

Pre-Easter Week of Prayer

From the Cross to the Nations

March 30-April 3, 2026

This five-day prayer journey is designed to help women pray intentionally for missionaries and ministries around the world during Easter week. Each day includes Scripture, guided prayer points, a devotional thought, and a personal reflection. Use individually or corporately.



JAPAN

BULGARIA

Day 1: Japan

The Cross: Christ's Love for All Nations

Scripture: John 3:16 and Romans 5:8

Pray for:

- IM missionaries serving faithfully in Japan
- Open hearts and spiritual curiosity among the Japanese people
- Boldness, patience, and cultural wisdom for missionaries

Devotional thought: Japan is a nation where many have never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. The cross reminds us that Jesus willingly gave His life for the people of Japan, and His love reaches beyond cultural and spiritual barriers.

Personal reflection: How does remembering Christ's sacrifice shape the way you pray for nations where the Gospel is less known?

Day 1

Day 2: Bulgaria

The Tomb: Faithfulness in Hidden and Hard Places

Scripture: John 12:24 and Isaiah 53:9

Pray for:

- IM missionaries serving in Bulgaria
- Endurance and encouragement during slow or difficult seasons
- Deep, lasting discipleship among believers

Devotional thought: Bulgaria is a place where spiritual fruit can take time to see. Like the quiet of the tomb, missionary work there often involves patient relationship-building and faithful presence. God is faithful, even in the waiting.

Personal reflection: Where might God be asking you to trust Him when results are not immediate?

Day 2

ECUADOR

Day 3

Day 3: Ecuador

The Resurrection: New Life Rising Around the World

Scripture: Matthew 28:5–6 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

Pray for:

- IM missionaries serving in Ecuador
- New believers growing strong in faith
- Communities experiencing spiritual and physical renewal

Devotional thought: In Ecuador, IM missionaries serve among communities longing for hope and restoration. The resurrection reminds us that no situation is beyond God's power to bring new life.

Personal reflection: Where have you seen God bring new life out of brokenness?

SPAIN & FRANCE

Day 4

Day 4: Spain & France

The Commission: Sent and Sustained

Scripture: Matthew 28:19–20 and Acts 1:8

Pray for:

- IM missionaries and THP workers serving in Spain and France
- Fresh vision, perseverance, and joy
- Gospel-centered churches to be strengthened and multiplied

Devotional thought: Spain and France are often considered post-Christian cultures, yet God is still moving. IM missionaries serve faithfully, trusting God to awaken hearts and renew faith in these nations.

Personal reflection: How does Jesus' promise to be with His followers encourage you in your own calling?

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Day 5

Day 5: International Students (USA)

The Kingdom: People Transformed by the Risen Christ

Scripture: Acts 1:8 and Revelation 7:9

Pray for:

- IM missionaries serving international students in the U.S.
- Women from every nation to encounter Christ
- Lasting spiritual impact as students return to their home countries

Devotional thought: God's Kingdom is global and often comes to us. Through international student ministry in the U.S., people from many nations encounter the Gospel far from home. God uses hospitality, discipleship, and relationships to transform lives that will one day impact the world.

Personal reflection: How can you reflect the hope of the risen Christ to people God brings into your life?