

# 40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR LENT

**SAMS**  
IRELAND  
South American Mission Society



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(On Sundays the weeks prayer topics could be revisited)



## WEEK 1

*Mark 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

**Day 1:** We thank God that mission comings and goings are getting back to normal after the pandemic. Pray for any volunteers preparing to go to South America and for their hosts that the right fit for ministry skills would emerge. Pray too that the Lord will continue to call and send out people to His mission field.

**Day 2:** Alice recently returned from a mission trip to Paraguay. We pray that her ministry there will have fruit that lasts and for God's guidance for her next steps.

**Day 3:** A team of leaders from Ireland will go to Peru in June, to encourage our brothers and sisters there and be encouraged, as leaders from different parts of the world share and learn together from God and each other. Please pray for this mission trip and for all those who will be part of it.

**Day 4:** Thank God for the Fusion programme which offers a placement for someone from South America in a church in Ireland. Pray for Marcos as he serves in 'Derryvolgie Parish Lisburn' and the church as they host him. Pray too for the Lord's leading and guidance for future placements.

## WEEK 2

*1 Chronicles 16:24 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.*

**Day 5:** We pray for Godly wisdom and vision for SAMS, including staff members (Stephen, Gillian and Claire, ) Phil, Billy and Julie who support in different ways, and trustees (Peter, Dorothy, Andrew, Elizabeth, Judith, Noel, Graham, Alison, Helen and Dorothy)

**Day 6:** Acts 13:22 says 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' We thank God for the bishops and pastors in Latin America and pray for Godly, Spirit led, obedient leadership.

**Day 7:** Thank God for the generosity of people, which allows SAMS to send out grants each year to financially help some students through their theological studies. Pray for the process of discipleship and raising up of leaders in South America and all those who train at the Mennonite theological college in Paraguay and the Anglican theological college in Chile (CEP.)

**Day 8:** Pray for strength, stamina and wisdom for Bishop Nelson as he serves as rector of CEP as well as his many duties as auxiliary bishop and pastor of a church in Santiago.

**Day 9:** Pray for pastor Victor Condori (and his team in Peru) as he helps raise up new leaders through the MOCLAM theological training programme. Thank God for the students who recently graduated from the first course and pray for the many students who have enrolled on the second course, that they will grow in their knowledge, love and service of Christ. Pray too for pastor Jerry Acosta giving thanks for the recent visit of him and Victor to Ireland.

**Day 10:** FEISA Teacher Training College. Thank God for the many Christian teachers trained in and sent out from FEISA to different areas of Paraguay. Pray for the future of FEISA, that the Lord will lead in all areas and provide for their needs as they begin to move in a different direction. Pray too for a good intake of students each year.

## WEEK 3

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 'Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.'*

**Day 11:** We thank God for continuing partnership between Bangor Parish and the church in Salta, Northern Argentina and for the 6 people from Salta who recently spent a week in Bangor parish. These opportunities are great for building partnership and mutual support.

**Day 12:** Pray for Daniel, vicar general of Northern Argentina and his wife Flavia as he travels extensively supporting many churches and communities. Thank God for church growth.

**Day 13:** Thank God for the new partnership between the church and ministry of pastor David in Bolivia and Saintfield parish with Rev Chris Pollock. We pray for wisdom as this partnership goes forward and that supportive and prayerful relationships will be built between the two churches.

**Day 14:** Thank God for the recent visit to Ireland of Max Diaz and for his years of ministry to students in Santiago Chile. Pray for Max as he seeks the Lord's will for his life with regards to study and student ministry. Pray for him too as he and others mentor and disciple new leaders.

**Day 15:** Pray for Pastor Carlos as he leads the Boas Novas church in Niteroi Brazil, for the Lord's provision and that the church will grow in number and in depth of faith. Pray too for the Monte Horebe ministry close to Curitiba, Brazil and their ministry in health and education.

**Day 16:** The church in Chile is intentional about discipleship, leadership training, church planting and multiplication. We thank God for the growth the church is experiencing and pray that this will continue. Pray for the link and partnership between them and the diocese of Down and Dromore.

## WEEK 4

*Psalms 78:4 'We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.'*

**Day 17:** Thank God for christian schools and the ministry of St Andrew's College, St Andrew's Primary School (previously known as 'The Annexe School') both situated in Asuncion Paraguay and The Redeemer School on the outskirts of Asuncion. We pray for staff as they are involved in raising up the next generation and for the students and their families.

**Day 18:** We thank God for the chaplaincy of St Andrew's College, for camps, opportunities to serve the poor, and Bible Studies/Prayer meetings with parents. Thank God for the ongoing witness of the school and pray for the leadership team and for pastor Donald serving as chaplain.

**Day 19:** Pray for Holy Trinity and Christ the Redeemer schools in Peru, thanking God for their testimony, and praying for the leadership and all those connected with the school.

**Day 20:** Pray for Esperanza Adoption Home, a home in Asuncion Paraguay where children can live as they go through the often long process of adoption. We ask that the Lord will supply all their needs and that each child will ultimately find a safe, happy and loving home.

**Day 21:** Pray for all those who bring up their own children in the Lord and those in all the countries of South America who teach and lead children and young people within the church. Pray for Penny as she prepares weekly Bible resources for children's ministry and for Helena and Marie (Northern Argentina) as they train Sunday School teachers within indigenous communities.

**Day 22:** Thank God and pray for the ministry of 'Woman's World Day of Prayer and the grants they provide for the development of work with women and children. Pray for the church in Peru, as, with the support of WWDP, they develop a project offering literacy and skills programme to women and a safe environment for children.

## WEEK 5

*Matthew 25:40 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

**Day 23:** Thank God for Bishop Nelson and his church in Santiago, Chile, as they reach out with the gospel and practical love in the local hospital, especially in the paediatric unit. Thank God for the Christmas dinner and food parcel project making a big difference in the lives of many people.

**Day 24:** Pray for the project 'Anglicanos Artesanos' a project headed up by Pastors David, Gustavo and the church team in La Paz, Bolivia.

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The outreach project, arising out of Covid, provides workshops and skills training in things like crafts, bread making or furniture restoration. This offers relaxation, friendship, employment opportunities and an opening for evangelism.

**Day 25:** We thank God for the indigenous shelters in Paraguay where indigenous people have a safe place to stay when they visit the towns or cities. We pray for God's wisdom and guidance about the future of the shelter in Concepcion, Paraguay which is currently closed. We pray too for Saul and Norma, previous caretakers of the shelter as they seek God's guidance for the future.

**Day 26:** As many people in South America are suffering economic need, churches are responding with feeding programmes / soup kitchens. Many of these provide, not only a meal but the Good News of Christ. We pray for the groups in the many Latin countries that carry out this ministry.

**Day 27:** Pray for Alec Deane in Northern Argentina as he leads the Garden Project. This ministry includes provision of wells in areas where there is no water, irrigation and education.

**Day 28:** We thank God for faithful spiritual leaders like David Pytches, Andres Rodriguez and Barbara Bazley, who have planted many seeds in South America and elsewhere and are now with the Lord. We pray for their families at this time of grieving and ask that the Lord will raise up other leaders, men and women after his own heart.

## WEEK 6

*Christ loved the church and gave His life for it.*

**Day 29:** Pray for pastor Alex Cordova who was ordained in 2022 and is leading the San Pedro church plant in Concepcion, Chile. We thank God for the growth the church is experiencing and pray for the ministry amongst men, children and the training up of a team of church planters.

**Day 30:** Pray for Pastor Guillermo Diana who has been pastor of the 'St Paul's Church' Concepcion, Paraguay since May 2023. Please pray for strength, wisdom and God's provision for him in the face of many challenges. Pray too that the church will grow and prosper.

**Day 31:** Pray for Soul Institute in Uruguay, led by Bishop Daniel and Mechi. Pray too for Mechi's ministry with Mother's Union.

**Day 32:** Most big cities of South America have an English speaking church which reaches out to people from many different walks of life including embassy workers, teachers, missionaries and tourists. Please pray for them, their leaders and their outreach, that Christ will be made known.

**Day 33:** Ecuador has recently suffered a lot of unrest and violence. Pray for peace, good leadership and for Melissa from Northern Ireland serving with the Methodist church in Ecuador.

**Day 34:** Give thanks for the many faithful churches and individuals who support SAMS and the church at home and overseas with their prayers, time, material resources and service.

## WEEK 7

*Psalm 46:10. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.*

**Day 35:** Argentina has been experiencing economic problems over many years with very high inflation and increasing poverty. Pray for those who can't make ends meet and the church as it ministers and keeps going in these difficult circumstances.

**Day 36:** Pray for the recovery of the nation of Chile following devastating fires in early February and that those who have been affected by them can start and rebuild their lives.

**Day 37:** Please pray that the Lord will raise up prayer warriors to intercede on behalf of the nations, including South America.

**Day 38:** We pray that the Lord will provide all the resources needed for His mission to be carried out in His way.

**Day 39:** Let's pray that the Lord will send out labourers to His vineyard and that we will be prepared to say 'Here am I, send me.'

**Day 40.** Reflect on what the Lord is saying to you and in the part He wants you to play in His mission.

*Thank you for praying*

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