

WEEK OF Prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

SUNDAY // WEEKEND SERVICES

- Passionate worship and powerful encounters with God in all of our worship services, but especially for those participating online.
- Our upcoming Inspiring Stories Weekend with Chris Baker, a tattoo artist who covers up tattoos for former gang members and victims of human trafficking. Pray for all of us to be enthusiastic in inviting and that those who need to hear the hope of Jesus would respond.
- The preaching of God's Word to be faithful and fruitful week in and week out. In particular, pray for the series over next few months on how to be a difference-maker, on the book of Hebrews, on faith in the workplace, and on sexual wholeness in a broken world.
- Creative Arts volunteers. Pray for their relationship with Jesus to be strong, their relationships and their family life to be healthy, and their physical health. Pray for more volunteers to sing and play in the band, operate cameras, run sound, build sets, and help backstage.

MONDAY // HUNTLEY CAMPUS

- The development of the Core Team for our new Huntley Campus.
- The hiring of staff at the Huntley Campus.
- Growth and ministry impact for Little Journey Preschool and Sweet Repeats Thrift Store.
- Preparation to launch in-person ministry later this year.
- God to prepare hearts to be changed in the Huntley community.

TUESDAY // CARE MINISTRIES

- Care Night ministry as we continue to provide ongoing support to our church and community through in-person and online opportunities.
- Wisdom for our Care Mentors who are pouring into others through difficult seasons, that the words bring hope and life.
- Families who have been affected by COVID-19, that spiritual, emotional, and financial support would be an avenue where we can help others encounter Christ on a deeper level.
- The health of our church and staff as we care for one another and our community; that we would be a place where the hurting can find hope, the broken can be restored.
- The health of our volunteers as they serve through the pandemic.

WEDNESDAY // OUR NATION

- The immediate, miraculous end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for continued protection for frontline workers and vulnerable people. Pray for wisdom for our leaders as they make difficult decisions. Pray for peace and perseverance for us all.
- Christ-followers to lead the way in valuing diversity, since diversity was God's idea. This week, we commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Pray for racial reconciliation and justice. Pray for humility, listening, and willingness to learn.

- Protection of the unborn through the end of abortion worldwide. This week, we commemorated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Pray for women with unwanted pregnancies to have the support, resources, and courage to choose life for their child. Pray for women and men who have abortion in their past to find healing and grace.
- The new presidential administration as they are inaugurated. Pray for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, newly elected members of Congress, as well as state and local leaders. Pray for them to lead with wisdom, justice, and humility. Pray for them to pursue values in line with God's kingdom, and where they pursue things contrary to the kingdom, for the negative impact to be minimized.
- Christ-followers to be free from political idolatry. Pray for us to seek God's kingdom first, above any earthly nation, leader, policy, or party. Pray for us to put our hope in the King of Kings, no matter who is in power. Pray for us to speak and act about public issues with the gentleness, kindness, and courage of our King.

THURSDAY // NEXT GENERATION

- Kids, students, and parents to look to God's Word as their primary, daily source of encouragement and wisdom in navigating the pressures of life.
- The students, parents, teachers, and school faculty that are navigating the challenges of remote learning and online school. Pray for understanding, love, and grace to be shown from each group to the other.
- The mental and emotional well being of our kids and youth. Pray for the peace of God to surpass all understanding and to guard the hearts and minds of what is statistically the most anxious, stressed, depressed generation in history.
- The physical health and protection of our families, volunteers, and staff as we gather together. Pray we will have enough volunteers to serve in all areas of our ministry despite current risks.
- Kids and students to remain connected. Pray for our efforts to re-engage those that have fallen out of touch. Pray against anyone feeling alone or isolated.
- Wisdom and creativity as we plan ways to reach kids and students that do not know Jesus. Many of our tried and true methods are not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions.

FRIDAY // ADULT MINISTRIES

- Perseverance. That Community Group leaders would be able to continue to keep connection through this difficult season. We need each other.
- New believers as we launch new opportunities in 2021 for new believers to build a strong foundation in the faith.
- Discipleship. Use John 17:6-19 and reword the phrases to pray for all of your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Unity. Use John 17:20-26 and reword the phrases to pray for Christ Community as a whole and other local churches.

SATURDAY // OUTREACH

- More baptisms signifying people's lives being transformed by the Gospel, and for those who witness these baptisms to be inspired to surrender to Jesus as well.
- Evangelism training to increase our zeal and intentionality and for Alpha to get into neighborhoods.
- Members and attendees to open their homes to mothers who have chosen life for their child.
- Community Groups to get involved in reaching and serving their neighborhoods and communities.
- Our hearts to not grow cold for reaching the nations during these times where travel is difficult. Pray that we'd stay engaged in praying, giving, and when possible, going.
- The impact of our 2020 year-end gift, which will fund the recording of the Bible into at least 22 languages where people do not have access to God's Word in their heart language.