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May 2022 Prayer Guide

Church Family,

It's so easy to take things for granted, isn't it? We move so fast that it's easy to overlook God's blessings in our lives and our church. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote, *"In normal life we hardly realize how much more we receive than we give, and life cannot be rich without such gratitude. It is so easy to overestimate the importance of our own achievements compared with what we owe to the help of others."* Isn't it true that life cannot be rich without gratitude? Let's make the discipline of gratitude a priority in our lives and say "thank you" to God for His goodness and say "thank you" to those He uses to bless and encourage us. I want to say "thank you" to those of you who serve so faithfully on our Dream Team at Cross Church! God is using you in BIG ways even when you don't see it!



God is good,

Nick Floyd
Senior Pastor
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Preparing to Pray

- Lord, thank You for being present with me in this moment of prayer.
- Lord, thank You for the many blessings in my life.
- Lord, I pray that You would speak to me today – I long to hear Your voice.
- Lord, fill me with Your Holy Spirit today.

Praying the Scriptures

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7

Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your mercy and grace. Thank You for the good news of the gospel and that Your mercies are new every morning. I pray that You would establish my feet on the solid ground of gospel faith. Help me abound in thanksgiving for all You have done for me in Jesus Christ.

Six Prayers for May

1. Decade of Love: Senior Recognition Day, May 1

- Pray that God would give each graduating senior wisdom as they make important decisions regarding their futures.
- Pray that they would make their relationship with God a priority in the season ahead.
- Pray for these families as they experience various transitions as their seniors step into this next season of their lives.

2. Men's Conference, May 1

- Pray that God would draw many men to Himself as the gospel is shared.
- Pray that God would use this conference to set men free from sin.
- Pray that God would use this conference to encourage men to love God deeply.
- Pray that God would use this conference to strengthen marriages and families.

3. National Day of Prayer, May 5

The theme of the 2022 National Day of Prayer is: "Exalt the Lord, who has established us."

- Pray for God to give our local, state, and federal government leaders the wisdom to act with integrity.
- Pray that our country would experience a gospel awakening and that many would come to trust Christ for salvation.

4. Decade of Love: Parent/Child Dedication, May 8

- Pray that God would give wisdom to these parents as they endeavor to raise children in the knowledge and fear of the Lord.
- Pray that God would call these children to salvation.
- Pray that our NextGen Ministries would serve these children and their families well.

5. Decade of Love: Summerfest, May 14

Summerfest is an experience aimed at reaching students (7th-12th grade) in Northwest Arkansas with the gospel. This one-night event will include worship, an incredible outdoor experience, and an obstacle course.

- Pray that our students would be bold in inviting their friends. Ask God to give them favor with fellow students as they extend invitations to Summerfest.
- Pray that many students from our community would receive the gift of salvation.
- Pray for the safety of all of the students involved.

6. Decade of Love: Church Plants

Pastor JD Cope, SoChurch, Orlando, Florida

- Please pray that God would give Pastor JD much favor with people living in the Lake Buena Vista area.
- Pray that God would raise up the right leaders to help launch small groups and other ministries.
- Pray for Pastor JD and the team as they follow up with those who attended their first interest meeting for SoChurch.

- Pray for favor as they seek to secure a meeting location near Daryl Carter Parkway. Specifically, pray for open facilities and open administrators at Lake Buena Vista High School. This area of the city is key to their goals of reaching an economically diverse people.
- Pray for their launch team and the upcoming opportunities they will have this summer for local missions.
- Pray for the many visiting mission teams from other supporting churches visiting to engage those living in the Lake Buena Vista area. Pray that God would give them wisdom and discernment in knowing which parks to hold events at and which local organizations they should partner with within the coming months.

Pastor Doug Hixson, Connection Church, Longmont, Colorado

- Pray for Pastor Doug and his team as they mobilize volunteers for various summer outreach opportunities. They will be hosting park parties all over the city this summer. Their goal is to invite 60,000-80,000 people through the summer to attend a park party in their neighborhood and then have a gospel conversation with them and ask them to be a part of Connection Church.
- Pray for the NEXT 25. Pray specifically for the next 25 people their team will have Gospel conversations with and invite Connection Church to join their launch team.
- Pray for a potential meeting space. Pastor Doug is currently negotiating with a local church regarding a possible meeting place.
- Pray for God's direction and provision as they prepare to purchase the necessary equipment to begin having services this summer in preparation for their official launch this fall.
- Pray that God would raise up people to join their leadership team. They have several key positions they're looking to fill.

Final Moments of Prayer

Lord, thank You for all You are doing in and through Cross Church. I pray that You would continue to open doors for our church to reach Northwest Arkansas, America, and the World for Jesus Christ. Give me opportunities to personally get involved in what You are doing!

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