

PRAY FIRST GUIDE – JUNE 2020

June 1 - Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as some of us return to worship at the church building, wisdom for the pastors and staff as they pivot, and for perseverance and joy for those who continue to worship at home. (Acts 15:31)

June 2 - Pray all graduates will rejoice in their successes by His grace, despite the different ways of celebrating this year, and find rest in God's good plans for their future, completely trusting in His timing, provision and purposes for their lives. (Jer. 29:11)

June 3 - Pray for wisdom and guidance for Erin Cutshall as she steps in as Student Ministry Director and for the church as they seek to fill the position of Connections and Family Pastor and Student Pastor. (1 Cor. 3:9-13)

June 4 - Pray for the youth of our church to find purposeful work or volunteer opportunities this summer, so they can begin to see their potential in Christ begins not when they "become adults", but **now**, as they take bold steps of obedience in faith. (1 Tim. 4:12)

June 5 - Ask for peace as school ends and summer kicks into gear, and for families to find creative ways to schedule rest & fun into their calendars to connect with each other and God, in the midst of the slow transition back to a new normal. (Matt. 11:28-29)

June 6 - Pray for our families to find practical ways to show gospel love and generosity to each other and those around us this summer, so we can be His witnesses and others can see His love. (2 Cor. 5:20)

June 7 - Ask our Father to give us continued boldness in investing in our community and church for His sake, knowing that where He is made much of, people are changed for His glory. (Mk. 1:17)

June 8 - 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)

June 9 - Ask Jesus to help us cling to Him during the summer, when it's easy to get out of our spiritual routines and disciplines. (John 15)

June 10 - Ask Jesus to meet with those whose hearts are breaking in a special and tender way, touching the deep places of their hearts with His healing, restorative love. (Psl. 34:18)

June 11 - As we continue this transition back to some sort of normalcy, pray we each seek God's wisdom for what is best for our families, and be sensitive to those doing the same, loving each other when we have differing opinions. (Rom. 12:5)

June 12 - Ask Jesus to be with those who are suffering alone in hospitals, comforting, encouraging, and healing them in His power and love. Pray they know Him as their Savior and cling to Him. (Job 5:11)

June 13 - Ask Jesus to give wisdom and discernment to our government officials, medical experts, and local leaders in continuing to navigate this Pandemic. (Prov. 8:1-21)

June 14 - Pray Crossbridge would be fully engaged in making growing followers of Jesus Christ, not because we want something from God or those we serve, but so others will experience all God has for them. (Acts 1:8)

June 15 - Pray for our leaders, staff, elders and pastors to be filled with the Holy Spirit, asking Him to guide them into all truth, keeping them unified around God's vision for our new building and how to continue to lead during the COVID19 crisis. (1 Tim. 5:17)

June 16 - Pray for the Lord to ignite us with passion to serve those around us, not to earn favor with God or others, but because His love drives us deeper in relationship with Him, changing our hearts. (Jn. 13:35)

June 17 - Pray for our faith as a church and as individuals to increase, not for faith itself, but to help us see more of His grandness and goodness in our lives and in those around us. (Heb. 11:6)

June 18 - Ask Jesus to remind us He cannot be more in love with us than He already is, right where we are in our present circumstances, and pray we believe this with all our hearts. (1 Jn. 3:1)

June 19 - Pray for those who are suffering loss due to COVID19, whether loved ones, economically, socially, or financially, to feel the presence and guidance of their Tender Shepherd, who gives good gifts to His children who ask. (Lk. 11:9-13)

June 20 - Ask our Father to help us grasp what it means to live for Christ and press into Him, desiring to count all things loss in comparison to knowing Him intimately. (Phil. 3:7-8)

June 21 - Ask Jesus to bring Fathers from all walks of life to Crossbridge for Father's Day, and that fathers leave feeling encouraged and honored because they have seen their Father, who loves them most. (Deut. 5:16)

June 22 - Ask Jesus to strengthen and encourage singles with a passion to follow harder after God than the things that may be enticing now, but eventually will leave them hurting and empty. (Phil. 3:7)

June 23 - Pray we encourage each other today and every day, so we do not experience the hardening of our hearts that comes from our sin going unchecked. (Heb. 3:13)

June 24 - Ask Jesus to meet us personally during the Pandemic, searching our hearts for what we need most from Him, and granting us the faith despite our unbelief to trust His Word regarding meeting our needs. (Mk. 9:17-27)

June 25 - Ask the Holy Spirit to help us *work out our salvation*, "working out our present experience of God's power to deliver us" from whatever we need to be delivered of, trusting Him with the process as we cling to Him. (Phil. 2:12)

June 26 - Pray for our church, both in person and virtually, to be a safe place for those who feel different to come and find a place of acceptance, warmth and welcoming. May we be an open-armed church! (Acts 4:32-35)

June 27 - Ask Jesus to meet the growing needs of our church and Fort Bend County through this Pandemic. Pray boldly for His hand to move mightily in this next year so all glory will be His and many will come into His Kingdom. (Acts 4:32-35)

June 28 - Pray our spiritual formation is robust this summer, asking we seek Jesus to open our eyes to sin, rapidly repenting and radically obeying as He reveals it, and turning to His Word and frequent conversations with Him to strengthen and encourage us in being formed into His precious likeness. (Rom. 8:29-30)

June 29 - Pray we find practical ways to engage those around us this summer, not giving in to the temptation to take time off from serving God but seeing the small ways He provides to connect with those around us for His glory and other's good. (Matt. 28:19)

June 30 - Pray for those who are struggling with sin and finding it hard to talk about it. Ask Jesus to soften prideful or hurting hearts so they can break free of the viscous cycle of sin, guilt, repeat, and talk with someone they trust. (Rom. 6:19)