

PRAY FIRST

JULY 2016  PRAYER POINTS

July 1 - As families spend time together away from the busyness of life, pray for safety, encouragement, fun and restoration of relationships that may have been stretched this year due to busyness or our own sinful hearts. (Acts 2:42)

July 2 - Pray for the worship team to be protected from the enemy and find joy in using their gifts to glorify Jesus. (Phil3:3)

July 3 - Pray we will live each day with purpose, clinging to Jesus who will give us the courage to do hard, but good things. (John 15:5)

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)

July 5 - Ask our loving Father to show Himself to each of us in whatever way we need to see Him now. (Jn.14:23)

July 6 - Pray we have the wisdom to see those around us who are far from God and engage them in authentic conversations about Jesus that may be refreshing to their soul. (Prov.11:20)

July 7 - Pray we are characterized by gentle answers that diffuse anger and that we be quick to listen, slow to answer and slow to become angry. (Prov.15:1)

July 8 - Pray we will grow in the faith that pleases God, and ask Him to help us in our unbelief regarding who He says He is, who He says we are, and what He says He will do through and for us. (Heb.11:6)

July 9- Ask the Holy Spirit to make us BOLD in asking Jesus for big things in our lives, in our church, and in the lives of those around us, because He is a mighty and compassionate God. (Acts.19:11)

July 10 - Pray Crossbridge embraces the kindness of Jesus that leads people to repentance, and ask that we not judge others, but extend His kindness, patience and forbearance instead. (Rom.2:1-4)

July 11 - Pray as we continue in our BOLD Initiative, we remember our Father who makes us BOLD with strength in our souls, and be diligent to continue on the path of generosity He set for us. (Psl.138:3)

July 12 - Ask Jesus to help us surrender any secret sins we are holding on to, listening to the Holy Spirit's conviction, and take the next steps with Jesus to be free of it. (Eph.4:1)

July 13 - Pray for the Crossbridge staff and volunteers as they lead at Kids Camp, asking for God's protection over their minds and bodies...it's hot out there! (Eph.6:10-19)

July 14 - Pray the children at camp will be encouraged, comforted and strengthened in their faith and walk with Jesus or start one with Him. (Rom.6:5-8)

July 15 - Ask Jesus to create atmospheres for the volunteers and campers to connect in meaningful ways and show His love is truly genuine, not phony or fleeting. (John 15:16-17)

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July 16 - Pray for the children at kids camp to encounter Jesus for themselves this week. (Matt.19:14)

July 17 - As the children return home from camp, pray they made new and lasting friendships and that permanent spiritual changes occurred in their tender hearts. (Mat.19:14)

July 18 - Pray many students at Camp this week will begin a relationship with Jesus and start to develop a faith of their own that will continue to be nurtured beyond camp. (Psl.34:11)

July 19 - Pray the students will be strengthened in the knowledge that they are loved and chosen by God for great purposes, and He will complete the good work He began in them. (Phil.1:6)

July 20 - Ask for the campers to be engaged by loving, caring volunteers and staff with hearts to see lives changed for God and His purposes, and that He would protect campers, staff and counselors from the plans of the enemy. (I Tim.4:6-11)

July 21 - Pray for the campers to develop lasting relationships with new and old friends and that they are encouraged through camp to continue seeking Jesus together, saturating themselves in the gospel. (Heb.10:25)

July 22 - Pray for the students to encounter Jesus in new ways during their small groups and all-camp worship times. (Acts3:19)

July 23 - As the students return from camp, ask God for renewal, strength and new energy in their faith and walk with Jesus, and that they continue in their faith, persevering once the emotions from camp level off. (Heb.12:1-3)

July 24 - As many community groups break for summer, pray we still find meaningful ways to engage in gospel community that leads to transformation. (Prov.27:17)

July 25 - Pray that we don't lose heart in praying, but remember the "blank check" we've been given in God's Word when we pray according to His will. (I Jn.5:14-15)

July 26 - 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 27 - Pray we each take the next BOLD step of faith, looking to Jesus and His glorious grace and power to help us. (Eph.2)

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 be intentional about engaging those far from God through meaningful relationship and conversation, taking BOLD steps to welcome them, not judge them. (2 Cor.5:20)

July 30 - Pray we see our neighbors as souls with an eternal destination, not as an annoyance or inconvenience. (Jn.13:34)

July 31 - As we begin to turn our attentions toward fall next month, pray we are not overwhelmed, but rest in His perfect plan for each of us. (Jer.29:11)