



*For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. —Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

Yes friends, the beauty and fresh clean and increasingly fragrant air of Spring is upon us. Let us together refresh our spirits by bringing our hearts and prayers for the Roma people, the Roma Bible Union, its missionaries, and their ministries to our Lord.

Thank you dear RBU Prayer Partner for taking the time to pray over this new edition of PRAYER PAGES, the RBU E-Bulletin 2025 Spring Edition. as RBU is focusing in 2025 on developing a 'Culture of Prayer', we invite you to use this e-Bulletin over the next few months to lift to the Lord prayers for the Roma People, the Roma Bible Union Missionaries and their ministries, the RBU Executive and Prayer Committees, the

RBU Board of Directors, as well as the UNA KID'S CLUB and KASKADA.

We encourage you to keep the Roma people and missionaries before you regularly in prayer as you read and pray God's Word over them and on their behalf.

***CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE ROMA PEOPLE***

- PRAY That the Roma people will know that God is for them and not against them. That they would rightly see themselves as purposefully created by God in the image of God
- PRAY That the Roma people would be set free from cultural and generational bondage in the areas of broken relationships (i.e. marriage and family); addiction; poverty; pagan practices and restored to healthy relationships with God through Christ and others
- PRAY that the Roma would be set free from spiritual and cultural oppression: dependance on government; usuary; rejection by surrounding culture; illiteracy. Provide for them meaningful work and education in their mother tongue so that they can live and thrive and have enough to share with others in need. That they would find their meaning, hope and provision in Christ who sustains and prospers them.
- PRAY that Roma church members would take an active part in their churches, serving, being disciplined and discipling, giving and reaching out to neighbors in need, trusting in God for his abundant provision....
- *PRAY... "Lord, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.." Jeremiah 14:9,22*

*The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. Isaiah 35:1-12*

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## ***PRAYER FOR THE RBU MISSIONARIES***

*Misha Bakic*, RBU Director of Field Ministries

- PRAY for Misha and give thanks to God as he has recently joined the teaching team of the International Bible School, which operates in two regional divisions. The first serves Eastern Europe (Serbia, North Macedonia, Croatia, and Slovenia), and the second covers Western Europe (Germany and Sweden).
- PRAY as Misha continues to travel throughout Europe speaking, teaching and exhorting pastors and leaders in the area of discipleship. Misha recently taught at a gathering in Germany, of primarily pastors, elders, and spiritual leaders from Roma churches across Germany. Praising God that there were approximately 40 highly engaged attendees.
- PRAY that through the practice of making disciples, Misha and affiliated teams, including RBU, can reach as many people as possible.
- PRAY that pastors understand that the true focus is not on the number of people attending the Sunday service, but on spiritual growth and making disciples.
- PRAY that Misha has the opportunity to meet new pastors and share this important teaching in their churches.
- PRAY that each of those who attended the gathering will focus upon Christ and the true mission of building His Church through discipleship and prioritize their own spiritual walk with Christ as they focus on their hearts, health, and families—being led by the mission of God, not the pressure of ministry.
- PRAY for Misha, his wife, and two children as they prepare for the arrival of their third child. May God guide, protect, and bless Misha and his family as he serves his Church in Leskovac and supports many Roma pastors and leaders in Serbia and across Southern Europe.
- Pray for traction regarding the Bible for Children. The vision is to transform printed and audio versions into an animated video to reach Roma children throughout Europe.
- For additional details, Misha's latest newsletter can be read here:  
<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=8fb2f0e559d19ee090defb7d4&id=e2dd109c0f>

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3:21-23*

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*Biljana Nikolic*, UNA Kids Club Leader, UNA Clubs

- PRAY for Biljana as she moves into a more autonomous role in the operation of UNA Clubs. In this role, she will be developing and issuing newsletters with prayer updates and seeking to raise additional support. Please pray as sometimes communication/translation is a barrier to providing these updates.
- PRAY for her church - their community is small, and mostly elderly (they have already buried five members.)
- PRAY for Biljana's physical healing. She has been battling a misdiagnosed liver/kidney infection which resulted in worsened conditions due to mistreatment. She is on a new treatment, but not much improved. She is still struggling with stomach issues and hives, which are worsening with the warmer weather. Please pray for a breakthrough in her health and for total healing.

ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. *Zechariah 10:1*

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*Nancy Hitching*, RBU US Director

Thank you for praying for Nancy's process of setting up life (for the short term at least) here in the US in Maryland in the home of her eldest son.

- PRAY for Nancy as she continues the work of establishing (emails, calls, online accounts, documentation, etc) documentation/verification necessary to register with the government as regards Social Security documentation and health insurance. She has been able to obtain à US

Bank account and a US phone plan, and other non-RBU personal life goals/tasks which have been delayed for the past nine months while focusing primarily on managing RBU tasks each day. Pray that she continues to be successful in accomplishing this long list of tasks/appointments, etc. with government agencies related to establishing residency in the US.

- PRAY that she finds a church community with which she can ecclesially identify.
- PRAY that she can develop a community of local friends with whom she can socialize. This was something lacking during her time spent in Croatia.
- PRAY that she is able to restart her scholarly research project and complete her PhD. She only has 2 more years until completion. Pray that the school which has agreed to take her thesis will allow her to continue at the tuition rate she had before Bob passed away (She was considered a British student since she was married to a British man.) She is 10 years into this research and wants to complete and defend the thesis.
- PRAY for Nancy as she takes a 6-7 week rest period (May-June) from her duties as the RBU US Director. She recently wrote to the RBU Board of Directors explaining that she required this time of rest after the intensive 9 months of committed focus on RBU work and projects. It is also a much needed time to focus on personal tasks, described above, which were set aside during this time. She plans to return to the US Director role after this rest period. PRAISE that she has already been successful in some of the necessary tasks. Please pray that she can both rest and be successful in lining up these necessary governmental and health care issues as well as get some 'down time' for rest, spiritual refreshment, and social interaction.
- PRAY that she will be able to return to her duties and continue the process of fundraising for the RBU General Fund in order to see an increase in monthly giving designated to the continued running of the mission.
- PRAY that Nancy will continue to seek God for future direction in her life, that she can hear His voice clearly as to how to balance the level of RBU work and figuring out how to live alone for the first time in nearly 30 years.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

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#### **RBU EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- PRAY for continued wisdom, vision, clarity and direction for the RBU executive team and board as key leadership transitions to national missionaries, Misha (field missions) and Biljana (UNA.)
  - Jelle Huisman - Chairman of the Board– Pray for Jelle as he works to make website improvements and assist Misha with the Children’s bible videos.
  - Misha Bakic–Field Director (see above)
  - Nancy Hitching–US Director (see above); Vice Chair; Prayer Committee
  - Lynneanne Coyle–Secretary/Treasurer; Prayer Committee
  - Kristy Kobylinski–Board Member/Prayer Committee
  - Pandy Brazeau– Board Member
  - Natasha Avdajic–Board Member

*Petition the Lord: O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

They waited for me as for showers and drank in my words as the spring rain. *Job 29:23*

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#### **PRAYER FOR UNA CLUBS**

- PRAISE God that the cost of the monthly UNA Clubs has been met and that UNA continues to meet on a monthly basis. Continue to pray for the

expansion of UNA Clubs throughout Europe which will require leadership trainees and additional support.

- PRAISE that there are a lot of new children!
- PRAY that children would be nourished spiritually and physically and most importantly leave knowing that they are loved by God. Pray that parents would read the coloring books that the children receive and take home and come to know the Lord through them as well.
- PRAY for the UNA CLUB Three Day Festivals in July or August which happen each summer and set the stage to introduce UNA Clubs to new children in the Roma villages where UNA Clubs are already present. 3-Day Festivals occur prior to a new season of monthly UNA CLUBS in September

Thank you for praying through these requests.

May God bless you for your prayers. Be assured, the Prayer Committee as well as the RBU Missionaries and RBU Board will be praying for you.

Should you desire to share any specific prayer requests (public or private) write to: **info@romabibleunion.org**

Nancy Hitching will receive that email and relay your request (in whichever way you direct -public or private) to the next Prayer Committee prayer meeting.

God Bless You!

RBU Prayer Committee

