## **CB PRAY FIRST GUIDE – JULY 2020**

- **July 1 -** Pray for wisdom, perseverance, protection, and times of rest for first responders as they seek to help those affected by COVID19. (Psa. 32:7)
- **July 2** Pray for our nation to experience revival, renewed hope, healing, and restoration across cultural, socioeconomic, and racial lines, and for the Holy Spirit to convict us of any unconfessed or unrealized prejudices or biases. (Eph. 2:11-18)
- **July 3** Ask Jesus to meet those who are sick, lonely, afraid, or experiencing anxiety during the Pandemic in a special and tender way, flooding their minds with His reassurance, healing, peace, hope, and joy in His presence. (Psl. 34:18)
- **July 4** Pray as we celebrate our nation's freedom, we remember the ultimate freedom bought by our Savior and rejoice in it. (Gal. 5:1)
- **June 5** Pray for our church to lead the way in loving those far from God, those different from us, needing love most, those who are hard to love; pray we consider other's interests above our own during this time when people need it most. (Phil 2:4-11)
- **July 6 -** Pray for the *Authentic Manhood* Bible Study to be a time of connection, discovery and transformation as the men study God's Word and connect with each other. (Acts 6:3-8)
- **July 7 -** Pray we don't lost heart in praying but remember how Jesus prayed to His Father and strive for the same intimacy with Him through Jesus, knowing He loves us perfectly and completely. (I Jn. 5:14-15)
- **July 8** Pray for the *Ladies Summer Bible Study* to be a time of massive Bible intake and connection with other women via Zoom or in-person leading to the transformation of our minds as we seek to become more like Jesus. (Acts 4:32-33)
- **July 9 -** Pray for our families to find practical ways to show gospel love and generosity to each other and those around us during these stressful and uncertain times, so we can be His witnesses and others can see His love. (2 Cor. 5:20)
- **July 10** Pray we would grow in our continual grasp of the gospel as the center of our lives, finding Jesus so completely satisfying and gripping that we look nowhere else for fulfillment. (Mk 12:30)
- **July 11** Pray we will live each day with purpose, clinging to Jesus who will give us the courage to do what is right and good even when we want to believe what social media or the culture says is right or feels good. (John 15:5)
- **July 12** Pray for us to be patient and gentle with those who have differing views than us during these highly volatile times, listening to the Spirit as He leads us in responses that can turn away anger instead of precipitate it. (Jas. 1:19)
- July 13 Ask our loving Father to show Himself to each of us in whatever way we need to see Him now. (Jn. 14:23)
- **July 14** Pray we have the wisdom to see those around us who are far from God and engage them in authentic conversations about Jesus so we can build gospel relationships. (Prov. 11:20)
- **July 15** Continue to pray for the summer Ladies and Men's groups to be changed by the gospel messages they hear each week and engage in and encounter faith-building relationships. (Acts 2:42-47)

- **July 16** Pray we remember the weak, marginalized, and outcast from society during these difficult times, finding practical ways to help them, remembering them in prayer, and giving of our resources to bless them in Jesus' name. (Acts 20:35)
- **July 17** Pray for those far from God in Fort Bend County to find gospel friendly resources online or in the community when appropriate and safe where they encounter Jesus and experience lasting life change for His glory and their joy. (Jn. 3:16)
- **July 18** Pray we seek Jesus during the hard days when it's tempting to just numb out, looking for a quick fix. Ask Jesus to help us seek Him and His Kingdom first, trusting He will then add everything we need. (Matt. 6:33)
- July 19 Pray we will be imitators of Jesus and walk in love, asking for strength when it's hard to do so. (Eph. 5:2)
- **July 20 -** Pray Jesus eradicate COVID19 from the planet, healing all those suffering from the virus and comforting their families. (Luk. 5:13)
- **July 21** Pray Jesus speak to each of us about our prejudices and biases, teaching us to be humble, learning to be uncomfortable for the sake of putting the needs of those who are different than us above our own, stretching beyond our limiting views to engage them in love and grace. (Gal. 3:28)
- **July 22** Pray for our youth to be gospel trendsetters in their communities, being willing to be seen as different for God's glory, trusting He will fill them with a joy they will never get from any gadget, fix or relationship on earth. (I Pet. 2:11)
- **July 23** Pray we are diligent in seeking God during the summer months when it's easy to slack off from our normal routines. Pray for creative ways to engage family in gospel conversations and times in the Word. (Psl. 119:129-131)
- **July 24** Ask the Holy Spirit to give us boldness in asking Jesus for big things in our lives, in our church, community and nation, because He is a mighty and compassionate God. (Acts. 19:11)
- **July 25** Ask Jesus to help us cling to Him during these unsure, stressful times; ask the Spirit to remind us where we find true and lasting peace, hope and comfort. (John 15)
- **July 26** Pray we are characterized by gentle answers that diffuse anger, cultivating relationships in our families and communities in gentleness. (Prov. 15:1)
- **July 27** Ask Jesus to guard and protect us, His church, from the enemy who seeks to distract, disengage, and ultimately destroy all Kingdom work in our lives and our community. (Eph. 6:10-17)
- **July 28** Pray for us to be people who love God, love each other, and show it, however we can right now. (Jn 13:34)
- **July 29** Pray we are sensitive to those who may have different views than us during these politically and socially charged times, asking for Jesus' power to respond in love and extravagant grace vs. judgment and small-mindedness. (Col. 3:12-17)
- **July 30** Pray for us to see our neighbors as souls with an eternal destination, not annoyances or inconveniences. (Jn 13:34)
- **July 31** As we begin to turn our attention towards fall next month, pray we are not overwhelmed with all needing to be done, but rest in His perfect plan for each of us and our families, even when we may not yet know what it looks like: He does. (Jer. 29:11)