radio network based in Moscow where our programs are produced.

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