

Weekly Online Prayer Focus

January 15-20, 2023

Monthly Memorization

January: *Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5*

DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:

Pray that our city and nation would abandon secularism and other false religions and worship the one true God.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! — 1 Chronicles 16:28

MONDAY: Global Impact Ministries

- Praise! We are so thankful to see that God exceeded our goal for Gift for Christ!
- This will likely be our biggest year ever for outreach locally, nationally, and internationally. Our ministry is moving in many directions at once. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to serve our city, our partners, and our Lord well.
- We are beginning to plan for the Ignite Conference in November. Please pray for wisdom, vision, and bringing the right keynote and breakout speakers on board.

TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

Pray for the counselors at the Center for Biblical Counseling. Pray they will 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: 10:2 Focus

Luke 10:2 *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

Pray that we will be faithful to share our hope in Christ and invite people to gather with us for worship to hear how 2024 can be a year of REFRESHING!

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

Continue to pray for our nation as we begin a significant election cycle.

- Pray for God to provide our nation with godly, wise leaders.
- Pray that electoral, judicial, and legislative processes will create confidence among the people in their leaders and government.
- Pray for the Church to be faithful to Christ and function as salt and light as He has commanded us.
- Pray for Christians to be wise in how we use our words and live out **Colossians 4:5-6**. *“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”*

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

Ask God to bless Living Hope's ministries.

- Ask God to bless the Next Generation ministries as they serve children and parents.
- Ask God to bless the College and Young Adult ministries to make disciples of many more of them.
- Ask God to bless the Impact ministries to make disciples of the nations and care for our city.
- Ask God to bless our Adult Discipleship ministries so that healthy marriages, lives, and families are produced.
- Ask God to bless our Worship ministries to gain leaders and provide direction for our congregation.
- Ask God to bless our deacons and the care ministries of the church.
- Ask God to bless our elders and staff.

SATURDAY: Pray as we continue our series: Refresh Your Focus

This Sunday: Focus on Justice | Text: Psalm 1:4-5

Main Thrust: It is easy to get distracted and discouraged in our fallen world. By focusing on how natural consequences provide some justice and focusing on the reality of the eternal justice of God, the redeemed can be warned and encouraged.

- Challenge people to see the justice of natural and spiritual consequences. Those who are wicked in this world are not grounded in Christ and will be driven away without hope in life and will face the eternal judgment of God in death.
- Encourage people to hope in the grace of God and be saved from the natural consequences of sin and the eternal, righteous judgment of God.
- Teach people how the things of this world will pass away, and the judgement of Christ will remain for all of eternity. The redeemed will stand in the congregation of the righteous by faith.
- Help people to focus on justice and be encouraged to fear God and have saving faith in Christ.

Next Week's Text: Psalm 1:6