

# Prayer Guide



JOURNEY CHURCH  
**MISSIONS**

Dominican Republic Team  
May 2023



**Pastor Rob Ruston**

1. That I would be a blessing to the rest of our team.
2. That God would use me to bless and encourage the Pastors that I get to spend time with.
3. That God would protect the families and honor the households of each team member.
4. Safety for the guys building benches and delivering them.

**Nancy Shaffer**

1. That our team would be healthy, well rested, and unified, and for protection over our family while we are away.
2. For God's grace and mercy upon every team member as they work each day fulfilling their specific ministries.
3. That we would move as the Spirit guides us, remain flexible, and ALWAYS be open to HIS leading.
4. That many would come to know the beauty of salvation through the ministry of the local churches we are partnering with, and for hearts/lives to be forever changed by the power of the Gospel.
5. For the Name of Jesus to be lifted HIGH, and that all that we say and do would bring Him glory.

**Paul Shaffer**

1. For our team to be ready to gratefully and enthusiastically jump into the work that God has prepared for us before ever landing in the Dominican with joy and love in our hearts, ready to serve and glorify our Lord.
2. For our team to serve in unity with one heart for the Lord as we work together.
3. That we, as a team, would grow in our love of the Lord and His people.
4. For the Health, Safety and Protection of our American and Dominican Teams.

**David Llewellyn**

1. Pray for spirit of gratitude, focusing on the blessings around me.
2. Pray for my ears to be open to the Holy Spirit.
3. Pray for boldness to obey immediately.
4. Pray for my family to be blessed during my absence.

**Mark James**

1. Prayer for our team's safety.
2. Prayer for my family while I'm away.
3. Prayer for every bench to be filled every time there is a service.
4. Prayer for each church receiving benches.

### **Jon Helms**

1. For God to open the hearts and minds of all those we come in contact with and for us to be bold in sharing the goodness and love of our Savior.
2. For the health and safety of our entire team. That we avoid any physical ailments that could limit our effectiveness. Also, that we are protected during travel, on the job site, and when ministering to our churches and pastors.
3. For a well-supplied, fully equipped, and functioning job site. That the building materials are available and complete when we arrive and that all the equipment works without issue.
4. For the health and safety of all the family members that are staying home.

### **Lou Hernandez**

1. I would love to see the presence of God shine upon our faces during our visit to DR and for God to open doors where God wants us to work next in DR.
2. A revival at each of our Journey Church campuses and the continuing growth of our online ministry. And God's healing powers unleashed like never before at Journey Church.
3. That God will dress us with the spiritual armor that Paul wrote about in Ephesians 6:10–18, in the King James Bible: (vs 10) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (vs 11) Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
4. I need prayer regarding righteousness remembering to first seek the kingdom of God and ignore the voices of my enemy. Mathew 6:33. I want to hear the voice of God instructing me before moving so that I'm living in the will of God. I crave and would love to feel His presence wherever I go. In the precious name of Jesus.

### **David Hill**

1. That God would protect the team, keep them safe and healthy. Free from injury or sickness so they can focus on the joy of serving in the mission field.
2. That the churches of DR would see Christ's love in this gift and that it would ignite a revival in their areas, and they would fill every seat every weekend to praise God and every weekday to educate their children.
3. That God would see our hearts and grant us the ability to get back into Haiti.
4. That every member of this team would see Gods blessings in the opportunity to serve Him in this way.

## **Mark Edinger**

1. I pray for Journey Church, and the mission group that is traveling to DR. I pray that we represent God's message of love and grace as we work to provide those in need with a place to sit and worship God. I pray that all those on the trip are safe and truly fulfilled by the movement that God is having within us. I pray that we are able to fulfill the needs of the local churches and members that we are there to serve.
2. I pray for my Life Groups, that during my time away they will continue to seek God and be the avenue in which others seek out God and his amazing abilities. I pray that they continue to be healthy and strong in their faith within Jesus.
3. I pray for those in the DR and neighboring Haiti, that they can find peace and belonging in this difficult world. I pray that they can be accepted as believers without harm and or ill will. I pray that our hard work will show the grace and love that God has bestowed upon all on this earth.
4. I pray for my family, my wife Lindsey, our 3 Kids Hannah, Jackson, and Abigail. I pray that they are confident that I will return safely and that they will continue to support me while I am being called to this amazing belonging and purpose. I pray that during my time away they can have a comfortable time without major difficulties full of health, happiness, and faith.

## **Mike Bass**

1. Pray for all the guys in my Tuesday morning Men's Group.
2. Pray for all my friends and family while I am away.
3. Pray for a safe and productive trip.

Thank you so much for praying for our team! We cannot tell you how important it is to know that you will be interceding for us while we are in the Dominican Republic this week. We believe there is great power in prayer. May His Name be made famous among the nations!

## **Prayer for Spiritual Strength - Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Our Tentative Daily Schedule

- ✧ Please pray daily for all our travels and for good weather.
- ✧ Please pray for Sylla as he leads us, our drivers, our security team, our interpreters, and other team members as they take care of us this week.
- ✧ Pray for the churches that will receive the benches that our guys are building. May they realize that they truly are a gift from our Heavenly Father, and may they serve as a reminder of His great love for them. We pray that they will be used to help families in the community connect to Christ, their community in the local church, and their calling!
- ✧ Pray for the pastors and leaders that will sit under the mentoring and training of Pastor Rob. May it be a sweet time of connection and building of our partnership in ministry.
- ✧ Pray for hearts to be open to hearing the gospel message any time that we are given the opportunity to share our testimonies of what Christ has done in our lives.
- ✧ Pray for a good night's rest each evening, so we are refreshed and renewed for our ministry opportunities each next day.

### **Sunday – May 28**

- ✧ We meet at the church at 12:00 AM to load our luggage and head to the Orlando airport. We will run some errands when we arrive, and then we will go to our Airbnb for a bit of rest.
- ✧ This evening we will be attending worship service at one of the Haitian churches that we partner with in ministry.

### **Monday – May 29**

- ✧ Set up the supplies for building the benches.
- ✧ Bench Building Teams will work on benches.

### **Tuesday – May 30**

- ✧ Bench Building Teams will work on benches.
- ✧ 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Pastor/Leader Training Time and lunch. Pastor Rob will spend time pouring into the local Haitian pastors we're ministering with, and some of the leaders from their churches.

### **Wednesday – May 31**

- ✧ Bench Building Teams will finish up the benches.
- ✧ 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Pastor/Leader Training Time and lunch.
- ✧ Pastor Rob will spend time pouring into the local Haitian pastors we're ministering with, and some of the leaders from their churches.

### **Thursday – June 1**

- ✧ Today we will deliver all the benches that were made to the six local Haitian churches. We will spend some time in prayer over each pastor and church while we are there.
- ✧ Packing up and resting to prepare for our travel day home.

### **Friday – June 2**

- ✧ We will be leaving our Airbnb early this morning and heading to the airport.
- ✧ Please pray for our travels today via car and s airplanes and tap-taps.
- ✧ We will arrive back to the Orlando airport in the afternoon.