

PRAY FIRST

SEPTEMBER 2016 PRAYER POINTS

Sept. 1 - Pray for community groups as they begin this fall, asking our Father to grow us in wisdom, joy and commitment to Him and one another as we seek Him together in authentic community. (Acts. 4:46-47)

Sept. 2 - Pray for families as we get back into the swing of the school year and older students are off to college, asking for peace, calm and sense of order that comes from the Holy Spirit. (Jn.16:33)

Sept. 3 - Pray we consider Jesus and the cross daily, and we seek Him to help us live for the Kingdom of God and not our own agendas. (Matt.13)

Sept. 4 - Ask Jesus to protect, nurture and encourage as we allow free reign of the Holy Spirit into all aspects of our marriages and homes. Pray for the men to lead well and the women to honor and support their husbands. (Eph.6)

Sept. 5 - As we continue in our BOLD Initiative, pray we have the perseverance and tenacity to stay the course to which God has called each family. (Acts 14:22)

Sept. 6 - Ask Jesus to fill those far from God with the hope of the gospel as they visit CB, and to help us make the most of every opportunity to share His love with those around us. (2 Cor. 2:15)

Sept. 7 - Ask Jesus for faith when we are tempted to look at circumstances instead of His grace, and that we seek opportunities to walk in gospel generosity with those God puts in our sphere of influence. (2 Cor.9:8)

Sept. 8 - Ask that we remember to always pray for each other in faith first before going to lesser options, believing God delights to hear His people pray. (Psl.143:1)

Sept. 9 - Ask God to strengthen the men of CB, leading them in right living, loving their wives, teaching their children His ways, or making the hard choice of singlehood so countercultural to our society. (Eph. 4:15)

Sept. 10 - Pray for the children's ministry, asking the Lord to create an atmosphere that encourages our children to find Jesus, granting the team wisdom to talk of the marvelous things He has done. (Mk 10:14)

Sept. 11 - Pray for our nation as we remember the tragedy of 9/11. Ask God to bring revival to our nation and bring those far from Him into relationship with Him through Jesus. (2 Chron.7:14)

Sept. 12 - Ask Jesus for our youth to be BOLD in setting the example in their speech, life, love, faith and purity, being lights to those around them. (Jas 4:4).

Sept. 13 - As our church turns 14 years old, ask that we remember all God has done in and through us, knowing that remembering will ignite our passion and faith for tomorrow. (Eph.5:32)

Sept. 14 - Pray the children of CB receive Christ at an early age and remain humble examples of what we adults need to be to come into the kingdom. (Matt 18:3-4)

Sept. 15 - Ask Jesus to refine us so we live pure lives of devotion to Him, giving us singleness of heart and action to serve and follow Him tenaciously. (Ps. 85:6)

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Sept. 16 - Pray we believe 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)

Sept. 17 - Pray for many people to meet Jesus tomorrow for the first time, and for those who love Him to worship and celebrate all He has done through and among us. (2 Sam.6:21)

Sept. 18 - As we celebrate all Jesus has done the past 14 years, pray we look for Him to do greater things through us over the next 14 years as we seek and serve Him, our magnificent Savior. (Exe.12:14)

Sept. 19 - Ask our Father to keep the staff of CB from losing heart when ministry gets tough, teaching them His ways, so they know and find favor with Him as they lead us. (2 Cor.4:1)

Sept. 20 - Pray for Jesus to purify us and teach us to rapidly repent and radically obey when He convicts us of sin, all for our joy and His glory. (Jn. 13:34-35)

Sept. 21 - Ask Jesus to daily stir parents' hearts with practical ideas that demonstrate His love and saving grace to their children and reminds us no one else will pray for our children like a parent will. (Deut. 6:7)

Sept. 22 - Ask God to keep those struggling with secret sin from the enemy's condemnation, and stir repentance in their hearts, so they can be free from the trap of their sin. (Heb. 12:1)

Sept. 23 - Pray the BOLD prayer of asking Jesus to add to our number daily as He did in the early church as we submit ourselves to Him as ambassadors for Christ. (Acts 2:47; 2 Cor. 5:20)

Sept. 24 - Ask God to give us ears to hear and eyes to see what Christ's Spirit is doing in our church, helping us move beyond issues of preference to embrace unity as His people. (Rev. 3:22)

Sept. 25 - Ask Jesus to help us love those around us, putting their needs above other things that take our time and focus. (Phil.2:3-7)

Sept. 26 - Ask the Father to protect Crossbridge from evil and help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves. (Matt.10:16)

Sept. 27 - As much as we do not fully know our own hearts, Jesus knows and still loves us. Pray we run from self-confidence and embrace God-confidence because He has made us new. (Jn.16:13)

Sept. 28 - Ask our Father to remind us to do good and share with others sacrificially, keeping us outwardly focused, so we don't become self-absorbed. (Heb. 13:16)

Sept. 29 - Pray for our willingness to be led by Christ's Spirit, showing us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting Him. (Acts 7:51)

Sept. 30 - Pray for those who are hurting, asking God who sees to reveal Himself to them in real and deep ways, comforting them and reviving lost hope in their hearts. (Isa. 61:1-3)

Sept. 31 - Pray the elders and pastors receive God's wisdom as they lead us in BOLD. Ask they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. (1 Tim. 5:17)