

DAY OF PRAYER SEPTEMBER 25, 2020: Albania

Join us for morning prayer on Zoom, 6-7am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8393468528>

Albania lies in the heart of Southern Europe. It is one of Europe's most at-risk countries from natural disasters. It is a country with high unemployment rates, poverty, and little knowledge of God. Corruption is deep, causing much uncertainty and lack of direction with people. In 1992 Albania was freed from the clutches of Communism but is still traumatized by the experience of that to this day. Albania was officially an atheist nation until 1990.

In 2006 Southside planted a congregation in the village of Sauk, just outside the capital city of Tirana, with Klement and Xhevi Dokollari becoming the congregational leaders.

1. THANKSGIVING (2 minutes)

*As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
And do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,
So that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
So is my word that goes out from my mouth;
It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire
And achieve the purpose for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11).*

Give thanks:

- That His Word is eternal. It will never falter.
- That because His Word does not return empty, this is a declaration of His Sovereignty.
- That His Word has power to bring transformation.
- That His Word brings life, abundance and renewal.
- That God is at work in Sauk and lives are being touched.

2. PRAYING FOR KLEMENT AND XHEVI (2 minutes)

- For God to open the door for them to get to Greece for Xhevi's check up for cancer
- For the process they are pursuing for a foster daughter
- For God's wisdom, provision and protection as they lead the congregation there.

3. PRAYING FOR OUTREACH IN SAUK (3 minutes)

- For the continued developing of relationships in the village.
- For new contacts through the "Love in Action" ministry.
- For open doors to share the gospel.
- For the new Sports Club to be used as a vehicle to reach out to kids in the neighbourhood.
- That God's Word would touch the hearts of those who are open to Him and would accomplish what He desires.

4. PRAYING FOR THE SAUK CONGREGATION (3 minutes)

- For Dallendyshe, Reza, and Arlinda as they are facing health issues.
- For protection for Lirim as he serves in Afghanistan.
- That those in the congregation would be eager to follow Jesus and spend time with Him.
- For the believers there to be a light in darkness.
- For boldness in sharing the gospel.
- For unity among the believers.

5. PRAYING FOR LEADERS (3 minutes)

- Klement and Xhevi
- Bob and Cathy Watanabe (who oversee Bethany orphanage in the village)
- Lirim and Dallendyshe
- Delon (who heads up the Sports Club)

PRAY FOR:

- God's guidance and wisdom
- Vision
- Empowering of the Spirit
- Protection from spiritual attack
- Encouragement,
- Boldness
- Servant hearts

5. REFLECT (2 minutes)

Spend a couple of minutes in silence, asking the Lord to bring to your attention anything He wants to say to you about ministry in Sauk, or specific people there.

- Is God highlighting anything or anyone?
- Is there a word, a picture, a Scripture God gives you to encourage the congregation there

Send Shelley an email with any things you believe God may be saying to our Sauk Congregation: shelleyroxy@yahoo.com.

Join evening prayer at 9:30pm on Zoom to celebrate how God was present with us today.

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