

PRAY FIRST

AUGUST 2016



PRAYER POINTS

Aug 1 - Ask Jesus to grant students and preschoolers peace, joy, comfort and great adventures with new and old friends as they move up to their next classes on Promotion Sunday. (Acts 4:43-44)

Aug 2 - Pray each of us ask this hard, but necessary question, "Jesus, am I craving anything that you were crucified for?" and then rapidly repent and accept His healing for our sin or hurt. (Isa.53:4-5)

Aug 3 - Ask our Father for us to be radically changed by the gospel as we continue our BOLD Initiative, and for our hearts soften to the Holy Spirit as He guides us in staying the course in gospel generosity. (Acts 4:13)

Aug 4 - Pray for Crossbridge to be people who do not live on the fringe of all Jesus has for us, but move from proximity to intimacy, allowing His love to transform our relationship with Him. (Mat.27:54)

Aug 5 - Ask Jesus to protect us from the distractions of our culture, so we can stay saturated in the gospel in the middle of our suburban American lives. (2 Cor.11:3)

Aug 6 - Pray for those who are facing difficult situations to turn to God as their source of strength, hope and peace as He works all things together for their good, trusting Him for what they need. (Phil.4:6-7)

Aug 7 - Pray the Crossbridge "Welcome Lunch" is a time of discovery and connection with Jesus and others as people seek to connect and find their place. (Eph.2:12-13)

Aug 8 - Pray we do not become anxious by trying to control things beyond us, but rather remember to pray and ask Jesus for big things because our faith leads us to rest in His care. (Psl.131)

Aug 9 - Ask Jesus that we not become distant from the gospel, but press into it, not judging or becoming complacent, and encouraging others to do the same. (Acts 15:19-20)

Aug 10 - Pray that we are soft to God's Spirit and allow Him to search our hearts and reveal our anxious thoughts or sinful desires, then repent and radically obey His Word. (Psl.139:23-24)

Aug 11 - Pray we will be aware that our enemies are not those who hurt or anger us, but are the enemies of Christ whom He conquered through his death and Resurrection. (Eph.6:10-11)

Aug 12 - Pray Team Night is a night of encouragement, connection and fun as volunteers are refreshed and equipped to continue in their service for God's glory and our joy. (Acts 2:42 & 44)

Aug 13 - Ask Jesus to fill our staff and leaders with wisdom, perseverance, and discernment as they lead us during this season of BOLD, receiving confirmation to act in full faith. (Acts 6:4)

Aug 14 - Ask for the grace to love those who are difficult to love, remembering that we are the worst sinners we know, and God loves us completely, so we can freely share that love with others. (John 15:13)

Aug 15 - Pray that many who attend services will receive Christ for the first time or renew their passion for Him. (Phil.3:7-8)

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Aug 16 - Pray we have the strength and discernment to believe what is true and right, even when it's hard and we are tempted to believe the lies of this world and the enemy. (John 16:13)

Aug 17 - Pray for the families of CB to give God first place and free reign in their marriages, calendars, finances and parenting, so we can fully be filled with His wisdom and love for each other's sake. (Psl 127)

Aug 18 - Pray for the servants of Crossbridge to desire to see hearts and lives changed for God and His purposes, and that He protects them from the plans of the enemy as they step out of their comfort zone. (I Tim.4:6-11)

Aug 19 - Ask our Father to give us a hunger and passion for Him through His Word. (Psl.119:103)

Aug 20 - Pray all of us will live lives that make those around us want what it is that makes us different, and that we are BOLD enough to speak about Him in the context of relationships. (Mt. 5:16)

Aug 21 - Pray those far from God are softened by the Holy Spirit, and they explore Jesus, become His child or their passion and faith are rekindled. (Acts 4:31)

Aug 22 - Pray that we would commit our work, whatever it is in this season, to the Lord, and He would establish our plans. (Prov.16:3)

Aug 23 - Ask Jesus to bring more volunteers for ministry at CB. Pray He will meet our ever increasing needs, and we are responsive to His promptings to serve where He calls us. (Matt.16:15)

Aug 24 - Pray that when we are tempted, we turn to the cross, remember His cost, and let love bind our wandering hearts to Jesus. (Psl.22:1-6)

Aug 25 - Pray we know and believe today that Jesus is enough, and things we attempt to add to Him are only distractions meant ultimately to replace Him. (Mat.11:29-30)

Aug 26 - Thank Jesus today for our salvation, our freedom in Christ, and our abilities and gifts He has so generously given us, all because He loves us and calls us His own. (Psl.100)

Aug 27 - Ask Jesus to help us be fiercely attentive to when and with whom we are tempted to inflate, deflate, exaggerate or belittle ourselves, granting us discernment as to why we are investing energy in an illusion, and repent from it. (2 Cor.5:17)

Aug 28 - When we are tired or frustrated and prone to emotionally disconnect from life, ask Jesus to strengthen our hearts, heal our hurts and give us new eyes to see His world and our purpose in it. (Jn.2:16)

Aug 29 - Ask Jesus to help us curb our criticism of the "least of these", staying away from trite critiques, and instead, seeking the heart of Jesus regarding how to love them practically. (Mat.25:31-46)

Aug 30 - Pray we continue to walk in faith, not for faith itself, but in obedience to Jesus as we abide in Him, trusting His Word and the Holy Spirit to guide us. (John 15)

Aug 31 - Pray as Community groups start up for the fall, many will recommit to community for the year and be encouraged by authentic relationships, accountability, prayer and the Word. (Psl.133.1)