



# Pray for Spain

## February/March 2025



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

**Devote yourselves to prayer,  
being watchful and thankful.**

*Colossians 4:2*

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## **MORAL DE CALATRAVA**

José Luis and Noemí Alfonso



*For I resolved to know nothing while I  
was with you except Jesus Christ and  
him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2*

We are already into a new year, when we usually have good intentions and set goals for the year. Perhaps some of those goals will be achieved, while others may not. It's good to have aims: they will help us to be determined to work towards fulfilling them. In the above verse we read how Paul tells the church in Corinth about his firm resolution, which was none other than to present "Jesus Christ and Him crucified". I'm struck by his determination to promote the Saviour and His redemptive work on the cross; that was his ministry to the Corinthians. He makes the decision to proclaim the gospel of Jesus' work of grace on the cross. Dear brothers and sisters, what is your resolution for this year? Is it Jesus, His work on the cross, the gospel or living closer to Him? Is it to be passionate to proclaim the gospel message? This year I want to love my Lord and Saviour Jesus more and proclaim our need to be justified by grace through the redemptive work of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. May God bless you all.

## **PRAY FOR MEMBERS' HEALTH**

Alberto: He suffers from dizziness which makes him afraid to go outside or to attend services.

Paula: Although she doesn't go out, she seems somewhat better recently and is eating well.

Sebastián: He can hardly see, but he goes out each day to shop.

Amalia: She says her husband, Jesús, is a bit better.

Maribel and Ambrosio: They are not in good health. Maribel has to use a walker and Ambrosio can barely move.

Carmen: She has made some improvement with her sciatica, but she still feels pain.

Marianny: Her sprained ankle is preventing her from working.

## **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

This evangelistic event was held in December and several friends of our members attended.

Encarna shared messages, Cati gave her testimony, and so did Ana María.

Please pray that the Lord would work in the hearts of those who attended.



## **BIBLE ADVENTURE KIDSClub AND TEENS GROUP**

Please keep the children's club and teens ministries in your prayers. They are mostly children of parents who do not attend church, and Mariana is doing a great work with them.

## **VISIT TO OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**

As is our custom, we visited the old people's home at Christmas – a very special occasion for us as well as for them. They received us joyfully and were keen to sing and play the tambourines that the carers gave them; it was a heart-warming time. We sang several carols and songs about God's love for us,

and shared the gospel with them. We gave each of the residents a gift of sugar-free sweets, cream and tissues, and Good Seed calendars to the carers. We thank the Lord for allowing us to carry out this visit.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This year we were able to send 25 boxes. We pray that the Lord will use the gifts to show these children the Saviour's love which they need so badly.

### **SEFOVAN BIBLE TRAINING BY EXTENSION**

On 14 December I gave SEFOVAN training in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria. It was very special and Noemí was able to go with me; that was the day we celebrated our 28th wedding anniversary. The Lord blessed us greatly both in serving His people and having a few days to relax together. I was able to preach in the Jinámar church, which we love in the Lord.



I was also teaching a group in Baeza, Jaén on 25 January. I enjoyed meeting the students as well as some graduates from the Ciudad Real SEFOVAN course. It's a joy to see how they are growing and serving in the Lord's work.

I ask that you pray for the group here in Ciudad Real. Three students graduate this year and we currently have nine students. To be viable, we need at least 10. Please pray that the Lord will prompt others to attend this training for the next year, and that

we can reach at least the minimum number of students and thus continue with this excellent training programme.

## **OTHER MATTERS FOR PRAYER**

### **Christians from Bolaños de Calatrava:**

There are two families who need transport so that they can attend church on Sundays. Please pray that they will keep strong in their faith.

### **Church's next General Assembly (12 February):**

Ask the Lord for direction and vision to move forward in His work.

## **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY**

We want to thank you for praying for us and our family. At Christmas we were with Noemí's family in Galicia. As you know, Noemí's father, Daniel, has been very ill, and he went to be with our Lord in the early hours of 1 January. We were all very sad, especially Noemí and her mother, but we also knew God's peace and comfort. God had allowed us to have another five years with my father-in-law after his diagnosis. He went peacefully, and we are thankful to the Lord that we were there for his last moments. Noemí stayed in Galicia to help her mother with arrangements and to make preparations for her to be able to come to live with us in Moral de Calatrava for a while. Please pray for her health and for strength to adapt to her new situation.

Please pray for Noemí in the final year of her studies, with a lot of work ahead of her. Also, for me and my Masters studies; I've passed three subjects and am starting another. And pray for our sons, that God would have mercy on their lives and they would return to the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers, dear brothers and sisters.

We need your help before the throne of grace of our beloved Lord. Without Him we are nothing and we do not want to do anything without Him. To Him alone be the glory!

With our love and gratitude in Christ,

***José Luis Alfonso and Noemí García***

# **SANTA CRUZ DE MUDELA**

Sergio, Chani & Jennifer



*For God alone my soul waits in  
silence; from him comes my  
salvation.*

*Psalm 62:1*

Sometimes we have to cling  
strongly to our faith and hope in  
our Lord, in His power, His

sovereignty, His grace and especially His love – this surpasses all  
understanding.

It was really hard for us towards the end of January as my  
94-year-old mother went to be with our Lord. I thank God for  
her, and for her love, faith and perseverance that she still  
displayed up to her last moment in this world. We had to travel  
in a hurry to the Canary Islands; we thank God that we arrived  
in time to see her, talk with her and say goodbye. We are  
grateful to the Lord for all His comfort, for prayers for us and all  
the family, and for each brother or sister who prayed for and  
comforted us. Dear friends, thank you for your love!

We are always very thankful to God for each of you who hold us  
in your heart and pray for the work here in Santa Cruz de Mudela  
and for us in particular. Thank you for supporting us by faithfully  
presenting your prayers to the Lord. We thank our God for His  
faithfulness and provision in this first month of the year; thus far  
the Lord has helped us and we keep saying that He is the  
Ebenezer in our lives.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Each year we hold a special service to celebrate the birth of our  
Saviour. Friends, acquaintances and family members attended this  
celebration in December. It was a special time with good  
attendance, participation and Christian fellowship, also sharing in  
the afternoon tea we had prepared. It was a good time of witness  
and evangelism.



This year we also distributed Good Seed calendars to our many contacts in the town. Please pray that the Lord would cause the sowing of His word to bring forth fruit in due time.

## **BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE CHURCH**

### **Pray for our elderly members**

Ramón and Sofi: He is getting weaker and moves and speaks less; each time we visit he rejoices in God's word. Pray for Sofi who is finding it harder to look after him, as her strength is also failing.

Juana: We thank God for her; the Lord is keeping her faithful and in health. At last she has started to wear hearing aids; we hope she'll hear much better now and get used to them easily.

Fernando: He continues to grow in the Lord; pray for his SEFOVAN studies and that he will feel useful and keen to serve the Lord and share in the work of the church.

Alfonso: His health is worsening; pray also for his wife Juani who remains far from the gospel.

### **Pray also for**

Sara and David: that the Spirit would work in him and he would surrender to the Lord; and for their children, Samuel and Sofía.

Germán and Eva: to remain faithful to the Lord and in their service in the church; Eva still has pain due to her osteoarthritis.

Emilio and Tainen: They have given their lives to the Lord and we shall soon have a baptismal service.



Manuel and Asdrit: that the Lord would enable them to regularise their documents and for their wish to formalise their marriage in Spain.

Tainen's sister and sister-in-law: They attend the meetings in Viso del Marqués; pray that the Lord would shed His light into their hearts so that they can receive the Lord.

Hilario, Gisela and their children (Lucas and Uziel): Pray that the Lord would help them this year while they need to split their home life between Madrid and Santa Cruz due to their children's studies.

## ACTIVITIES

In addition to the normal meetings, we are holding the prayer meeting once a month in the homes of Juana and Sofi & Ramón, thus enabling us to spend time together with them in prayer.

Each Wednesday we hold a Bible study in the home of Emilio and Tainen, in Viso del Marqués. The work there is being consolidated and we are praying that a point of witness from the Santa Cruz church can be established there. Eight people are meeting at present. Please pray that the Lord would continue working by His Spirit and would draw those people who must believe for His glory.



*Birthday celebration  
in Viso del Marqués  
for Sergio and Manuel*

Pray for the Sunday School, that Jenni, Samuel and Sofía may come to know the Lord.

## **FAMILY**

As a family we are very thankful to God and to those brothers and sisters who support us in our work, for provision and faithfulness to sustain us. Thanks to God for His abundant provision enabling us to change our old car after 17 years' use and over 250,000 miles.

We thank God for Jennifer, whose studies are going quite well at present. She is having specific professional Sales Assistant training at a school in Ciudad Real. She still goes to her occupational and speech therapists each week.

Please continue to pray for Eli and her husband, as well as our granddaughters. Their situation has not changed and we still have pain in our hearts, as we have no contact with them and their hearts are still hardened against coming back to the Lord.

Our son Pablo and his family need prayer to continue being faithful to the Lord and serving Him in their church. We thank God that their financial and work situation has improved. Please pray too for our grandsons' growth and studies, and above all that they will surrender their lives to the Lord.

As always, please pray for us, for Chani's health, for the trials we are going through, that the Lord would give us encouragement, vision and wisdom in serving the church and preaching the gospel.

With love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Sergio, Chani and Jennifer***

Prayer meetings are normally held at 7:15 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month on Zoom.

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