

# WEEK OF Prayer

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

## **SUNDAY // ROOTED**

- The start of Rooted to be a time of encouragement, belonging, and issue-free technology as people at all five campuses connect with their Rooted groups for the first time.
- Each person in Rooted (pray for specific people by name if you know them) to establish a strong foundation in their faith in Christ within a Christ-centered community.
- God's Word to impact the hearts and lives of Rooted groups so they may grow in faith, knowledge, and action.
- Rooted groups to experience the power of God's love and grace to form new habits, bring freedom of strongholds, and reveal next steps as they live as disciples of Jesus who are belonging, growing, serving, and reaching.
- Strength, endurance, and commitment for Rooted groups and Rooted facilitators.
- The Holy Spirit to be working in the lives of every person in Rooted to identify their next step in their relationship with Jesus and for each person to respond in obedience. Their next steps might include baptism, membership, serving, giving, community groups, care night, leading, etc.

## **MONDAY // DISCIPLESHIP**

- Community Groups to find increased connection, unity, and community, as they grow deeper in their walk with the Lord together.
- Community Groups Leaders to lean on the discernment and leadership of Christ as they select studies, shepherd their group members, and facilitate great discussions.
- Group members to experience transformation and growth in their lives through prayer, scripture, and the deep love of God.
- Every person at Christ Community to find their next step in their discipleship journey.
- Bible reading and study classes this fall. Pray that courses like Intro to the Bible and Bible Savvy Workshops would help people grow in their understanding and desire to study the word and become daily Bible readers

## **TUESDAY // CARE MINISTRIES**

- Our new session of Care Night, that people would experience complete healing and transformation and that all would fully engage in the process. Pray that the relationships built would be authentic, encouraging, and full of hope as people embrace the gospel in their journey of healing and recovery.
- Our Care Mentors and Counselors, for discernment, as they meet with people. Pray that the words shared would be well received and encourage mentees to grow in their spiritual lives.
- Our Counselors who have seen a huge increase in needs this past year. Pray for their own mental health and that those that are on waiting lists, would find other resources to help their immediate needs.
- Our Connections team as they help those that are new to the church or those ready to connect through discipleship or serving opportunities, to take these next steps.
- Breakthroughs in the lives of people we talk to every day. Pray for hearts to be open to the gospel in these hard and difficult seasons of their lives. Pray that they would be willing to take the hard steps to find healing and growth.

## **WEDNESDAY // NEXT GENERATION**

- Unity among our staff and volunteer teams to discern and pursue the calling and direction God has for us in our Next Generation ministry this year. Pray for us to love and serve each other well as we love and serve families.
- All Next Gen ministries to have enough people volunteering in our weekend services, midweek ministries, and working on our KidsZone staff team to create amazing ministry environments that facilitate kids and students being made into passionate disciples of Jesus Christ. Ask God if he wants you to be one of those people!

- A great start to EPIC (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) tonight! Pray for the kids, leaders, and parents participating to have a wonderful year connecting with each other as they study, discuss and apply God's Word together.
- Our church's ability to serve children with special needs and their families well. Pray that God continues to call people to serve specifically with that demographic of our church.
- A tremendous year of student ministry in Refuge (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), Mosaic (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), and Crave (college). Pray that many new students surrender their lives to Jesus and that all students grow in their relationships with God and each other.
- Our kids and students to grow up with a healthy, Biblical understanding of their identity, their sense of belonging, and their purpose as a result of what they learn at home and at church.

## **THURSDAY // OUTREACH**

- Our International Impact team as they continue to equip people around the world to minister and share the gospel. Pray for the staff, team leaders, and international partners as they grieve the loss of Pastor Eric Hanson and move forward with this important work.
- International Impact leaders partners during the challenges of COVID. Pray for relief and for vaccines to become available and distributed justly.
- The work of Faith Comes By Hearing as they record the Bible for unreached people groups, many of which are in our partner countries. Pray for their safety, open doors, and wisdom as they utilize funds from our 2020 Year-End Gift.
- The Christ Community Outreach Center in DeKalb as they continue to form relationships with the Pleasant Street Community.
- The Great Day of Serving church-wide outreach event. Pray that God would be recognized and glorified as the people of our communities (Huntley, Streamwood, Aurora, DeKalb, and St. Charles) see the love of Christ lived out through the church.
- The gospel message to impact dozens of people participating in Alpha and the hundreds who will hear the transformation stories of those who are being baptized from all of our campuses.

## **FRIDAY // LEADERSHIP**

- Our volunteer leaders who lead ministries across all five campuses. Pray for wisdom as they serve and lead others, compassion as they minister to those in need and discernment when they experience difficult circumstances or challenges
- Our leaders, volunteer and vocational, would be daily rooted in the Scriptures and empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Our elders and trustees as they begin a new season of leadership. Pray for wisdom as they protect the ministry and finances of Christ Community Church at each of our five campuses
- Our church staff. Pray that God would protect their families and allow them to flourish. Pray that daily ministry would be centered on the sufficient work of Jesus Christ and bring joy and unity

## **SATURDAY // WEEKEND SERVICES**

- Passionate worship and powerful encounters with God in all of our worship services at all campuses and at home.
- People who have drifted from regular weekend worship during COVID to reconnect with regular in-person services.
- Our upcoming Inspiring Stories Weekends in October and December. Pray for all of us to be enthusiastic, inviting those who need to hear the hope of Jesus.
- The preaching of God's Word to be faithful and fruitful week in and week out. In particular, pray for the series over the next few months as we preach on what it means to be rooted in Christ, the Gospel of John, and a series on sexual wholeness in a broken world. Pray for God to work powerfully, especially in the challenging messages.
- 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 people to volunteer to sing and play in the band, operate cameras, run sound, build sets, and help backstage.