



# Circle

## February 2024 Prayer Guide

### Church Family,

Despite the frigid temperatures, we've had an incredible start to the new year! Thank you for making it a priority to join your church family for worship each week; we've truly experienced the glory of God together in our services. Hopefully, we're moving farther away from inclement weather and can press on unhindered and take hold of all God has for us this semester.

As we move into the new year together, I encourage you not to let up in your daily pursuit of God. Beginning the year with 21 Days of Prayer is always special, but let's not wrap that season up and move on with other things! Let's make it our aim to prioritize abiding in Him daily and live mindful of His ongoing presence in our lives.

Thank you for faithfully praying for your church throughout the year!

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### Preparing to Pray

- Lord, thank You for loving me like You do.
- Lord, I pray I'll experience Your presence each day as I spend time alone with You.
- Lord, help me to discern Your voice in my life and to trust that You are with me.
- Lord, fill me with Your Holy Spirit today.

### Praying the Scriptures

*"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5*

### Prayer

Lord, I pray that I will abide in You this year as I make it a priority to set aside unhurried time with You in prayer each day. I pray that my time with You daily will bring quiet to my soul and a deep sense of Your love for me. I pray that the fruit of the Holy Spirit will be evident in my life, both for my sake and those You bring into my path this year. Lord, use me to bring glory to You.

## 4 Prayers for February

### 1. Freedom Weekend

Freedom Weekend is February 2-3. This weekend is an incredible opportunity for students to experience powerful worship, fun games and activities, food, and great small group time with their friends. We are challenging our students to live on mission and invite their friends to join them. Our Fayetteville campus is hosting Freedom Weekend this year.

- Pray for our guest speaker, Shane Pruitt, as he prepares to share the gospel.
- Pray for many students to respond to the gospel and be saved.
- Pray for students to connect and stay connected with our church through this event.
- Pray for the safety of every student, Dream Teamer, and staff member serving at Freedom Weekend.
- Please pray for good weather!

### 2. Love NWA

Love NWA is a day where we focus on showing love to our community. Our staff teams from each of our campuses will adopt several projects throughout our community to show the love of Christ on behalf of our church. Additionally, we'll host a food drive on Sunday, February 11, to support Feed 479.

- Pray that through these various service projects, we can demonstrate the love of Jesus to our community.
- Pray the people of NWA will see Cross Church as a place of love.
- Pray for Feed 479 as we seek to meet the needs of those in our community who face food insecurity.
- Pray that many in our church family will join us in our food drive this year.
- Pray that those who visit Feed 479 will respond in faith to the gospel this year as they engage with our Dream Teamers.

### 3. Marriage Conference

On Sunday, February 25, we'll host the Cross Church Marriage Conference at our Pinnacle Hills Campus. This is a one-night event for everyone who wants to celebrate and learn about marriage from God's perspective. Meredith and I will lead this conference with special guest Brandon Thomas.

- Pray that God will use this event to build community within our church family, as we spend the evening together.
- Pray that this event will encourage and strengthen the marriages of every couple who attends.
- Pray for Brandon, Meredith, and me as we prepare to bring God's wisdom for marriage to those who attend.
- Pray for those couples in our church who are facing a struggle in their marriage and that they will make it a priority to join us for this night together.
- Pray that couples will take the appropriate next steps after this conference to practice what they learn for God's glory.

## 4. Cross Theological Seminary

As you recall, on Legacy Sunday last year, we announced that we are preparing to launch a church-based, church-centered seminary that trains students to fulfill the Great Commission. Our mission is to train leaders for ministry within the context of the local church and send them out to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Thankfully, we have received over 120 applications; over 50 have been processed, and interviews are taking place. To date, we have officially accepted 21 students and expect that number to continue to rise as we approach our launch this fall at the Pinnacle Hills Campus. For more information on CTS, visit us online: [CrossSeminary.com](http://CrossSeminary.com)

Please join us in praying for the following:

- Pray for God to send us the men and women He wants to attend CTS.
- Pray for the accreditation process as it continues. (We are pursuing full accreditation with a Christian accrediting agency of the United States Department of Education.)
- Pray that God would open doors and give us favor with regional colleges as we recruit students for CTS.
- Pray for the spread of the news of a new seminary doing theological education in a new way.

## Final Moments of Prayer

Lord, thank You for loving me like You do. I pray that this year, Your love for me will sink deep into my heart and draw me to a deeper place in my relationship with You. Thank You for what You're doing through our church. I pray that our ministries and events will draw people closer to You and strengthen and encourage the body as we seek to take the gospel to the world around us.