

PRAY FIRST

JULY 2017 PRAYER POINTS

July 1 - Ask Jesus to make us a church unified around our mission to make growing followers of Jesus, giving each of us wisdom through the Spirit to know the words or actions we need in each moment. (Eph.4:3-7)

July 2 - Ask Jesus that we not become distracted away from the gospel but instead press into it, encouraging others to do the same, and connecting with those far from God in meaningful ways. (Acts 15:19-20)

July 3 - Pray for Crossbridge Leadership and their families to be protected from the schemes of the enemy and for His grace, joy, wisdom, and peace to fill their lives and homes. (Eph. 6:19)

July 4 - As we celebrate our nation's freedom, pray we remember the freedom our Savior died to give us, and ask for His love, wisdom, and mercy to lead us all into His light and truth. (2 Chron. 7:14)

July 5 - Pray the student and elementary summer events will be a time of encouragement, fun and connection with others who are centering their lives around the gospel. (Col.3:16)

July 6 - As children serve on W.O.N. Day, pray they not only serve in joy, but they are blessed tremendously in the process because they are about their Father's business. (Psl.100:2)

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

July 8 - Pray we will grow in the faith that pleases God, that He helps us in our unbelief regarding who He says He is, who He says we are, and what He says He will do, and that we wholeheartedly seek Him. (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 Jesus' kindness that leads people to a place of repentance, and ask that we not judge others but extend His kindness, patience and forbearance instead. (Rom.2:1-4)

July 11 - Pray for our youth as they play, volunteer or work this summer, asking for wisdom from God's Spirit to guide them to truth and make godly choices that will honor Him and bring joy to their soul. (Prov. 4:18 & 26)

July 12 - Pray for the Crossbridge staff and volunteers as they lead out at Kids Camp. Pray for God's protection over their minds and bodies (it's hot!). Ask Jesus to create atmospheres for them to connect with the campers in meaningful ways and that they live out the gospel in ways that are contagious. (John 15:16-17)

July 13 - Pray many children at Kids Camp would 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 14 - Pray the campers will learn and 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 15 - Ask the Lord for the campers to be engaged by loving, caring adults and teens with hearts to see lives changed for God and His purposes, and that He protects campers, staff and counselors from the plans of the enemy. (1 Tim.4:6-11)

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July 16 - Ask Jesus to help the campers 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 17 - Pray we will walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have been given. If that means surrender of a secret sin or taking a step, in faith, pray we listen to the Holy Spirit and take the next steps with Jesus in full surrender and joy. Eph.4:1)

July 18 - Ask our Father to continue to grant His wisdom to the staff and Elders of Crossbridge. Pray they are led by His Holy Spirit, and ask for protection from distraction and deception that would lead them away from the purity and simplicity of their devotion to the gospel. (II Cor.11:3)

July 19 - For those far from God who visit Crossbridge, pray the Holy Spirit soften their hearts to the gospel and they encounter people who make them feel welcomed and loved by the God of the Universe. (Eph.1:7-9)

July 20 - Pray for W.O.N. Day to be a time of sharing in gospel generosity for the children, and for them to be filled with God's joy and strength as they reach out to others in need with God's love. (I Cor. 15:58)

July 21 - For the volunteers of Crossbridge, pray they are protected from the schemes of the enemy and covered by the Holy Spirit. Ask for sweet times of refreshing from their "face-to-face" time with Jesus and joy as they serve. (Acts 3:19)

July 22 - Pray for the team going to El Salvador today. Ask for God to guide each step of their service, protect them from the enemy's plans, and for unity with Compassion as they serve the children together. (Eph. 4:3)

July 23 - Pray for the El Salvador team to experience all God has for them during this time of service, so out of the overflow of their hearts, their mouths speak love and gospel truth to those they serve. (Luke 6:45)

July 24 - Ask our Father to protect both the families and Compassion team from the lies of the enemy, so His light and truth can invade the darkness and shine the truth of the gospel, so many hearts are changed for eternity. (Prov. 4:18)

July 25 - Pray for the CB Team serving in El Salvador to meet the needs of the families they serve in practical ways, through generosity, joy and love. (Neh.8:10)

July 26 - Pray for the Compassion Team in El Salvador to continue to have the wisdom, provision, and joy of God to serve the families there, supplying not only physical and educational needs, but spiritual comfort as well. (Jas. 1:27)

July 27 - As the El Salvador team returns today, ask Jesus to protect them on their trip home, and fill their homes with joy, peace and hope as they arrive safely. (Mark 5:19)

July 28 - Pray however messy and hard our lives get, we can keep our focus on what is to come: the goodness, the sweetness, the joy of a life spent with Jesus and all those who love Him. (Acts 14:22b)

July 29 - Pray we devote ourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving. (Col.4:2)

July 30 - Ask Jesus to help us to see all the reasons to be thankful, even in the most difficult situations, and not to forget to ask for what we need, because He is the giver of all good things. (Acts 16:25)

July 31 - Pray we have the wisdom to see those around us who are far from God and engage them in authentic conversations about Jesus and that it be refreshing to their soul. (Prov.11:20)