

# PRAY FIRST

## SEPTEMBER 2018 PRAYER POINTS

Sept. 1 - Ask our Father to fill community groups this fall, so we grow 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 school routines, asking for a peace, calm and sense of order that comes from the Holy Spirit. (Jn. 16:33)

Sept. 3 - Pray we allow Jesus access to our heart, so He can transform it with His truth and grace, changing what comes out of our mouth to be more life-giving and encouraging, making us slower to speak and to anger. (James 5)

Sept. 4 - Ask Jesus to sanctify our hearts and give us a passion to be holy, pure and desire the things of the Spirit: what is good, right and pure. (2 Tim. 2:22)

Sept. 5 - Pray for many people to meet Jesus for the first time in CB services, and for those who love Him to worship and celebrate all He has done through us as we trust Him for more in the years to come. (2 Sam. 6:21)

Sept. 6 - Pray for the Next Steps class to be a time of connection, discovery and hope. Pray for those attending to feel welcome and a part of something beyond themselves. (Acts 2:46-47)

Sept. 7 - Ask Jesus for faith when we are tempted to look at our 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 we remember to always pray for each other in faith first before going our usual Plan A (doing things in our own strength), believing God delights to hear and answer when His people pray. (Psl. 143:1)

Sept. 9 - Pray for our youth who struggle with living a Christ-centered life in a culture that says everything but Jesus will fulfill them. Pray for protection over their minds and bodies and wisdom for their parents as they navigate these hormone-filled and friend-influenced years. (2 Tim. 2:22-26)

Sept. 10 - Pray for the children's ministry, asking the Lord to continue to bring new volunteers who love telling children about Jesus, granting the team wisdom to share His love in relevant ways. (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 - Pray we become more and more a church who says yes to the Holy Spirit, whether it's a small act of service which at the moment is an inconvenience, or a bold step in the Unfinished initiative. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Sept. 13 - Ask for the most audacious need you or someone you know has right now. But first, read Heb. 10:19-25 and Heb. 11, then ask in faith. Find someone to pray this prayer with you!

Sept. 14 - 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 who need to connect with Him. (2 Cor. 2:15)

Sept. 15 - 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)



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Sept. 16 - As our church turns 16 years old, ask 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. 17 - 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 choices of singleness so countercultural to our society. (Eph. 4:15)

Sept. 18 - Pray for our elders as they are planning for the future home of CB to have God's clear wisdom, vision and discernment and to be led to all the right people as they seek help in all the building plans. (Psl. 127:1)

Sept. 19 - As our worship team leads week in and week out, pray for protection over their hearts and minds and for the Holy Spirit to fill them with joy each week as they lead. (Phil. 3:3)

Sept. 20 - Pray for Jesus to soften our hearts 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 God to give us ears to hear and eyes to see what Jesus is doing in our church, helping us move beyond issues of preference to embrace unity as His people. (Rev. 3:22)

Sept. 22 - Ask God to tenderly care for those struggling with sin, hurt, loss or guilt from the enemy's condemnation, and stir repentance and healing, so they can be free to enjoy all Jesus has done for them. (Heb. 12:1)

Sept. 23 - Pray for parents as they attend the conference tonight to take away effective Biblical discipline practices for their home during this season, as well as tips to help navigate their children's highs and lows in life. (Heb. 12:6-14)

Sept. 24 - As parents take away nuggets from last night's conference, pray Jesus daily stir their hearts with practical ideas to demonstrate His love and grace to their children, and remind them no one else will pray for their children like a parent will. (Deut. 6:7)

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 us from evil and help us be wise to the enemy's schemes but innocent to the constant barrage of the culture's continual lies. (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 - Ask Jesus to add to our number daily as He did the early church as we submit ourselves to Him as ambassadors for Christ. (Acts 2:47; 2 Cor 5:20)

Sept. 30 - Ask Jesus to strengthen the women of CB to be women of grace and compassion, serving in their homes or communities as He leads, listening to their Good Shepherd and following Him with all their heart. (John 15)