

2017 France Team Prayer Calendar

Thank you for joining us in prayer while we are in Grenoble, France serving the North African Muslim immigrant culture present there. Grenoble is nestled in the French Alps halfway between Geneva, Switzerland a two-hour drive to the North and the Mediterranean Sea a two-hour drive to the south. Similar to the heart-wrenching refugee crisis we see happening in the Middle East, similar circumstances were and prevalent in the Northern African nations which led many families to flee everything they knew at home to find refuge in Southern Europe. This is still taking place, so while there are families that are second and third generation immigrant families, some are only a few months fresh to Europe.

In Grenoble, there is a significant divide between the French culture and the North African culture. The North Africans know they are not wanted there and the French would rather them go back to North Africa. Because of this divide, the two cultures have not assimilated with one another. Imagine if you were one of the North Africans who lived day in and day out on the fringe of society and all the sudden you have a team of 10 Americans who are being neighborly with you, praying with you, bringing you a home cooked meal and cleaning your home. Wouldn't you want to know why they were there in the first place and then why they were being so kind and friendly? That's exactly the spot where we find most of these people, eager to hear the message that we traveled so far to share! We are equally as eager to join Roy, Jen and the rest of the Nagelkirk family in reaching the lost with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

This calendar gives a rough idea of the agenda we have for each day. Like most things, rarely will it be exact to how you plan, so if you happen to read on our blog different from what the calendar said, be gracious with us! ☺ Either way, our hope is that you join us in your prayers and that you pray the verse for each day over the team.

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					Friday, May 12	Saturday, May 13
					<p>Team leaves Grand Rapids at 4:30pm. Pray for safe and timely travels.</p> <p>Pray for our witness even as we travel.</p> <p>Pray that we're able to arrive well rested.</p> <p>Pray that we are able to get through customs quickly in Paris as our Layover to Lyon is rather short.</p>	<p>Team arrives in Lyon, France at 11:30am local time (5:30am EST). 45 minute drive to Grenoble.</p> <p>Pray in these first couple days that our team can be sponges for the people and the culture that we can acclimate quickly. Much of this first day will be spent learning the area.</p> <p>Pray for sustained energy after a long day/night of travel.</p>
					<p>Isaiah 6:8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."</p>	<p>Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."</p>

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Sunday, May 14	Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 16	Wednesday, May 17	Thursday, May 18	Friday, May 19	Saturday, May 20
<p>While at church, although in a foreign language, Pray we're able to sense God's unique presence that is felt when his people gather.</p> <p>Pray for our time spent with Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) that it would provide greater depth to breadth of the global church.</p> <p>Pray that our body clocks adjust quickly so that we may be fully energized for the days ahead!</p>	<p>Pray today for our time collaborating with a local student ministry in Grenoble. Grenoble is host to a large college student population, approaching 60,000 students, most internationals. We will exchange stories of the Lord's faithfulness through our respective ministry work.</p> <p>During the evening, Roy is going to take us to meet some Syrian refugees that he has been able to connect with. Pray for our time spent with them, that the Gospel may be on our lips</p>	<p>Pray for our Time at Camp of the Peaks (Camp des Cimes). As this work day can be more physically strenuous, pray for endurance for the team to work hard and add value to the camp!</p> <p>Pray for our intentional alone time with the Lord that we have blocked off. We have the chance to seclude ourselves in the nature of the French Alps to spend time in scripture and in prayer. This time has proven to be very powerful. Pray that we hear from the Lord.</p>	<p>Pray along with us for the neighborhoods and boroughs where we'll be prayer walking through this morning. Join us in asking God to soften hearts for the Gospel and have a developing curiosity for Christianity and who Jesus is!</p> <p>Pray for us as we work with some refugees that Roy is connected with. Pray that we reflect Christ's love to them through word and deed.</p>	<p>Pray for Safe travel as we make our way 2 hours north to Geneva, Switzerland to visit the Reformation Museum and the church where John Calvin preached. This year marks the 500th anniversary since the reformation</p> <p>Pray that we can fully appreciate the work of the great reformers and pillars of the Christian faith as we know it today.</p> <p>Pray for the team this evening as we have the chance to be treated to an authentic French dining experience. Pray for our time of fellowship as a team that it is sweet and life giving to all.</p>	<p>Join us again this morning in prayer as we prayer walk through the neighborhoods of Mistral and Ville Neuve.</p> <p>It is planned that we will visit a mosque to observe and have a conversation with one of the leaders. Pray for our testimony to those around us during this visit.</p> <p>Join us this evening in praying for our time and our witness over the next 2 days going door to door.</p>	<p>Pray for our testimony as we go door to door through the neighborhood of Ville Neuve. Specifically, ask the Lord to be going before us softening hearts and opening doors of opportunity to share the good news!</p> <p>We will spend the afternoon passing out invitations to a neighborhood BBQ in Mistral. Pray for positive reception as we will have the chance to share the Gospel at this BBQ and show genuine Christian hospitality to these people.</p>
<p>1 Corinthians 16:24 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!</p>	<p>Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."</p>	<p>Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men</p>	<p>Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him.</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:5 you also like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.</p>	<p>Romans 10:14-15 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"</p>

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Sunday, May 21	Monday, May 22					
<p>As much of the ground work we've laid throughout our time in Grenoble culminates at the neighborhood barbeque in the Mistral neighborhood, pray that our words, attitude, speech and demeanor would reflect the love of Jesus to those we're serving.</p> <p>Pray that hearts would be touched through our Gospel presentation at the barbeque. Pray for many seeds to be planted in the hearts of those we're serving.</p>	<p>Pray for safe travels on our way back to the U.S. We drive back to Lyon for our 9:55am (3:55am EST) flight. If all goes as planned, we will arrive back home at 7:15pm.</p> <p>Pray for stamina for the team as a long day of travel can wear on you, especially after a trip like we have just had.</p> <p>Pray for the team as we enter our daily lives again back in the U.S. that we would be able to apply what we have learned from our time in France to influence God's Kingdom in our own backyard!</p>					
<p>John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.</p>	<p>Proverbs 3:23-24 Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down your sleep will be sweet.</p>					

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