



PRAYER PAGES

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Thank you dear RBU Prayer Partner for taking the time to pray over this new edition of PRAYER PAGES – the RBU E-Bulletin 2025 Winter 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 up 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 KLUB and KASKADA. In the near future, look within the upcoming issues of The Roma Diary for additional modalities of prayer which the RBU Prayer Committee will be offering to all who would desire to come together in prayer for the Roma Bible Union and the Roma peoples.

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** Eph 3:14-19 over the Roma People. "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father [of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16** that He

would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, **17** that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— **19** to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness 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: dependence on government; usury; 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. (Acts 17: 26-28: "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, **27** so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; **28** for in Him we live and move and have our being..")

* **PRAY** that the Roma church members would take an active part in their churches, serving, giving and reaching out to neighbors in need, trusting in God for his abundant provision.

PRAYER FOR THE RBU MISSIONARIES

Misha Bakic, RBU Director of Field Ministries

* **PRAYER** of Thanksgiving for a successful recent pastoral conference

* **PRAY** for wisdom in directing the scope of the RBU mission in the absence of RBU founder, Bob Hitching

* **PRAY** for wisdom in developing and implementing discipleship program throughout Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania, Germany, Greece, and other areas as God leads.

* **PRAY** for balancing responsibilities between pastoring a large Roma Church in Serbia and directing RBU Field Ministries.

* **PRAY** for increased support to underwrite personal and ministry expenses as his travel for the Pastor's discipleship program increases over the upcoming months.

* **PRAY** that Misha would be able to depend on the Lord to follow the tenets outlined in his

recent pastoral conference of:

- Leading by priority, rather than through pressure
- Taking care of one's own heart, health, and family
- Finding our identity in Christ

Biljana Nikolic – UNA Kids Club Leader

***PRAY** as Biljana leads the RBU UNA KID'S CLUBS monthly. Pray for the children in the clubs and their families. Pray that engagement with the UNA Club will bring them closer to the Lord Jesus and assist them in their literacy and numeracy skills.

***PRAY** for the increased funding resources to expand UNA Clubs throughout the region. Biljana desires to begin to train new UNA CLUB workers. There is huge opportunities in church plants in Serbia and Bulgaria where there are many, many churches with no children's programs.

* **PRAY** for new UNA Club Trainees that would help make this vision possible.

* **PRAY** for provision and protection over Biljana and her family.

Nancy Hitching – RBU US Director

* **PRAY** for Nancy's continual transition to life without Bob – her life and ministry partner

* **PRAYER** of thanksgiving for God's provision of her needs thus far

* **PRAY** for Nancy's ability to trust in the Lord to continue to meet and “supply all [her] needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

* **PRAYER of** thanksgiving for being able to complete all necessary administrative tasks to close out 2024.

* **PRAY** for the grace to continue ongoing administrative tasks such as updating website and Roma Diary as well as any other issues that arise that require immediate attention. Nancy is praying for an increase in readership of the Roma Diary to 500 subscribers.

* **PRAY** for wisdom in how to direct RBU and its operations and to know which activities should be transferred to other members of the team

* **PRAY** that Nancy will have time to devote to the creative things she enjoys such as writing and developing UNA CLUB and other literacy materials.

* **PRAY** For wisdom in deciding where to establish permanent residence in the future and for the obtaining of all necessary documents and proofs of identity necessary for such things as a US

Bank account, domicile address (even if she later travels outside the US), and US health insurance, etc.

RBU EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

* **PRAY for** wisdom and the Lord's leading in guiding RBU's way forward with relation to future strategy, finances, etc. Pray for wisdom in expanding the board.

·**Jelle Huisman** - Chairman of the Board – Also managing Bob's writing legacy and archiving of Bob's written work. Additionally Jelle is assisting in a revamp of the RBU Websites.

·**Misha Bakic** – Field Director (see above)

·**Nancy Hitching** – US Director (see above); Vice Chair; Prayer Committee

·**Lynneanne Coyle** – Secretary/Treasurer (Thanksgiving for Lynneanne stepping into this role); Prayer Committee

·**Kristy Kobylinski** – Board Member/Prayer Committee

·**Pandy Brazeau** – Board Member

·**Natasha Avdajic** – Board Member

UNA KIDS KLUB

* **PRAY** for the expansion of UNA KIDS KLUB Ministry throughout the region to Roma Churches and Roma villages and run by Roma Pastors and trained lay volunteers from their churches.

* **PRAY** that the children would know that God is for them and NOT against them! (The UNA KLUB Motto)

* **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,

***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** in the future that the funding would grow for the UNA KIDS CLUB programs so that UNA CLUBS in especially impoverished Roma villages would be able to be held WEEKLY so that children would receive a hot meal and homework assistance once a week as well.

KASKADA WORKSHOPS AND MAGAZINE

* **PRAY** for the restoration of KASKADA, beginning with KASKADA PEN (Writer's Workshops and KASKADA MAGAZINE) and 'KASKADA LENS (Photography Workshop and Photographic Journalism for the KASKADA MAGAZINE)

OTHER

* **PRAY** for the Church at Large (Croatian, Serbian, Romanian, Bulgarian, etc.)- that they would come alongside and partner with the Roma Church and their Roma Pastors.

* **PRAY** that there would be churchwide transformation in the hearts and minds of all of God's people to believe that there is "One body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all." Eph 4.

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 which ever way you direct - public or private) to the next Prayer Committee prayer meeting.

God Bless You!