

# Weekly Online Prayer Focus

## May 31-June 5, 2021

Pray that God would provide opportunities for the Gospel to penetrate unreached people groups and also Gospel aware, but disinterested people in our city.

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ. — Col. 4:3

### MONDAY: Global Impact: Mark & Parker:

- We were able to celebrate Pentecost as a church on Sunday & enjoyed a delicious meal with our church family. We were also blessed to have 2 people follow through in baptism. One woman has been a believer for a while but has never been baptized. The other is a man that heard the Gospel clearly explained to him this week, made a decision to follow Christ, met with the elders on Saturday, and was baptized. **Pray for these two, as well as the other believers here, in the continued walk with Christ.**
- An elder of the church recently spoke at a believer's conference in an area ravaged by terrorists. Over 160 people attended the conference. He gathered with pastors in the evening to encourage and pray with them. **Pray for these pastors as they serve in some of the most dangerous places, but where there has been fertile soil for the Gospel. Pray that they do not lose hope in running the race set before them.**
- As our church grows, so does the opportunity for divisiveness. Recently the church was in a "tough spot" with a family in the church. Through prayer and church discipline, we've gently walked through this time with them. We were encouraged when their sin was confessed to the church & forgiveness was requested. We are so thankful that the Lord has used this situation to teach our entire church of the blessing of discipline, the healing that comes through confession, and the power of forgiveness. **Pray that God continues to use "tough spots" in the church for His glory and our good.**
- Join us in praying for 2 specific Unengaged Unreached People Groups (UUPGs): Northern Teke of Gabon & the Bisa of Cote d'Ivoire
  - **Pray that God would call laborers of the harvest to take the Gospel to these UUPGs**
  - **Pray that God would prepare the hearts of the people to receive His Word**

### TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

Today, we specifically pray that you help the counselors, staff, and volunteers at the Pregnancy and Counseling Centers to be good and faithful servants of their time, energy, and resources. We also pray that you would help the church and community be faithful in their support of The Centers through the Gift for Life offering so that we can enter Your joy together, praising You for the work that is done in this place. **Mathew 25:21** <https://partner.centersforhope.org/>

### WEDNESDAY: Continued Revival in Living Hope

Focus your prayer around: **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

***Pray:** Father, Your gospel is the good news about Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is the glorious and gracious message that through His Person and His work, sinners can be brought into a right relationship with You. It is the power of God to salvation. It is the message that brings sinners into a right relationship to You. It is the greatest message ever given among people. Yet, we are not sharing this message. We have grown indifferent to this message. We have failed to proclaim this message on a continual basis to the lost who are in desperate need of it. Forgive us of this abominable sin! Have mercy on us, O God! Grant revival to us that we would share this message with the lost. Send genuine revival so that Your gospel will go forth in power from us! For the sake of Your gospel, I plead that You will grant revival.*

### THURSDAY: A need in our city, nation, or world

Pray for our church family to stay engaged during the summer.

- Pray for the church to be faithful to gather for worship every Sunday.
- Pray for our children and students to gather for worship with their parents and engage in the programming on Sunday morning and Wednesday night for students.
- Pray for those who serve to be faithful and for more to volunteer to serve.
- Pray for our college, young adults, and senior adults to connect, care for each other, share their hope with the lost souls of our city, and to grow in their commitment to Christ.

### FRIDAY: Pray Living Hope (LH) will impact our homes, our neighbors, and every generation with the hope of Jesus.

Pray for our students and leaders who will be going to camp next week.

- Pray for God to provide them with safety and health.
- Pray for God to do a saving and reviving work among our students.
- Pray for youth workers to connect with and build strong bonds with our students.
- Pray for God to strengthen our children and student ministries.

**SATURDAY: Pray for our worship gatherings**

Pray God to bless us as we begin a new series for the summer: **Thriving with Hope - A Summer in the Psalms**

This Sunday our message is: *When It Feels Like God Is Distant* / **Text: Psalm 10**

**Main Thrust:** In moments when it feels like the Lord is distant because wicked people prosper at the expense of others, it is important for believers to know that God sees and hears the cries of the afflicted.

- Challenge people to take the requests of their hearts to the Lord instead of complaining about their circumstances.
- Encourage people by helping them know that God may, for a time, allow the wicked to go unpunished, but He will repay with justice in His timing.
- Teach people that God sees us, hears our prayers, and responds with what we need.
- Help people to understand the wonderful truth that God of Heaven has seen our helpless situation and answered us in the greatest way possible--in Christ Jesus.