

Dear Prayer Partners,

We wish you God's blessings for 2024!

Please be in prayer for the following:

- By God's grace Gospel Church Munich continues to grow. We are now a church of about 35 to 40 different nations. Worshipping together the one true and living God!
- We thank God that we ended 2023 with no financial deficit. The tithes and offerings in Munich covered about 70% of our expenses. Please pray that we will become financially self-sustaining in the next three to five years.
- It would be very helpful for ministry if we can rent a small room/office that seats about 15 to 20 people somewhere close to where we have the worship service on Sundays. So far I am usually meeting with people for discipleship, evangelism, prayer, counseling, pre-marital preparation etc outside in a public park or inside a Cafe if it's raining. We are able to have one Small Group on Wednesday evenings at the building that we are renting on Sunday mornings for the worship service - and there are often about 12 to 15 people there. However, on either side of the room where we are meeting for Small Group usually several musicians are practicing (the owners of the building have several music groups, an orchestra, several choirs etc.) and it is so loud that sometimes it is hard to hear what the others are saying about the Bible text that we are talking about. Due to the fact that about 80% of the people from Gospel Church Munich are young adults (often times students at the universities) they usually only have a small room where they live so that won't work either for holding Small Groups. The folks in the church who have a house live about 30 to 45 minutes away from downtown and most of the young people in the church do not own a car. So, please pray that God will provide the additional funds and that we will be able to find a good suitable room in the downtown area - ideally close to the church - that we can rent 24/7. It would also be good to have such a room for a program for young moms to come together for one morning each week.
- We currently have five couples that are expecting a baby. For a place like downtown Munich (where over 90% of the households do not have a child) that is actually a baby-boom! Please pray for the ladies and the babies and for safe deliveries (they are all due between March and May). And tomorrow I have the privilege of doing the wedding service for another young couple from Gospel Church that is getting married near Heidelberg. Please pray for God to raise up many more families at Gospel Church.
- From March 1-14 I will be in the US to visit three partner churches and to meet with two new churches. In the last year God has impressed on my heart that we need to start a "Germany Partnership" that raises funds so that we can have more interns and future church planters and pastors as well as provide theological training and leadership training by pastors and elders from the US who can help disciple young leaders at Gospel Church and at future church plants. Please pray that God will grant us favor in developing a "Germany Partnership".
- A few days ago someone attacked (unjustly) one of our key leaders. This Sunday at 5 pm I will be meeting with both of them. So far the guilty party is not acknowledging his sin. Please pray that God will soften his heart and that he will confess his sin and ask for forgiveness and also pray that they will be truly reconciled.
- On May 10 + 11 we will have a women's conference in Munich with Connie Miller and a few ladies from Briarwood Presbyterian Church (Birmingham) coming to teach and disciple the ladies. We recently found out that the location where we have our worship service on Sundays is not available on May 10 + 11. We are waiting to hear back from two other good locations - please pray that we will in the next few days get a positive response from one of those locations. Please pray that God will bring many women to this women's conference and for good spiritual fruit.
- From May 27 until June 1st we will have our annual church retreat at "Lake Garda" in Italy. People have to register by the end of February. Please pray that many will register and that God will bless the retreat. We will have a guest

pastor from Innsbruck, Austria.

- On February 7 I will have a smaller surgery (no cancer praise God!). Please pray that there will be no complications and no infections and for good and quick healing.
- Please pray for good health, strength and protection for Elizabeth, Steffen, Sophia and Susanna
- As part of her university studies Sophia started yesterday a five-month long internship at a tech company called "Celonis" in downtown Munich (she works in the team for "Talent Acquisition"). Please pray for God to give her favor there and for good success and that some of these smart people that are working for Celonis will start coming to Gospel Church and come to faith in Christ.
- Susanna has to decide in the next couple of weeks if she wants to skip 11th grade (her school goes until 13th grade), which would mean a lot of extra work in 9th and 10th grade. Please pray that God will grant wisdom if she should do that or not. By God's grace she is very good academically but she would probably be the only student from her class who would possibly do that.

Thank you so much for your prayers!

Love in Christ,

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