



# Circle

## October 2020 Prayer Guide

### Church Family,

On September 20, I shared with you the vision of the Decade of Love at Cross Church. As we enter into this next decade together, may the Lord give us all that we need to be a church that loves Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world. Below are the various components of our decade long vision and points of prayer for each one. Thank you for joining us in this journey of love and prayer!

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### Preparing to Pray 🕒 (8 Minutes)

- Lord, please fill me with Your Spirit today.
- I want to walk in paths of obedience today.
- Draw me close to You in every area of my life.
- Lord, I want to be used by You over the next decade to be a vessel of love to Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world.

### Praying the Scriptures

*"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40*

**Prayer:** Lord, today I want to be a person of love. Would you rid my life of those areas which are not driven by love? Would you change me to be a person who loves You and loves others above all other things in my life? Jesus, please do a Matthew 22 work of love in my heart.

### The Decade of Love 🕒 (20 Minutes)

*"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14*

- Pray for God to build you into a person of love.
- Pray for God to build our church into a house of love.
- Pray for God to do a new and fresh work in our church.

## Legacy

*"...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2*

- **Legacy Goal:** To leave a legacy of doing whatever we could to successfully reach the next generation and position the church for the future.
- Pray that our legacy, as a church, would be that we did everything we could do reach the next generation.
- Pray for God to give our church a renewed passion for reaching children, students, and young adults.
- Pray that God would build a Legacy Team of our members who would give their lives to reaching the next generation.
- Pray for God to position our church financially to be ready to reach the next generation.
- Pray for the debt of our church to be paid off so we can fully run towards this new vision.

## Obedience to Christ's Commission

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8*

- **Obedience Goal:** To plant 10 churches in strategic cities, send 200 people a year on short-term mission trips, with the goal of sending 50 full-time mission workers into the field.
- Pray for God to raise up 10 church planters who will go to these strategic cities.
- Pray for God to raise up 2,000 of our church members to go on short-term mission trips.
- Pray for God to call out 50 of our church members for full-time missions service.
- Pray that we would see a new wave of people being saved in Northwest Arkansas.

## Vulnerable

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:35-40*

- **Vulnerable Goal:** To love and minister to the poor, the hungry, the immigrant, the prisoner, and the sick.
- Pray for new opportunities for loving the poor.
- Pray for God's provision to feed the hungry.
- Pray for opportunities to love the immigrant.
- Pray for open doors to love prisoners locally and around our state.
- Pray for wisdom in loving the sick.

## Equip Pastors and Missionaries

*"Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians." Acts 11:19-26*

- **Equipping Goal:** To establish a thriving ministry of equipping and encouragement to pastors and missionaries.

- Pray for opportunities to love and encourage pastors and missionaries.
- Pray for the launch of the Cross Church Partner Family.
- Pray that God would partner us with churches that we can love and minister to.
- Pray that God would connect us with missionaries who need a church to love them.

### **Final Moments of Prayer** 🕒 (2 Minutes)

Lord, we trust you with this new vision. We give ourselves to You and ask that You would use us for Your glory in Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world. Jesus, please give me wisdom for how I can play a part in loving You and loving those around me to a greater level than ever before. Give me a renewed vision of love for the next decade of my life.

