

25. Pray for the 65 women who have signed up for Women's Bible Study, that the Word of the Lord will be glorified through the study of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the teachers and leaders as new relationships are formed.
26. Lord, help me to always gird myself with Your Word and powerful prayer. I pray for other believers to remember to do the same so that we can stand strong against all attacks of the enemy. "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:17-18)
27. Heavenly Father, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.
28. We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope. Bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone.
29. Pray and thank God for the gift of the Word that reveals the true grace of God. Pray that your eyes will see those who are overlooked and do not feel validated in their faith. "I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it." (1 Peter 5:12)
30. I lift up our community and our local government in prayer as we continue to shelter and embrace evacuees, praying for provision, wisdom, and endurance in addressing their needs.
31. Pray with Pioneer Bible Translators, that the Jesus Film will introduce many to Christ in every language group in which it has been produced, for those who come to know Jesus through the film to connect with believers who will disciple them, and finally, for wisdom and skill for our teammates who are translating the Jesus Film into yet more languages.

Join us each day in prayer.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Monthly Prayer Calendar OCTOBER 2017

1. Father, we seek Your peace for our nation and our world. In the midst of our questions and uncertainty, we recognize that the unknown details of this day are already in Your grasp. We know You sent Your Son as the Prince of Peace and even this day falls under His command. Help us to find the strength and comfort we need as a nation to continue to humble ourselves, pray and seek Your face for a new day in America and a new hope for our world. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." (2 Thess. 3:16)
2. Pray that our nation's leaders would be pure in their conduct, blameless, meaning above reproach. Pray that their motives would be pure, and that their minds would be pure, not distracted. Pray that they would lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and be free to run with endurance the race that is set before them.
3. Pray for Daisy Xu – Bridges International Daisy is in Austin ministering to international students. Pray for her as she helps students explore questions about life and faith. Pray for her as she seeks to help them think through their questions and discover truth about Jesus from the Bible. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." (Colossians 4:2-3)
4. Please be in prayer for Jay Tabb as he recuperates from an intestinal blockage. Pat, his wife, asked us to pray for an alternative solution to surgery and God granted that request. Thank you Jesus! "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." (Psalm 55:22)
5. Lord, I know I have no excuse for not living Your way because of Your Spirit living in me. Help me to hear Your Holy Spirit leading me so that I will not live to serve my will, but Your will only. "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)
6. Lift Ramona and Steve Keith in prayer, as Ramona's mother, Betty Horbach, passed away from pneumonia contracted after being evacuated from her Houston nursing home in the rain during Hurricane Harvey. Ask the Lord to draw near to them in their mourning and give them continued faith in His goodness.
7. Please continue to pray for all the victims of both recent hurricanes, Harvey and Irma. Pray for patience, responsibility, helpfulness, health, and diligence for all involved. Pray that through all of these tragic events and individual stories that Jesus will be glorified and that many would be won for Him! "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)
8. Lord, help me to not get discouraged and want to give up. I look to You daily for renewed strength and fresh hope so that I can keep doing the right thing in all situations. "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9)
9. Jim and Terri Hale – Young Life Europe: Jim and Terri work in Eastern European countries. Pray for them as they train and mentor indigenous young Christian adults. Pray for them to develop meaningful and supportive Christian relationships with teenage kids while developing and delivering Young Life ministries programs. "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." (Ephesians 6:19)
10. Pray J&G will be traveling, both nationally and internationally. Pray for clear guidance from God regarding travel decisions. Pray for necessary permissions to travel. Pray for protection and provision during their travels. "So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what he wants to do in your lives, and we ask him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom." (Colossians 1:9)
11. Pray for Decision Texas, The Lone Star Tour, as Franklin Graham presents the Gospel to seven cities in Texas, beginning today through October 19. Ask God for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as He calls prodigals home and draws many lost people to the Savior.
12. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over. "Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, 'Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come... He will save you'" (Isaiah 35:3-4)
13. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the men and women who serve our country, and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. We praise you for calling them to help protect us, and for giving them the courage and ability to do their jobs well. Guide their choices and their actions, Lord. Help them to see you working in their daily lives, whether in the field, at home, or abroad. Surround them with your mighty angels; protect them in your mercy; cover them with your grace.
14. Not only is South Sudan experiencing one of the worst famines in history, the country continues to be one of the most hostile nations to Christianity. There is no true rule of law under the leadership of al-Bashir. There is much conflict with many ethnic and religious groups. Pray for peace and reconciliation, for aid groups to be freed to provide food for those in need, and for God to establish just leaders in the country. (John 17:15)
15. Lord, bless Love Inc. as they collaborate with local church and other community organizations to serve the local needy and change lives with a love that transforms. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)
16. Pray with the GBC Staff – protection over all staff families – that marriages would strengthen and kids would grow in the knowledge of the Lord – that we would submit all of our plans before the Lord and rest in His perfect timing.
17. Please pray for Heartbeat Pregnancy Center as they seek to provide women a hope and future by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Work in the hearts of the women who come to them to be drawn to Christ and recognize that in a world of confusion and disappointment God and His love never change.
18. Using Paul's example of prayer for the people of the church at Colossae, please pray for the elders: "We continually ask God to fill 'the elders' with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that 'the elders' may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that 'the elders' may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified 'the elders' to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light." (Colossians 1:9-12)
19. Lord, help me to never be ruled by anger. And if I am angry at someone, help me to get free of it quickly so that I do not carry it in my heart and, in doing so, open the door for the enemy of my soul. "Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil." (Ephesians 4:26-27)
20. Lord, we pray for the pastoral search committee that they would have the mind of Christ and be in agreement. Renew their minds and give them godly wisdom as they consider bringing a candidate to the church. And Lord, for whoever you have already chosen, please give him a love for our church and the strength and sure calling to leave his current position.
21. Lord, help me to move through my life with great caution and wisdom, recognizing that the enemy wants to put a snare in my path to trip me up. Enable me to daily be sensitive to Your voice guiding me away from evil. "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15)
22. Pray for Jenny Jones, GBC Preschool Director, and husband Casey and their three children, Nathan, Luke and Noah that God would guide and protect them from Satan's attacks and strengthen them in the knowledge of and love for our Lord as they seek to serve Him.
23. Pastor Hyeon Soo Lim, after serving 2 years of a life sentence in a North Korean labor camp was recently released. In 1997 his church in Canada began a ministry in North Korea creating orphanages, homes for senior citizens, and other humanitarian ventures. He is convinced that prayer from churches and concerned Christians around the globe made all the difference in his case. (John 14:13)
24. Pray for women of all ages and stages of life, but particularly young mothers with unexpected infertility or pregnancies. Pray that they will be encouraged and draw closer to the Lord. Comfort them in their losses and their blessings. Bring other women alongside them to pray and care for them. (Psalm 139:13-16)