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October 2021 Prayer Guide

Church Family,

The call to vocational ministry is a high calling and a labor of love. The great British Pastor, Martyn Lloyd-Jones, once said the call to ministry is, "the highest and the greatest and the most glorious calling to which anyone can ever be called." It is a joy to serve as your Senior Pastor at Cross Church. It is also a joy to serve alongside so many God-called men and women who serve on our Ministry Team. Every year, the month of October is identified as Pastor Appreciation month. I encourage you to show your appreciation to our Ministry Team this month for their faithful service at Cross Church. Lift up these men and women and their families this month. We have a real enemy that seeks to destroy. Ask the Lord to fill our Ministry Team with the Holy Spirit and a growing love for Christ's church and the ministry of gospel advancement in NWA, America, and the World for Jesus Christ.



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Preparing to Pray 🕒 (3 Minutes)

- Lord, I pray that You would calm my heart and steady my mind as I pray today.
- Lord, thank You for drawing near to me when I draw near to You.
- Lord, thank You for always welcoming me in prayer – Your grace is amazing.
- Lord, fill me with Your Holy Spirit today.

Praying the Scriptures

"If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."
Matthew 5:29-30

Prayer: Lord, I pray that You would give me eyes to see where temptation is lurking in my life. Give me the wisdom and determination to address it intentionally. I want to live a life of holiness. I want to live a life that honors You. Lord, help me to remember that no matter how hard the battle for holiness may be, "he who is in [me] is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Four Prayers for October 🕒 (25 Minutes)

1. LEGACY

• Our Legacy mission for the Decade of Love is to leave a legacy of doing everything in our power to reach the next generation. This month we are asking you to pray for our Children's Ministry Team. Pray that God would fill them with the Holy Spirit as they make gospel deposits in the hearts of our children this year.

- Cross Church Children's Ministry Team:
 - Luke Thompson, Children's Pastor, Fayetteville Campus
 - Travis Young, Children's Pastor, Pinnacle Hills Campus
 - Cam Hoffarth, Associate Children's/Preteen Pastor, Pinnacle Hills Campus
 - Emily Brannon, Children's Ministry Coordinator, Pinnacle Hills Campus
 - Sarah Johnson, Children's Creative Director, Pinnacle Hills Campus
 - Billy Hardesty, Children's Pastor, Springdale Campus
 - Jorge Cea, Preteen Pastor, Springdale Campus
 - Tammy Kuykendall, Children's Ministry Assistant/Ability Ministry Director, Springdale Campus
 - Kaci Ceola, Children's Ministry Associate, Springdale Campus
- Pray for the following Next Gen Ministry events this month:
 - Pray for Girl Power on October 22, as 5th & 6th grade girls from across NWA come together for fellowship, Bible study and worship.
 - Pray for the Rise leadership retreat, October 29-30. Ask God to move throughout this weekend event, designed to strengthen our Dream Team leaders from The Porch, our Young Singles Ministry, at Cross Church.

2. OBEDIENCE to Christ's Command

- Our Obedience mission for the Decade of Love is to plant 10 churches in strategic cities around the world, send 2,000 people on short-term mission trips, and send 50 full-time missionaries into the mission field.
- This month we are excited to send a team from Cross Church to serve Connection Church in Longmont, CO. This team will participate in canvassing and coordinating block parties and community outreach opportunities to assist in kick-starting Connection Church.
- Pray for financial provision for those who are committed to going on this mission trip.
- Pray for safety and travel mercies on the team as they serve Connection Church.
- Praying for 5+ new people from the community of Longmont, CO to connect with this new church as a result of this team's effort.

3. VULNERABLE

- Our Vulnerable mission for the Decade of Love is to love the vulnerable in our community and the world. The vulnerable includes the poor, the hungry, the immigrant, the prisoner, and the sick.
- Join us in praying for children in the state of Arkansas who are waiting to be adopted.
- Pray that God would call Christ followers in our state to open their homes to children in need. We are praying, "every child a home."
- Sunday, October 10 is Global Hunger Sunday. Pray for those who face food insecurity every day, around the world.
- Pray for the ministry of Compassion NWA as they help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the vulnerable in our community.

4. EQUIP Pastors and Missionaries

- Our Equipping mission for the Decade of Love is to encourage and equip pastors and missionaries who are giving their lives for the gospel. We believe it's the best stewardship of our time and resources to invest in those who invest in others.
- This month we're asking you to pray for our Cross Church Partner Family Ministry (ccpartnerfamily.com). We are committed to coming alongside partner churches with mutual love, encouragement, resourcing, and equipping for the sake of reaching more people with the gospel.
- Our current Partner Family churches are:
 - Sow Community Church, Chicago, IL – Pastor Bryan Coble
 - All Saints Church, Bronx, NY – Pastor Eric Hoke
 - Riverview Baptist Church, Wellsburg, WV – Pastor Charles Matlock
 - Connection Church, Longmont, CO – Pastor Doug Hixson
 - Redeemer Queen's Park, London, UK – Pastor Thomas West
 - Kadesh Christ Church, Santa Monica, CA – Pastor Yirdaw Bogale
 - Hope Valley Church, West Jordan, UT – Pastor Dustin Stottmann
 - Makers Church Northwest, Vancouver, WA – Pastor Jason Page
 - Faith Baptist Church, Washington, MO – Pastor Brett Blair
- Pray that churches who need the relationship and resources the Partner Family Ministry can give will hear about this new ministry and join us.
- Pray for provision and protection for these pastors and their families.
- Pray that God would call people from Cross Church to move to one of these cities and be a part of the core team for these churches to encourage and support these pastors.
- Pray that God would draw people to these churches to help lead and serve alongside these pastors.

Final Moments of Prayer 🕒 (2 Minutes)

Lord, thank You for all that You are doing in and through our church. Thank You for the promise of Your return. I pray that You would lead me by the Holy Spirit to serve You by sharing the gospel with those You bring across my path this month. I want to be used by You to make an eternal investment with all that I have in this life. Amen.