

# PRAY FIRST

NOVEMBER 2018  PRAYER POINTS

Nov. 1 - As we approach the holidays, pray for those dreading their coming, asking God to meet their needs in special and tender ways during the coming months. (Rom. 12:10-13)

Nov. 2 - Pray for Baptism Sunday this weekend to be a time of celebration and new beginnings for those making a public declaration of their faith in Jesus. (Luke 3:16)

Nov. 3 - As we continue in our Afterlife series, pray the future collides with our present, changing our misinformed views, and we learn to live as citizens of Heaven, keeping our thoughts on the things of His Kingdom and not ours. (Phil. 3:20)

Nov. 4 - For the International Day of Prayer, ask Jesus to renew hope and bring justice, peace and provision to the persecuted church, and open our hearts to those suffering for the sake of the gospel. (Heb. 13:3)

Nov. 5 - During the holidays, pray we bring many people who need to meet Jesus or reconnect with Him, and they find an authentic welcome and encounter Jesus in warm and winsome ways. (Jn. 17:20-21)

Nov. 6 - Pray for our pastors and staff to continue to be soft to the Holy Spirit's leading, be bold in their faith, maintain unity in peace, and rest in Jesus when they are tired, so they can lead in faith and wisdom. (2 Cor. 13:11)

Nov. 7 - Pray we continue to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, and we fully engage in the life to which He has called us: relationship with Him and serving those around us. (Heb. 12:1-2)

Nov. 8 - Pray for Crossbridge to be people who do not live on the fringe of all Jesus has for us, but we move from proximity to intimacy, allowing His love to transform our relationship with Him. (Mat. 27:54)

Nov. 9 - Ask Jesus to fill those far from God with the hope of the gospel as they visit Crossbridge, and to help us make the most of every opportunity to share His love with those around us. (2 Cor. 2:15)

Nov. 10 - Pray we continue in gospel generosity, seeking practical ways to be generous during the holidays, whether through the Food Drive or other venues that show His love. (Acts 2:46-47)

Nov. 11 - Pray we become more a people of first response. As we hear of needs in our community, pray we would ask, "Lord, how can I represent you and bring blessing to others in this situation?" (2 Cor. 9:8)

Nov. 12 - Ask Jesus to be our strength when we have none, our protection against enemies who are real and unseen, and our joy when we're stressed and worn out during the hectic holiday season. (2 Cor. 9:8)

Nov. 13 - Pray we press into Jesus who gives us His Spirit of power, love and self-discipline, and when we doubt His presence in our lives, we ask Him to show Himself strong on our behalf. (1 Tim. 1:7)

Nov. 14 - Pray our youth are not overwhelmed and "taken" with all the world hands them on a silver platter day after day, but they see Jesus and His glorious love as all they need for significance, joy and acceptance. (1 Tim. 1:15)

Nov. 15 - Pray we have open eyes to see needs and meet them in practical ways during the holidays, so others will feel God's love through our acts of kindness. (Rom. 12:10-13)

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Nov. 16 - Ask Jesus to help the people of Crossbridge encourage one another through community by pointing others to His truth, praying for one another, and living authentically together each week. (Heb. 3:13)

Nov. 17 - Pray all of Crossbridge would be fully engaged in our mission to make growing followers of Jesus Christ, so others can truly know God and experience all He has for them. (Eph. 3:17-19)

Nov. 18 - Pray we believe more fully that Jesus is better than money, entertainment, achievement, popularity, our latest ambition, our newest pursuit, or compromise. Pray we believe He is better and live like it. (Phil. 3:8)

Nov. 19 - As the holidays approach, pray we keep our focus on what really matters, celebrating Jesus and engaging others in practical ways to see the One who can bring them hope, joy and peace. (2 Thes. 3:5)

Nov. 20 - Ask Jesus for those who have suffered loss to be strengthened and renewed by God's Spirit and that He protect them from depression and destructive thoughts. (2 Cor. 1:3-5)

Nov. 21 - Pray for Jesus to soften our hearts to the Spirit's conviction of sin, so we can repent and love one another when it's hard, bringing Him glory as we do. (Jn. 13:34-35)

Nov. 22 - As we gather with family or friends for Thanksgiving, pray we all remember to be thankful for the greatest gift we have been given, Christ in us. (Psl. 100)

Nov. 23 - Pray for Crossbridge to be a place of unique community for new people who come, and ask they encounter the God of the Bible during worship, teaching from God's Word, and in the people they meet. (Eph. 4:11-13)

Nov. 24 - Pray we are inspired by God's Word to find truth, instruction, correction, and direction for our lives, and God opens our eyes to see wonderful truths from His Word. (2 Tim. 3:16)

Nov. 25 - Pray for those who may be lonely or hurting during the holidays, that Christ will make Himself known to them in real and tender ways, and they are comforted and transformed by His presence. (2 Cor. 1:5-7)

Nov. 26 - Pray for the men of Crossbridge to be strengthened with all the power of the Spirit, so Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. Pray they are rooted and grounded in His Word and steadfast love. (Eph. 3:15-19)

Nov. 27 - Ask boldly for the Lord to add to our number daily as He did the early church. Pray He uses us as His ambassadors for Christ, leading us to serve and love others sacrificially. (Acts 2:47; 2 Cor 5:20)

Nov. 28 - Pray we continue to be committed to our work for the Lord, however that looks for each of us, trusting our work is not ineffective but is useful to God in making growing followers of Jesus. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Nov. 29 - Pray God shows us how we can focus on Him in the midst of conflict, particularly during the holidays when stress can be higher than usual. Pray we own our part in it and offer forgiveness. (Rom. 12:18)

Nov. 30 - Pray for Crossbridge families to experience the joy of this Holy Season and discover new ways the Lord so completely loves them, being compelled to share this amazing love with those around them. (Luke 2:30-32)