



# Circle

## August 2025 Prayer Guide

### Church Family,

Welcome to August! It's been an incredible summer of ministry at Cross Church, and I'm so thankful for your faithful prayers, service, and generosity. Because of your commitment, we've continued moving forward in our mission to reach Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world for Jesus Christ. As we turn the corner into a new season, I'm excited about all that's ahead this fall.

Kickoff Sunday is coming up on August 17, and it's a big day in the life of our church as all our ministries launch into the fall semester. We're beginning a new series called "It Takes a Church". You've probably heard the phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child,"—but when it comes to spiritual growth, we believe it takes a church. In a world that leans toward isolation, we're choosing to lean into the community God has given us. I want to encourage you to lean in with us this fall and see how God might be inviting you to further engage in the Cross Church family. Let's link arms together and ask God to move powerfully in our lives and our church this fall.



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### Preparing to Pray

- Lord, thank You for the way You've moved in and through our church this summer. We've seen Your hand at work, and we give You all the glory.
- As we step into the fall, I'm asking You to pour out Your presence in a fresh way—let it be unmistakable among us.
- Lord, help me to commit to staying engaged, to show up, and to be part of what You're doing in and through our church this fall.
- Lord, fill me with Your Spirit today—I need You to lead, strengthen, and guide me every step of the way.

### Praying the Scriptures

*"Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, 6 'Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,' 7 thus says the Lord God: 'It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. And within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered from being a people. 9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.'" Isaiah 7:5-9*

## Prayer

Lord, when fear tries to take hold—when my circumstances feel uncertain or overwhelming—remind me that You are near. You haven't left me alone in any trial. You're always present, watching over me, especially in my hardest moments. Help me to choose trust in the face of uncertainty. Where Ahaz refused to believe, may I hold fast and take You at Your Word. Strengthen my heart so I can stand firm in Your grace.

## Prayers for August

### Fall Kickoff

As we head into the fall, we're asking God to do something special in and through our church. Fall Kickoff is more than an event—it's a chance for us to reset, refocus, and lean into all that God has for us as a church family. Let's pray with expectation that this season would be marked by God's presence, gospel movement, and a renewed sense of mission across every Cross Church campus.

- Ask the Lord to make His presence known in every gathering across all our campuses this fall.
- Ask the Lord for a wave of people to turn in faith toward Christ, and that many would take steps of obedience in baptism.
- Pray that many in our church family would join a small group this fall—and experience the power of community.
- Ask God to stir hearts to serve—so that many would join our Dream Team and use their gifts to make a difference for Jesus.
- Pray that we would be filled with compassion for the people around us, and that we'd take every opportunity to share the hope of Jesus with our friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

### Back-to-School

As the back-to-school season approaches, let's be intentional about covering our schools in prayer. This is a critical time of prep for teachers, administrators, students, and families across NWA. It's also an incredible opportunity for the gospel to move through classrooms and hallways through teachers, administrators, and students who follow Jesus. Let's pray with expectancy as a new year of gospel influence begins.

- Ask the Lord to guide our administrators and teachers as they prepare for the year ahead in every decision they make.
- Pray that those leading and teaching in our schools would reflect the love and compassion of Christ in all they do.
- Lift up the men and women serving as school security officers. Pray for their protection and for a spirit of peace to cover every campus in our community.
- Ask God to use believers—whether administrators, teachers, or students—as His witnesses this year. Pray they would be bold, loving, and intentional in sharing the hope of Christ with those around them.

### Growth Track

We praise the Lord for everyone who attended a Growth Track class this summer at Cross Church. In June and July alone, over 200 people participated at one of our three campuses, with many taking a next step through baptism or church membership. We believe Growth Track is the next step for everyone at Cross Church—a great opportunity to connect with our staff and fellow church members. If you consider Cross Church your home and haven't yet attended Growth Track, or if you'd like to learn more about who we are, join us for our next class on Sunday, August 17, at 5 PM. Classes will be held at each of the Cross Church campuses. To register or learn more, visit [crosschurch.com/growthtrack](https://crosschurch.com/growthtrack).

- Thank God for the Impact of Growth Track.
- Ask God to continue the spiritual growth and discipleship of those who attended Growth Track.
- Pray for our next class—that it would be well-attended, Spirit-led, and effective in helping people take

their next step at Cross Church.

- Pray that participants will build lasting relationships with our church staff, Dream Team members, and fellow participants.
- Pray that our members who have not yet attended Growth Track would feel compelled to participate, and that others would invite visitors and friends to take part in the next class.

## Fall Women's Gathering

We couldn't be more excited for our annual Cross Church Women's Gathering on Sunday, August 24. We host this event for the women of Cross Church, and it is not only a GREAT party, but also an anointed time to hear from the Lord. This promises to be an incredible night that women of all ages do not want to miss! We are asking God to continue growing our Women's Ministries at Cross Church, and we ask you to join us in prayer for this special kickoff night.

- Please pray that God will draw women of all ages to this Gathering.
- Please pray that first-time attendees will be warmly welcomed and will be eager to jump into our Women's Ministries at Cross Church.
- Please pray that this event will lead women to faith in Christ and that all women will be eager to serve the Lord in the year ahead.
- Please pray for Meredith Floyd as she brings the message that God has specially placed on her heart.

## NextGen Ministries

This Fall, our Next Gen Ministries will meet across all campuses on Sunday mornings and Midweek (Wednesday nights) for age-specific discipleship and worship experiences. These gatherings are fun, engaging, and intentionally designed to help children, preteens, and students of all ages grow in their faith, build community, and hear the gospel in a way that is understandable and applicable. If you're a parent, grandparent, or have any influence on the NextGen, I want to encourage you—lovingly, of course—to help your child, preteen, or student get plugged in this fall.

- Pray that our kids and students would be bold in their faith and live it out in their schools.
- Pray that they would grow in their hunger for God's Word and love for His presence.
- Pray for our NextGen Dream Team members who will disciple and encourage them in meaningful ways.
- Pray that many would come to know Jesus this fall—both inside and outside the walls of our church.

## Cross Church College Ministry (CThree)

This past year, we saw the Lord move in powerful ways across CThree—156 students went public with their faith through baptism, and we just welcomed back 33 CThree Send students who spent their summer on mission. Now we're turning the corner toward the fall semester, and we're believing God for the best CThree at the Greek service we've ever had. Our focus this year is simple and strong: we want to be "For the Campus and For the Kingdom" as we keep reaching and discipling students for Christ. As you come alongside CThree this fall, we'd love for you to join us in prayer.

- Pray that our freshman outreach and Greek ministry would be abundantly fruitful.
- Ask the Lord to raise up the next generation of Christ-centered leaders.
- Pray that God would send us faithful men and women to help disciple college students.
- Pray that CThree would continue to be a strong, godly example on the campus of the University of Arkansas.

## Missions

As we continue to live out our Decade of Love, let's take time this week to pray specifically for those who have been sent out from our church family to share the gospel near and far. One of our mission families serving

in South Asia is returning to the States for a much-needed season of rest and recovery, and we want to lift them up in prayer. We also celebrate the return of our CThree Send students who spent the summer living on mission.

Let's ask God to restore, renew, and continue His work in and through these faithful servants.

- Pray that God will restore the family as they return to the States after a difficult season of ministry.
- Pray that this family would be encouraged while worshipping with fellow believers.
- Pray that God will continue to raise people up to come alongside this family and others as they share the gospel around the world.
- Pray that the seeds planted in their city would continue to grow even during their time away.
- Pray that our returning CThree Send students would take everything they learned this summer and continue to live missionally wherever God calls them next.
- Pray that God would continue to work in the hearts of these students and call some to long-term missions.

## **Cross Theological Seminary**

The first year of Cross Theological Seminary was a huge success! God gave us 43 students who will all be returning for their final year, which starts in just two weeks. They will be joined by a second cohort of students who will begin their journey toward a Master of Theological Studies degree. That means we anticipate as many as 80 students on campus as we begin fall classes. To God be the glory. Thank you, Cross Church, for your generosity, which FULLY-FUNDS the tuition costs of all our students.

- Pray for our returning students and new students as they engage in the learning process in the year ahead.
- Pray for favor locally, regionally, and nationally as we continue to introduce CTS.
- Pray for the THIRD cohort that we are beginning to recruit now, for next year.
- Pray for our faculty and staff as we teach, train, and serve these next-generation leaders.

## **Final Moments of Prayer**

Lord, thank You for the incredible ways You've moved in and through Cross Church this summer—we give You all the glory. As we shift into fall, we're asking for a fresh outpouring of Your Spirit across all of our campuses, ministries, and families connected to our church. Stir hearts to engage, serve, grow, and take intentional steps of faith. Let Your presence be unmistakable, Your gospel go forth in power, and Your church be strengthened in unity and mission. From our youngest children to our seminary students, we ask that You lead, protect, and ignite a passion for Jesus that extends beyond the walls of our church. We trust You with this next season, and we're ready to see You move.