

# Weekly Online Prayer Focus

## January 24-29, 2022

### **DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:**

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: Jacob and Cara Stevens**

Jacob and Cara serve in Portugal and are currently stateside facilitating the adoption of their son.

- Please pray that we would receive a timely and favorable response to Joseph's automatic citizenship application.
- Please pray for receptive responses from local Southern Baptist pastors as we reach to be their local connection to the IMB.

### **TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center**

- Pray for the counselors at the Center for Biblical Counseling. Pray they would trust in God and rely on Him to provide them with wisdom to speak to the people that they counsel instead of relying on their own words and understanding. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." **Proverbs 3:5**
- Pray for the hearts of clients and their families in the Center for Pregnancy to be open to the gospel, "that they may turn from the darkness to light and from the power of satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" **Acts 26:17b-18** <https://partner.centersforhope.org/>

### **WEDNESDAY: Continued Revival in Living Hope**

Ask God to reveal to believers the depth and the evil of their sin. Call on the Holy Spirit to move them to confess and repent of their sin (**Psalm 19:12-14, 1 John 1:9**). The Holy Spirit is grieved when a believer cherishes sin and does not confess and repent of it (**Psalm 66:18, Ephesians 4:30**). When the Holy Spirit is grieved, He will not release His miraculous, life-transforming power into our midst. Sin has to be dealt with by believers. Believers must be honest about their sin and must come clean with God about these things.

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

Pray for our teachers, students, administrators, and families. After a week of non-traditional instruction because of weather and COVID, it can be difficult to get past the stress and on with the studies.

- Pray for teachers to feel well, stay healthy, and be able to focus on teachings.
- Pray for students to stay healthy and be able to focus on their studies.
- Pray for the school systems and administrators to be effective in creating healthy instructional environments. Pray also to help with the different challenges the students of our city are facing.
- Pray for students, teachers, administrators, and families to look to Jesus and find hope and strength in His Gospel of love.

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

Pray for Living Hope as we go out into the community to provide care to our city.

- Pray for a large number of people to go door to door and check on people needing help in our city.
- Pray for those needing help to connect with the resources we are able to provide.
- Pray for the people of LH who go out to connect with and develop life-long friendships with those who are in need and help them.
- Pray for God to be glorified and lives to be changed in this difficult time in our city.

### **SATURDAY: Pray for our worship gatherings tomorrow.**

We continue our series: **The Prayer of the Kingdom of God**

**Title: Praying with Kingdom Hope | Text: Matthew 6:12**

**Main Thrust:** Jesus, the King, came to earth to save sinners. Salvation comes by grace through faith in Christ alone. He has provided for our forgiveness and redemption (2 important unique concepts). Those who have forgiveness and redemption pray with Kingdom hope. The forgiveness that God gives empowers saints to forgive others and helps realize the fundamental characteristics of the Kingdom of God: holiness and love.

- Challenge people to repent and believe the Gospel for salvation and sanctification.
- Encourage people to know that the Gospel is the power of God that brings the Kingdom into the life of a person and into the world.
- Teach people that the Kingdom Hope is the Gospel. The Gospel makes it possible for people to be right with God, right within, and right with others, which expresses the holiness and love of the Kingdom.

- Help people be peacemakers and to show the kindness of the Kingdom of God to others.

**Next Week's Text: Matthew 6:12**