

GHTT Prayer Letter January 2025



Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us think off ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near."

This was my bible verse recently. It reminded me of all the encouragement that our prayer warriors are to the isolated Christians in Türkiye, but also how encouraging it is for us to hear about the good works of the young couples we pray for. We need each other. Thank you everyone who prays. God sees you.

Prayers for Aydın, the area near Ephesus. Mehmet and Berivan are having a really busy time with a team who has come from overseas for 3 months to help them with outreach. Various new initiatives are starting with a soccer team, English classes and visits to nearby towns where home churches have started. Pray for protection for these initiatives. We thank the Lord for Mehmet graduating with a Masters in Theology from The Good Shepherd Theological School.

. Lord we thank you for all Your amazing provision for a new church to be built in Aydın - We ask for continued good favour upon this project.

Prayers for Gaziantep on the Eastern side of Türkiye near the Syrian border. Lord we thank you for all the good works You are doing through Ata and Maria. Lord we celebrate the salvation of a young man, Eren, who lives in the town of Killis (BCC contact). Lord I thank you for all the people praying for Ata & Maria and Eylül during this outreach trip. It is so encouraging to hear Eren has given his life to the Lord. Bless and protect him. We continue to pray for seekers in this region

- For Ali, Ipek and Teoman to commit to the Lord
- For those preparing baptism; Deniz, Can, Fatih, Bürak, Caner and Crystal
- For mentoring of church workers
- For social media outreach
- For physical well being of Ata & Maria and spiritual strength in such an isolated environment
- Against discouragement following the deportation of the American couple who worked alongside them

Prayers for Istanbul. Ali & Nergiz have graduated with a masters from The Good Shepherd Theological School. An exciting and encouraging time for them after a difficult season. Nergiz has been very unwell, as has her father. They are also waiting on God to open the door for their move to Kırklareli. Also prayers for Ali for work in this difficult economic season. They are seeking God's will. Please pray that they hear God clearly.

Prayers for Trabzon on the eastern Black Sea coast. Şevket & Bilge and their 3 children Nuh (Noah) aged 6 has a brain tumour, Tufan aged 5 has diabetes and Ruth aged 2.

Please pray against disappointment for them with the deportation of the American family working alongside them.

Thank God for provision of some finance to help them to fix their car. They work as language coaches so transport to get to clients is really important.

Some people have left the church through fear following the deportations. Please pray for courage.

The church now meets in the home of Şevket & Bilge on Sundays and midweek. Please pray for strength and energy for them with their exceptionally busy lives and for financial support to allow them to go out to work less often.

Thank you Lord for their strong faith and strong marriage. Lord bless them and keep them.

Istanbul. Çekmekoy an Asian-side suburb. Bülent and Gülcan. Lord we thank you for all the amazing things you are doing in Çekmekoy. Lord at the 50 hours of prayer and worship in October 2024 we asked for forgiveness of our unbelief - unbelief that things could change in this difficult land of Türkiye. Lord since that time you have blessed this church hugely. Lord we truly thank you. In January 1117 people contacted the church and they sent out approximately 600 New Testaments. The church is open every week day with seekers regularly coming in.

The House of Prayer is operating 6 days each week for between 16 and 18 hours each day. Please pray that it will extend to become a 24/6 prayer house with night time prayers volunteering.

Thank you Lord for all that you are doing. We ask for protection over the church members, especially the 3 young women leading on the social media outreach. The attacks are real with a drive-by gun attack on 30th December. We thank God that no one was injured. The church now has a constant police presence outside.

Please pray for baptisms of Arda, Bertan, Dora, Efe, Hakan, Ayşe, Eylem, Sena, İpek, Muammer, Emre and Damla in March.

Please pray for healing for Bülent (herniated disc) and Gülcan (leg pain).

Also pray for their 4 children who are very aware of the threats to them and their family.

Please pray for the family who have left the church through fear, that God will give them the courage to return.

Thank you. THANK YOU. Thank you for all your prayers.
Prayers are making such a wonderful difference in Türkiye.

1 Peter 3:12 " For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer"

****** Please consider if you could adopt a couple in prayer ******

****** If yes the contact Sandie via WhatsApp 07790503844 ******

Paul & Lynda and Martin & Sandie say thank you to all the wonderful brothers and sisters, and church leaders, who have welcomed them and have been so keen to hear about the work in Türkiye and all the amazing support. Thank you.

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