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## Monday: Bulgaria

Often women in Bulgaria struggle with feeling alone. There are many women connected to the church in Pleven who are widows, single, or with unbelieving husbands. Our hope is that the Lord will grow strong churches which are known for embracing the lonely and supporting those who are weak. We pray these women will find the support they need to become strong in their faith and be an influence for good in their families, workplaces, and communities. Pray that God would continue to grow the connections that were made among believing Bulgarian women at the women's conference in March, so they would be a great encouragement to one another! (Amy Postlewaite)

## Tuesday: France

French women's lives are very similar to American women's lives: trying to balance home, family, work, and church (if they're Christians) and always feeling stretched too thin! The downside is that spiritual things get pushed to the back burner. It can be hard to build relationships because of the busyness of life, and they don't always have time to reflect about deeper issues. Pray that they would somehow make their spiritual lives a priority and be able to eliminate the unnecessary or less important demands on their time. (Cristina Price)



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## Wednesday: International Students

Some of our international friends are coming as students, and some came to the States because their spouse is a student. These spouses can often feel lonely and isolated. We once had a student that was involved with our weekly meetings and then didn't show up for a bit. She returned after a month or two and said she ended up in the hospital due to her heart beating out of rhythm. Her doctor asked, "Are you stressed?" She said, "I left my home. I left my country. I left my culture. I left my language. I moved to a country where I only knew my husband and have had to figure out life here. Yes! Of course I'm stressed." I'm thankful she found relationships through our weekly meetings. Pray for these students and spouses as they leave everything they know and have to assimilate into a new culture. (Kellie Penn)

## Thursday: Japan

Many women in Tokyo are the only believers in their family and need the prayer support and encouragement of the greater Christian community. We would love to start a women's fellowship with the four churches in the Tokyo area. Please pray for a Japanese leader for this fellowship. (Debbie Griffin)

## Friday: Samburu People

Mama Mpaisi (Pastor Francis' wife) & Mama L'Pastai co-lead a women's discipleship group each week that also includes some shepherds that cannot attend the weekly worship gatherings because of their responsibilities with the animals. Please pray for these two dedicated sisters in Christ. They face discouragement from local projects that pull their students away, as well as constant sickness in their own families. Pray for good health and that their students will faithfully learn the Word, apply it to their daily lives, and share it with others. (Amanda Simmons)

## Saturday: Spain

God has allowed one of our southern Spain workers to use her love of crafting to build relationships with women from all over the world. Women from Eastern Europe who have fled their homes because of war, along with North Africans, who have fled their homes for a better life, are able to come to weekly crafting classes. They not only learn a craft, but they also share with other women in a safe space where all are accepted. Many women find it hard to find a safe space where they can be themselves and share their hearts. Pray that Diez42 will be just the space that these women need to feel safe, be able to connect with others, and ultimately encounter the Help, Hope and Healing that they need. (Tori)

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