

25. Praise and thank God with the Hales that Terri's latest oncologist checkup came back as all clear. Also, pray for one of our missionary couples who are needing approval of a Visa to begin outreach in the country they have been called to, as well as help with learning the language as they have begun language classes. Also, continue to pray for another missionary couple, the A's, who are learning a new language.
26. Father, I pray that our colleges and universities might become centers for revival rather than for the tearing down of the faith. I ask You to work through the many Christian groups and churches on the campuses to bring thousands of young men and women to faith and discipleship. I pray that the Holy Spirit will use Christian professors and faculty members as a mighty force for good and that a new standard might be raised up. I pray that Christian students will stand strong for their faith and grow in profound ways. And I pray that You will equip churches and homes across the land to give their young people the training for a biblical worldview that will cause them to thrive in their faith through their entire college experience.
27. Pray and ask God to guide you to give in a disciplined, regular, generous way – up to and beyond the tithe. “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.” (Malachi 3:10)
28. Father, God some of our troops have experienced injuries from all sides: minor to critical. Lord, You are the Great Physician. Heal the wounds that our brave men and women have encountered while protecting us. Lord, if You have allowed them injury so that they turn to You, I pray that they will cry out to You. Father, be with the families of those who are in critical condition. The desperation and fear can be so intense. Please, Lord, give them peace and heal their loved ones.
29. Pray that the Lord would grant that you would not so much seek to be loved as to love. “Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.” (Titus 3:15)
30. For just a few dollars, you can give a Bible, or other Christian resources, to a believer somewhere in the world who needs them the most. The Bible is so critical to the life of a believer and many Christians – and seekers – in hostile regions don't have access to their own copy of God's Word. In places like the Middle East, believers on the ground in Muslim-dominated territories report countless Muslims risking everything to turn from Islam and follow Jesus. And the one thing these new believers pray for the most is a copy of the Bible. Pray and ask God to show you how you can provide Bibles to help them stand strong against severe persecution – and advance the gospel in areas of the world where faith costs the most!

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

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1. "Praise the Lord! For he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving." (Psalm 28: 6-7)
2. Pray and ask the Lord to go before us and prepare the hearts of the staff and their spouses to receive a new pastor when the time comes. Ask that He grant wisdom and clarity on how dynamics will/should shift and a readiness to submit to new leadership in the ways they should.
3. Pray for the Lord to work in our midst – to mature our committed students and draw new students to Christ.
4. Pray with Roman Walley for the students to finish the semester well while walking consistently with the Lord. Pray also for healing for Ben Kelly – one of our leaders who had to leave school to recover from severe digestive problems.
5. Please continue to pray for JoAnn Stewart as she recovers from emergency surgery. "Before they call, I will answer, while they are still speaking I will hear." (Isaiah 65:24)
6. Pray for the new Crosspoint leaders who will be brought on for leading next year. Pray also for joyful energy and endurance for Roman and Amy.
7. Pray with Jenny Jones as she thankfully praises the Lord for allowing the pre-k ministry to see even the littlest hearts learn and trust who God is and see them joyfully worship their Creator. Also, praise and thank God for the amazing support, encouragement, and wise counsel from fellow staff and elders. Praise Him for the increased service from our church family – through Wednesday night meals and for our volunteers serving in the preschool rooms.
8. Lord, I ask You to inspire all Christians in education to be Your shining light in schools by being role models and mentors for the younger generations. I pray for teachers to have the wisdom, knowledge, and skills to teach students and make their classrooms places where students learn not only knowledge but also morality and integrity. I pray that teachers and school administrative leaders would fear You understand that they have a great responsibility as they train our nation's future leaders. Holy Spirit, fill the lives of the teachers with Your presence, and by their shining examples, I ask You to draw young people to follow Jesus.
9. Dear God in heaven, I come before You in the Name of Jesus on behalf of the leaders of the United States. First of all, in accordance with 1 Timothy 2:1-2, I intercede and give thanks for kings and all in authority and expect to live a quiet and peaceable life. I pray for the Word of God to be given free course and Your people to be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2). The heart of the king is in Your hand and You will turn it whichever way You choose (Proverbs 21:1). I ask You to direct the heart and mind of our national leaders to make decisions that will lead the country in Your ways and according to Your Word.
10. O Lord, I give my life to you. No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others. Show me the right path, O Lord, and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. (Psalm 24:1, 3-5)
11. Lord, move the voices of influence of our nation to speak in agreement with Your Word. I ask You to send laborers filled with the spirit of wisdom and might to surround the leaders of the United States with godly counsel and insight. I also ask You to remove from positions of authority those who stubbornly oppose righteousness, and replace them with men and women who will follow You and Your appointed course for our nation.
12. Lord, I thank You that You deliver me from all the plans of the enemy for my destruction. Thank you for saving me so that I can finish my work well on earth and be with You forever in Your heavenly kingdom. "The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom." (2 Timothy 4:18)
13. Lord, I thank you for the individuals serving in our local community government. Work in their hearts the desire to show integrity and trustworthiness in all of their actions and decisions.
14. Lord, help me to live in a godly manner by refusing all ungodliness and worldly attitudes in my life. Help me to not only believe in Your laws, but to act in a way that proves I love them. "The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age." (Titus 2:11-12)
15. Pray for M and M in Russia in their daily Christian walk. Guide their small groups as they share the gospel and teach your Word. Pray for their children, K, P and A's spiritual growth and for good health. Pray that God will protect their travels and that He will accomplish in them the purposes for which they are called.
16. Pray and ask God to open your eyes to who your neighbor is – anyone you should have compassion on today. "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion." (Luke 10:33)
17. Pray with CRU as students wind down the semester that they will be sensitive to the Lord's leading as they commit to summer opportunities and missions conference opportunities.
18. Pray for the FFE groups meeting monthly. These groups bring together older and younger women for fellowship and encouragement. Pray for these groups as they build relationships with women in different seasons of life, sharing a meal and their hearts, and as they grow in faith together.
19. Lord, bless Cynthia Knowles, Director of Connection, & her husband Drew, as they minister together in making people feel welcome at Grace Bible Church. Tune their hearts to always seek you as the leader of their lives and their home.
20. Lord, we lift up prayer for those who lead and direct our soldiers. May their daily decisions bring powerful protection and abundant provision to our men and women in uniform. Thank You for the men and women that protect this nation! Father, as they protect us, protect them as well! Lord, You know where they will be today and I pray that You will be there with them to guide them through whatever challenges and trials they face this day. I thank You for these men and women, Lord!
21. Pray for wisdom for the elders as they continue to provide direction and leadership for the church body. "Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" (1 Kings 3:9)
22. Pray that God would help us show His love to visitors who come to our church. Ask Him to reveal His character through us. "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." (Heb 13:2)
23. Pray for the pastoral search committee that they will remain steadfast and immovable in seeking the Lord's will for our next pastor. Pray the Lord will encourage them and give them strength to keep on keeping on. "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm, let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)
24. Almighty God, You have given your children the talents, abilities, and spiritual gifts they need to follow Your plan for their lives. Lord, help them use those gifts to serve You first and others second so that Your will is accomplished in their lives. Lord, fill their lives with trusted teachers and advisers who can lead them toward You and Your promises. Help them turn to you as they learn and grow so they can lead fruitful and prosperous lives.