

## **30 Days of Prayer for Basque Country**

March 18 - for sheep without a shepherd

Basque people have traditionally been shepherds and understand the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep. Pray that they would have Jesus as their good shepherd. Pray that they would hear and recognize his voice and follow Him.

March 19 - for the Catholic church

Pray for all the Catholic churches in Basque Country. There is one in each town and while a small percentage of people are in church on Sunday, the churches themselves are often full. Pray that as people hear truth (like the apostles creed) they would be called to true faith in Jesus Christ and not a religious system.

March 20 - for true freedom in Jesus

Many Basque people want to be free from Spain and/or France. There has long been political struggle (sometimes violent) over this subject. Pray that they would find true freedom in Jesus Christ.

March 21 - for minds that "believe" in science

Pray for people who believe in science and reality as the only truth. Pray that they would see science as ultimately pointing to God. Pray that this would lead them on a quest for truth that leads them to God's word.

March 22 - for those who believe in a god

Pray for people who do believe there is a god because there is too much in the universe we can't explain, but they don't know which god to follow. Pray that this belief would lead them to see the one true God and to have a desire to study the Bible.

March 23 - for people to read the Bible

Pray for people to have a sudden desire to read the Bible. Pray for people with smartphones to realize they can get a copy of the Bible on their phone. Pray that they would read it and that God would draw people to himself through his word.

March 24 - for a prayer movement around the world

Pray that God would raise up more people and prayer networks around the world, on all continents, and in multiple languages to pray for the Basque people.

March 25 - that God would provide leaders from among the Basque

Pray that God would bring more workers and leaders to the Basque Country, but specifically that he would bring them from among the Basque people. Pray that leaders who are Basque would be developed to lead a church planting movement.

March 26 - for the Priests

Pray for priests in the Catholic church. Pray that God would call them to lead people in studying the Bible and following Jesus instead of leading people in a religious system. Pray that God would call some priests to help start a movement of the gospel.

March 27 - against the independent spirit

Basque people are very independent, strong, and don't like to feel weak. Sometimes faith is viewed as something for people who are weak or who need something. Basque people do not like needing things. Today, pray that they would see their need for God and that they would not view that need as a weakness.

March 28 - for the general "closedness" of people

Pray for the general "closedness" of the Basque people to outside ideas and anything that resembles an outside cultish idea (for most people this is most religious ideas). Pray that they would not view faith and following God like this. Pray for open hearts and minds to the gospel.

March 29 - for light and fishers of men

Basque people have traditionally been seafarers and fisherman. Pray that God would call them to become fishers of men just like he did the first disciples. Pray that they would see Jesus as their lighthouse to guide them. Pray for light to flood into the Basque Country.

March 30 - for nature lovers

Pray for Basque people who love to be outside in nature. They love to hike in the mountains, be on the ocean, and are surrounded by nature's beauty. Pray that they would not worship the creation, but that they would worship the Creator. Pray that nature would lead them to God.

March 31 - for more workers

Pray for God to send more workers into the harvest field. Pray specifically for God to raise up Basque workers and Basque leaders to start a movement of disciples.

April 1 - for spiritually interested people

Pray for the workers that are here (Basque or international) to be able to find people of peace...that is spiritually interested people who are ready to respond to the gospel and share it with their family or friend group.

April 2 - for nuns and monks

There are not many nuns and monks left in the Basque Country and most are very old. However, these are people who have made serious vows and sacrifices in attempts to follow God. Today would you pray that God would revive their hearts and would call these people to wrestle in prayer for the Basque Country and that God would hear their prayers.

April 3 - for forgiveness and reconciliation

Pray for forgiveness and reconciliation in regards to political conflicts of the past. Lack of forgiveness is a reason spiritual darkness can linger. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring a new

wave of forgiveness to the Basque Country that ultimately leads to people encountering God's forgiveness for them.

April 4 - for those in transition

Pray for those who are unemployed (many of them young people), for university students, and students and adults studying or working abroad. People who are in transition like this are often more open to deeper questions and spiritual ideas. Pray that this group of people in transition would begin seeking God.

April 5 - for private people

Pray for people going through pain or trouble who don't feel like they can talk about it with others (Basque people are very private in this area). Pray that they will not just ignore their pain and not just to try to remain positive but that they would find true comfort in God.

April 6 - for those who are content

Most of society in the Basque Country is comfortable, educated, rich, socially connected and generally happy. Pray for people in this comfortable situation that God would create in them a desire for something more. Pray that what they have would not be enough and that they would seek God.

April 7 - for people to be Basque and follow Jesus

Sometimes faith is viewed as something that is not very Basque. It can be viewed as a strange outside idea that pulls people away from their family and friends. Today would you pray that people would be able to see how it's possible to be Basque AND to follow Jesus.

April 8 - for the few churches that are here

Please pray for the few Evangelical churches who are here to have a passion to reach out to their Basque neighbors. Pray for believers in these churches who interact with Basque people at work on a daily basis to be able to share the reason for the hope that they have.

April 9 - for those who were in the catholic church

People here are historically Catholic, but many people have left the church in recent year. Pray for people who have given up on religion in the Catholic church to not give up on faith and God. Pray that they would see that there is a way of faith and following Jesus that is different from a religious system.

April 10 - for workers who are here

Pray for international workers here to have boldness to speak about God daily, relevance to speak about him in culturally attractive ways, and discernment to be able to see who is ready to respond to God.

April 11 - against spiritual darkness

Spiritual darkness can exist in an area for a variety of reasons. Many people believe that the Basque Country continues to be a dark place for many of these reasons. But we know that darkness must flee at the presence of light. So today pray that light would enter the Basque Country and drive out the darkness that has hold of people's lives.

April 12 - for whole friend groups and families

The Basque people are very group oriented. Friend groups stay together for life and families are very connected and help each other. Pray that God would call entire families and friend groups to him at the same time like many stories in the book of Acts.

April 13 - for those who will encounter Christ followers

This summer there will be many young people who will be staying in Christian homes in the USA and in other English speaking countries to practice English. Some of these students will be staying with families who follow Jesus. Pray that they would see Jesus and have a huge interest to study the Bible when they return to Basque Country.

April 14 - for those who don't feel accepted

There are lots of people in the Basque country who don't feel good enough. Parents put a lot of pressure on kids to work hard and that leaves many kids feeling unworthy, even into adulthood. Today pray for those who don't feel good enough to find their true identity, joy, and acceptance in Jesus.

April 15 - for God to work in miraculous ways

Pray for God's Kingdom to come to Basque Country in a powerful way. Pray for God to reveal himself in dreams, visions, and miracles. Pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit that can be nothing but God.

April 16 - International Day of Prayer for the Basque - for a continual spread of the gospel

The Basque people have long been world travelers. Pray that God would redeem this exploratory nature and that as people come to know him that he would call them to spread his gospel around the world in places where it has not yet been heard.