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| 1st Wednesday Reflection & Prayer HourMarch 22MMI keeps the first Wednesday of the month as a day for corporate prayer. Please use these notes to pray for an hour at some time during the day. Do please share with us any scriptures pictures or insights that you receive as you spend time reflecting and praying.Reflection  ***By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.***” Hebrews 11:17-18 If we think about it, Abraham must have had great faith to go along with what God was asking him to do. Can we imagine what was going on in his mind as he ascended Mt Moriah with his son, with fire and a knife in his hand.  That profound symbolism of  Mt Moriah where the temple was later built, and of the Father carrying the knife, his son carrying the wood.. “Where is the lamb for the burnt offering father?” The reply. God will himself provide a lamb my son.” Abraham was not a perfect man and must have been praying every inch of the way until the sacrificial ram was found caught up in a bush. There is a lesson here for us as we plan our missionary journeys in 2022.Most of us know the generalities of our calling to do God’s work for MMI. But we may be unaware of the particulars of our calling. It often appears that the Lord deliberately leaves us without the knowledge of the particulars of our calling so that we have to consult with him. We have to humble ourselves before him in prayer. In this way God ensures that we will be guided by his word and we will not depend on our own ideas and experiences.In 2021 some in MMI and MCF India met regularly in prayer. There was a time of reflection on the familiar parable of the weeds in Matthew 13. The servant wants to pull up the weeds in the wheat field, but his master refuses. When we consider all the evil in the world, do we ever wonder why God does not deal with it straight away and get rid of it? But God won’t allow the destruction of all that is evil yet. He wants to gather all the wheat into his barn. He deliberately allows a delay until ‘the end of the age’ so that more people have time to respond to the good news of Jesus. We are in that time before the end of the age. We know through our prayers, our discernment, through the prompting of the Spirit, that God is doing “something new”.  Through the pandemic, through climate change, through the war in Ukraine and rumours of war elsewhere, God is doing “something new”.   So a “new thing” appears to have been revealed in principle but we don’t know what it is in detail. And the new thing seems to be different for different regions and different MCFs. We have to pray for wisdom, discernment and perseverance. And I believe this is where we are now – praying for one another, praying for wisdom, discernment and perseverance… for stepping out in faith, for action where necessary.Search me O God and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.  Psalm 139:23-24by Regional Team Leader S. Asia.Prayers**We give thanks for** Eric and Augustin’s trip to the DRC in February, for the good relationships established and the confirmation that IAEC chaplains training will take place in Kinshasa in September.**Our prayers for March** will focus on the Ukraine Russia situation.As we pray for the ongoing situation in Ukraine, please remember that we know Christians in the armed forces of both countries.As we join in prayer with Christians around the world we pray particularly for:• Peace.• the Lord’s protection and guidance for all those serving in the armed forces of both countries; for a turning to God.• serving Christians and MCF leaders and members in both countries - men and women who love the Lord deeply and strive to follow Him. Particularly for protection over Vasili and Valya, and also for Sergei and his family, as they are all still in Kyiv continuing with their ministries.• Church leaders in both countries, again many known to MMI and ACCTS• President Putin, President [Zelenskyy](https://www.mmi.org.uk/?email_id=235&user_id=650&urlpassed=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubW1pLm9yZy51ay8%2FZW1haWxfaWQ9MjMzJmFtcDt1c2VyX2lkPTY1MCZhbXA7dXJscGFzc2VkPWFIUjBjSE02THk5eU1qQXVjbk0yTG01bGRDOTBiaTVxYzNBJTJGWmowd01ERmphWEprUVhweWNHUlBTVFoxWm10aWJrcDFTWFJLTjBZeWFFbFdNMlJEWjBkSU1FWjNSRFJRWDNKSGRHTXRibko2TUc5eFJEZDRRVFpEYnpnemJrUm1Va3gwVjJ4WFJEaFJSa2wzU0RWVk9YQlBObUowUnpCdVFVWnphR1l0TW5jeFYxOUhSekpWUW5waU1uRlhSbUV0VERabU5IaEdNR3B1TVRZeloyUk1TRzlwVmxoQlFsZEdOakpoUzBWek5ETlNPWFoxWHpSbU9YZDNjVXBIYzB4VGVqUjJTMlU1ZFhWS2EzaGhMVVJJTldGNGR6UTBNRXhxV0hKemJXOVZVMmxDVFdGT1RXbDNlVXc0YWs0dFZtTXRWRUpsYzJGSVducFRhVUowUldsa2JVUndVekZtYldKeWNERkVlVU5NTFZsaU0ydHlUbWhLTUdWSWMyVnhURGR1U1ZaQlMxbzFUWEEyWm5GcFdrOWxSek5FYTNwTWRubEtkUzFEYUZaNGFuaHlkWFZJTW0xMlFVOXdjbEJmVjNoMk9IbEhMWGxaWVZwQ2RGZFJORU40TjNZemFVbEJjRFJpYzFsMGFEVkdUbDgwTVY5RmFqZEllRlI2VFRGT1oxODRhVW8zYkMxYU5qaE9NVU54Y0c0eGNUTm9jMVZKYjA1SE4ydDJjbHBITTFOWVMwVnFSMEZ5WVhoU01FczJUbGxyUm5JNFZFdEVOR3RDVmxSb1ExSlFlREEzV1dZM1preHZlbVJsV0doc00ycGxlRGt0YTA5NFRVNVpVa2x1VjB0amFUVkljRTkzU0hSTk1qZFJjMHhWYW1saVYyUkNNMjgyWkVGd2RXaEZSVkZCYUV3NE5qaFZXbk5SWTNOSE1UbFZhV1I0V0hNelNrNUxiM0p1VVdzeFFXeFRUR3A0Wm1ZNVZXSlVhRlpIWWpGTlgyOWxWalpHUm5GSFdYaDVObk5YU2xOV2NYaGxZMVoxWlZKRFRVbERhWFp0TjNGd1N6aExSVTFaUzIxc2NFaGZVV2t3VFV0WloxTnBTVDBtWVcxd08yTTlWRVJaTVhGaGIyWlZaa0ZuVGxSTWJUWnhkRTB3WHpSWVpGTmFYMW8xVVROT1NtMWxWSGRFYzNoc09VVlVTMlZRYzBORVFUZDNQVDBtWVcxd08yTm9QWE5FYVVoT055MTJZV0ZoVkZoVFdVVktlRE51Y0RNNE1FTmhOeTFzUjFseGNGcHFXVU52Y2pKelNsa3RaVWxEV1Mxd2IwWTJRVDA5JmFtcDtjb250cm9sbGVyPXN0YXRzJmFtcDthY3Rpb249YW5hbHlzZSZhbXA7d3lzaWphLXBhZ2U9MSZhbXA7d3lzaWphcD1zdWJzY3JpcHRpb25z&controller=stats&action=analyse&wysija-page=1&wysijap=subscriptions), and all other military and political leaders,• wisdom for international leaders and negotiators as they engage in peace talks and processes.•  military families.•  all civilians who are caught up in the situation.•  the refugee crisis, and for those countries neighbouring Ukraine welcoming thousands of people, with little resources to do so.MMI is holding a daily Prayer Meeting of 30 mins each week day (Mon-Fri) at 17.00 GMT,  You are welcome to join us when you can – no need to book.Please pass the information onto those who might want to participate in your MCFs and RPPGs, etc.. **Additional prayers for March:****The Trustees** meet on 16 March. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they meet, particularly in considering the 22/23 budget proposal.**India**. Give thanks for the increase in numbers of veterans joining MCF-I. Pray for MCF-I's discernment of  "the new thing" and a determination to act on it. Pray for healing for General Vasudeva who is suffering from COVID.**India**. Elections are taking place across India. Persecution of Christians is rife. Anti conversion laws are being enacted. Pray for wisdom for the elected and justice for the persecuted. **MMI Team:** Please pray protection and for guidance over the whole MMI team and trusteesMMI Spring Pause4Prayer: Sat 2nd April (via zoom). ..   |

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