

PRAY FIRST

JULY 2018  PRAYER POINTS

July 1 - Pray for the newcomers in the Next Steps class today to connect with their purpose as growing followers of Jesus and grow in their desire to know God, moving from curious to connected. (Acts 2:46)

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

July 3 - 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 go with what the culture says is right or feels good. (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, so we can engage them in practical, gospel-oriented ways. (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 anger. (Prov. 15:1)

July 8 - Pray for those attending the Next Steps class today to move from connected to committed as they discover how God uniquely created them to make a difference for Him. (Gal. 6:9)

July 9 - Ask the Holy Spirit to give us boldness 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 for the Crossbridge staff and volunteers as they lead out at Kids Camp, asking for God's protection over their minds and bodies during a hot week of outdoor, nonstop fun. (Eph. 6:10-19)

July 12 - 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 13 - 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)

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

July 15 - 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 16 - 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)

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July 17 - Pray for those far from God in Fort Bend County to find gospel friendly atmospheres where they meet the Lover of their Souls, whether it be at Crossbridge or other Christ-centered venues in community. (Jn. 3:16)

July 18 - Pray we become increasingly sensitive to the Holy Spirit, hearing His voice guiding us to share God's love when and where He leads, and helping us live for God's glory each moment of every day. (Jn. 14:26)

July 19 - Pray for our youth to be gospel trendsetters in their communities, willing to be different for God's glory, knowing He will fill them with a joy they will never get from any gadget or relationship on earth. (1 Pet. 2:11)

July 20 - Pray we are known as a gospel-centered church, freely and frequently offering grace to those different from us, welcoming all who enter because they are Christ's children. (Acts 2:42)

July 21 - Pray for many to attend Serve Day and the practical ways we show gospel love to our community is felt by those served. (1 Cor. 15:58)

July 22 - As we continue in our commitments in the Unfinished initiative, pray we persevere even when times get hard or things get tight, trusting our Father who owns it all and will provide what we need to be faithful to finish the race. (1 Cor. 9:24)

July 23 - Ask Jesus to help us surrender any secret sins we are holding on to, listening to the Holy Spirit's conviction and taking the next steps with Jesus to be free of it. (Eph. 4:1)

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 how Jesus prayed to His Father, and strive for the same intimacy with Him, knowing He loves us perfectly and completely. (1 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 - 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 be intentional about engaging those far from God through meaningful relationships and conversations, taking bold steps to welcome them, not judge them. (2 Cor. 5:20)

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

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