



Pray for Spain

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*A work of faith and labour of love
for the glory of Christ until He comes*



Moral de Calatrava Town Hall

**Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters heaven with prayer.**

**Nor prayer is made on earth alone;
The Holy Spirit pleads;
And Jesus, on the eternal throne,
For sinners intercedes.**

(James Montgomery, 1771-1854)

MORAL DE CALATRAVA

José Luís, Noemí, Natanael & Eric



*"God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."
1 Corinthians 1:9*

Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to start with a few words of gratitude to God for the life of our dearly loved brother, Malcolm, the UK Mission Chairman. Our dear Lord has called him into His presence and, although we are saddened by his departure, we accept God's will over everything. The workers unite together

in prayer for comfort and peace for our dear sister, Ruth, whom we hold in high esteem, and we ask that you will also join in prayer for her. *May God guard and strengthen you, dear sister; please accept our deepest sympathy.*

"GOD IS FAITHFUL" – what a majestic truth. Our God is infinitely faithful. When we look back and stop to think for a moment how God has been faithful with us, we are amazed at how He has been there at every moment of our lives – both good and bad; at times of trial as well as of peace; in health or sickness; through spiritual or emotional struggles; and when resting in Him who is our rest. At all times, our God has been, is and will always be FAITHFUL.

This truth is unchangeable since God's faithfulness is part of His divine nature. God cannot stop being faithful unto us, because His faithfulness rests in His sovereign grace shed abroad in our lives by means of the divine call on the cross, where our God and Saviour Jesus Christ saved us. We have been saved, called and pardoned by His grace. And we have been blessed with constant, loving, merciful, faithful communion with the Lord Jesus Christ. Dear friends, during these difficult times, living with uncertainty due to the war in Ukraine and financial instability, etc., we must seek refuge in our dear Lord who is infinitely faithful and His faithfulness endures for ever. Amen!

PRAY FOR MEMBERS' HEALTH

Please pray for our sister Paula who is suffering a lot due to gall stones, with many health complications. She has been admitted to hospital several times for emergency treatment. One specialist tells her that she needs an operation because one kidney is not working and others say the opposite. Consequently, she does not know what to do, and meanwhile suffers great pain.

Also pray for Amalia. She has been unable to attend services for several Sundays as she is so low in mood. Depression and anxiety prevent her from being with the congregation.

Josefina saw a specialist in Madrid who treats cases like hers. She is waiting for tests; they need to call her in again. She has not attended services for several months owing to the pains in her hands and this is also taking a toll on her mood.

Ana María has not yet been able to meet with us again. She continues to have lung problems caused by Covid-19; although she is much better, she is still dependent on oxygen.

NEW PEOPLE ATTENDING MEETINGS



About a month and a half ago, a neighbour phoned Noemí; she is a woman we have helped in the past with food and other necessities. She called asking for advice, because her husband had left in a van for Poland together with another man from Moral, who is from Ukraine but has been living

here for 20 years. This neighbour's name is Alejandro, and he went to Ukraine to collect his sisters and nephews. In total there were two adult women, a teenage girl and four children. While they were travelling back, Noemí told our neighbour that we could help with food, clothes and guidance with social services, and so we did. We collected a lot of food, clothes, brand-new mattresses, pillows and bed bases for them that a company from Moral donated to us for free. When the family arrived, they already had everything installed, with food at home and clothes, as they had left their country with only what they were wearing.

We also helped another family who went to collect family in Ukraine. With the Lord's help, we have been able to support 17 Ukrainian refugees who are now living in Moral, along with their families. The most beautiful thing about this is not only to be able to help others, but to see how our beloved God can use each one of his children, and to see the faces of those who receive help. It is a very special moment of great personal blessing.

And as always, our God never ceases to surprise us. I tell you this because among these people that we have helped, unknown to us, were fellow Christians. Tatiana and her daughter Yula, together with her sister Mariana, are believers. And since they arrived, they have been attending the meetings together with their children. So the Lord has blessed us with these sisters and children. Mariana plays the piano and the guitar, and she has joined the congregation's worship team and is being a great help and blessing! Let us continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, and for these families. May the Lord help us to care for them.

Another sister, Marianny from Venezuela, with her husband and two daughters, has also come to live in Moral. She is a believer and is interested in attending services. Please pray for her and for her husband, Oscar, who has no work.

DISCIPLING

Encarna continues to meet with Nataly each week and has also started a class with Marianny, the sister from Venezuela. Pray that the Lord would help Encarna, giving her wisdom, and that He would help Nataly and Marianny to understand and grow in faith. Noemí meets with María Nieves and Tere; they are both growing well and enjoying the Bible studies. Pray that the Lord would open Tere's heart and that she would be saved.

SEFOVAN BIBLE TRAINING BY EXTENSION

On 7 May we held our last class (Apologetics) and on 14 May we had the graduation in Madrid for our first and second cohorts. Thirteen brothers and sisters graduated from our SEFOVAN training in Ciudad Real. We thank the Lord as we see them finishing their training and, most importantly, serving in their congregations, being a blessing and building up God's flock. Please ask God to send students for the next year; the group is

down to seven for next year and we need at least ten students so we can continue the training and meet our expenses.



HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

From 27 June to 1 July, we want to hold our Holiday Bible Club, an evangelistic event. We trust that the authorities will grant us the use of the premises and that the Lord would provide the team needed to carry out this ministry. We don't know how the parents and children will respond after the two-year break due to the pandemic. But let us rest in the Lord and He will surely send children so they can hear the gospel.

VIDAXTREMA 2022 EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

We are really looking forward to holding the summer evangelistic campaign again, from 11 to 23 July, after two years of not being able to preach the gospel in the local squares and towns. We give God thanks that this year we believe we can answer the call to proclaim the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus, so we are preparing the programme. We are doubly pleased this year because the programme has been organised by the young people with whom we have been working for many years and we are trusting that one day they will continue with the work; so we thank God. They are preparing the whole programme and we shall be supervising, advising and helping as we are able and as requested. As usual, we hope to visit seven towns including Moral. Please pray for this seed.



PRAY FOR US AS A FAMILY

We spent a few days in Holy Week this April with Noemí's parents, just the two of us this time as our sons stayed in Moral (Eric to study and Natanael for work). It was a very good time

with my in-laws. Daniel's dementia is becoming more evident, but thanks to the Lord his cancer is under control. Please pray for my mother-in-law who bears the burden of the situation and needs strength from the Lord and health to be able to take care of him.

Pray for Eric that he will successfully complete this last school year and be able to enrol on an advanced sports course. If not, he will have to find work and stop studying for a while. Also hold up Natanael who wants to return to university to resume his Psychology course. Please pray for them both, for their souls and how to live for the Lord. May God work powerfully in their lives.

Noemí is preparing for her final exams for this year. She gets up at 6 a.m. to study, in addition to working in the home and the church. As for her health, the hospital has given her an experimental treatment for migraines and, so far, it seems to be having some positive effect, as she has fewer headaches. We trust that the improvement will continue.

For myself, I ask you to hold me up in prayer before the Lord so I can continue to be faithful to the call and have the grace and wisdom so necessary for serving His people in Moral and nearby.

Dear friends, thank you for your prayers. We need your support before our dear Lord's throne of grace. Without Him we are nothing and can do nothing. To Him alone be the glory!

José Luís, Noemí, Natanael and Eric

SANTA CRUZ DE MUDELA

Sergio, Chani & Jennifer

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Is. 40:31

Thanks be to God for His Word which always brings us comfort and security in times of trial. We trust in the Lord to strengthen and encourage us to keep proclaiming the gospel and pastoring His flock. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for your concern for the work in Spain and for us in particular. We thank the Lord for your support and prayers presented faithfully to Him.

With the passing into the Lord's presence of our brother Malcolm, we want to express our sincere condolences as a family and church to his wife Ruth and their family members. We know he is already with the Lord he loved and served so humbly and faithfully. We will miss him until that glorious day when all those redeemed by Christ's blood shall meet in heaven. Glory to God!

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Preparations are under way for our Holiday Bible Club to be held the last week in June. We thank God that we are able to hold it again after two years of pandemic. We ask you to pray that the children will be keen to attend and will receive the Lord's blessing through the Holy Spirit speaking to their hearts so that they understand that they need Christ in their lives. Pray that parents and families will enable the children to attend and will come themselves on the closing day to hear the gospel. Pray that God in His mercy would work in their hearts for salvation. We thank God for helpers coming from the UK to assist us.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the Lord, we are able to hold the evangelistic campaign from 12 to 23 July. Pray that the town halls will grant the permits needed with no obstacles and that the campaign can take place freely and with no problems from the authorities. Pray too for those who will be helping, especially the young people; this year some will be unable to come for various reasons and we shall have fewer helping. We thank God that we shall also have help from an Exodus group who will work together with the young people from our churches in various activities.

CHAIRS FOR THE CHURCH

Thank you again to those from the UK who generously shared in purchasing chairs for the church. With help from you and our church members, the Lord has generously supplied so we could pay for them. Again, many thanks to our Lord and each of you.

CHURCH MEMBERS

Please pray for our elderly members. For Juana that the Lord would continue helping and strengthening her, as well as Paquita

also recently widowed. Pray for Ramón and Sofi, and for Felipe in the old people's home.

Pray too for Fernando that he will continue to grow in the Lord and for his father that he will hear and receive the gospel; we continue to visit them each week.

Pray for Alfonso. Throughout the pandemic, for fear of infection, he rarely met with us; he has begun to attend on Sundays but not prayer meetings. Likewise, his wife Juani has not visited us.

Pray for Paqui and Virtudes who stopped meeting due to the pandemic and are not keen to return; they don't feel the need.

Pray that the Lord would have mercy on Cristobal; he is addicted to drugs again and now lives in Jaén, with a judicial restraining order keeping him from his family in Almuradiel.

We thank God that Germán and Eva continue to be faithful to the Lord and His service in the church. Germán continues with his studies in the SEFOVAN training by extension held in Monescillo.

Pray too for Sara to remain faithful and for her husband David that the Lord would work in his life so that he surrenders to Him. He attends every Sunday, but we don't know what is hindering him from confessing Christ. Pray for their children, Samuel and Sofía, as they grow up, that they would also grow in the Lord.

FAMILY

We thank God for Jennifer; this school year has been going well with lots of help from the therapists. Her health is stable, with few lupus skin rashes this year. Early in May both Chani and Jenni caught Covid; thankfully the symptoms were minor and they have both recovered. Chani continues to have neck pains and has physiotherapy. Pray for her: it is difficult living with these aches and pains.

As always, pray that the Lord would give us vision, wisdom and encouragement in serving the church and preaching the gospel.

With love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sergio, Chani and Jennifer

