

# PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

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- 1 **Wednesday** — In spite of many different kinds of changes in the Arab World, a high level of hostility toward the Gospel remains. This puts great pressure on those who express any interest in the Gospel as well as on believers.
- 2 **Thursday** — Pray for the listener in Russia who wrote: “I’m a new believer. It’s not easy to understand the Bible. People in church suggested I listen to your broadcasts. Your programs are what my soul needs.”
- 3 **Friday** — Brenda J. Wood produces *Heartfelt* for HopeStreamRadio. In this delightful devotional program, Brenda combines observations from life and spiritual insights, often with her own quirky sense of humour, to engage with our audience.
- 4 **Saturday** — Today the board of directors meet to discuss a couple of important areas: budget and succession. We invite you to pray that we might have discernment and wisdom as we consider the options before us in the year to come.
- 5 **Sunday** — Join us in thanking God for the safe arrival of Mark, the first child of Alex and Nadia, our producers in Ukraine. Join us in asking the Lord to bless this little fellow and help his parents as they adjust to this new stage in their lives.
- 6 **Monday** — Remember the 4,259 Spanish-speakers who were reached by Nathan’s Facebook post offering a biblical response to the recent earthquakes in Mexico. Natural disasters challenge both Christians and unbelievers.
- 7 **Tuesday** — Attitudes toward Islam are changing in the Arab World. Some Muslims are growing weary of the violence and bloodshed carried out in the name of their religion. This is causing some to seek out other options, especially Christianity.
- 8 **Wednesday** — Olga is a woman in Russia who has been suffering domestic abuse for a long time. After a recent episode, she left her husband for a couple of weeks, but he insisted she return home. She told our producers that she is terrified.
- 9 **Thursday** — Aaron Basko’s program *Living on Purpose* is a great addition to HopeStreamRadio. Pray for Aaron as he has been recently diagnosed with cancer and is now figuring out how he will confront this new unwelcome development.
- 10 **Friday** — Social media is a growing part of our Latin American outreach. Nathan tells us the Facebook ministry page has now surpassed 11,000 likes. We’re asking the Lord to use this technology for His glory among Spanish speakers.
- 11 **Saturday** — FEBC-Ukraine is attempting to buy a building in Kiev to house their production work. Ministry needs there have grown and, amazingly, real estate costs have decreased. Leaders believe this is a good time to move forward.
- 12 **Sunday** — Join us in giving thanks to the Lord for the financial resources he has provided thus far this year. As we approach the end of 2017, pray that His people will respond as they remember the ministry in this season of giving.
- 13 **Monday** — Amina is a Syrian refugee in Turkey. She is a widow with six children. As a media worker explained the Gospel to her, she indicated she was ready to believe. Later, she recorded her prayer of faith in Jesus and sent it to him.
- 14 **Tuesday** — Russia has a lack of biblical resources to help people respond to the challenges they face. Radio Teos provides many resources with listeners who typically are completely unfamiliar with the Bible. Pray for our producers.
- 15 **Wednesday** — One of HopeStreamRadio’s most popular programs is *Take Heart* by Rebekah Hughes. Often drawing on her own experience with death-defying heart surgery, Rebekah calls our listeners to put their faith in God.
- 16 **Thursday** — According to the World Bank, 98% of the Latin American population lives within range of a mobile cell signal. This provides an amazing opportunity. Pray for Nathan as he seeks to capitalize on the technology God has given us.

- 17 Friday** — An unsaved military officer in Ukraine said: We need your programs for two reasons. 1) You are not political. 2) There is something inexplicable about your broadcasts that bring hope to our soldiers.”
- 18 Saturday** — Succession plans can be complicated as various factors come into play. Please remember the board, Deborah, and Ron as they consider how best to move forward with the changes that will affect the ministry into the future.
- 19 Sunday** — Praise God for a believer in Saudi Arabia who has never met another Christian face-to-face. Recently, he told a worker that he is travelling to a more open country and wants to meet another believer. This is being arranged.
- 20 Monday** — Social media is now an important aspect of the work in Russia. Over the course of the last year, 4 million people saw posts which invited them to listen to programs or download them to their computers and portable devices.
- 21 Tuesday** — *Missions Mindset* is produced by Deborah Piggott for HopeStreamRadio. We are thankful for the collaboration of CMML as they supply us with content from Missions magazine to raise awareness of missions around the world.
- 22 Wednesday** — While Latin America is not a war zone like Ukraine, it is far from peaceful. In some countries, murders and “violent death” rates approach 100 per 100,000 people. (To compare: Canada has less than 2 per 100,000.)
- 23 Thursday** — Peter in Ukraine wrote: Thank you for your broadcasts that led me to the Lord! I listen to FBH programs because they give me strength and help me in my life. Now, my wife wants to divorce me because I have become a Christian.
- 24 Friday** — Bequests are one of the ways the Lord provides for this ministry. FBH is working with Legacy Ministries Canada to help facilitate this. Pray for Crawford Paul (one of our board members) who is the Executive Director of Legacy.
- 25 Saturday** — Charles, who has been doing weekly radio reports from the Arab World for us, is retiring at the end of the year. Pray for him, and for someone else to keep us abreast of what’s happening in that volatile part of the world.
- 26 Sunday** — Praise God for 31-year-old Alex in Russia who wrote: When my daughter was born, I began thinking about life. Then, I discovered your programs and began thinking about God. You taught me to pray and helped me to trust Him.
- 27 Monday** — Ross Kearney produces *Help and Hope* for HopeStreamRadio. Ross is a gifted communicator whose lively, practical programs both challenge and edify our listeners. Pray for Ross as he juggles his responsibilities to make time for us.
- 28 Tuesday** — Nathan is open to more segments in our Spanish program, but new producers are hard to come by. Join us in praying that the Lord will bring the right people along to enrich our outreach to Latin America.
- 29 Wednesday** — Earlier this year, FEBC launched its 5<sup>th</sup> radio station in Nikolaevka, Ukraine. We’re so grateful for the opportunity this presents and pray that publicity efforts will result in a fast growing audience of Ukrainians ready to hear the Gospel.
- 30 Thursday** — We are heading into a busy time of year when there are few opportunities for us to speak about the ministry. Pray for openings in the new year to take part in meetings to encourage the Lord’s people with news about what He is doing.

*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.

Fish Studios — the studio in Mexico City where Nathan Díaz produces our Spanish programs.

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