

Prayer Guide for the week of October 4, 2020

Sunday – Our Families and Neighbors

Praise God this week for your family. Praise Him for the ways you have been blessed by their care over many years. Praise God for the people he has put around you as neighbors. Praise Him for their part in helping you and your family enjoy the comforts of a welcoming neighborhood. As you thank God for the family and neighbors He has provided for you, pray that He will give you the ability to love them well. Pray you will show them love in small ways, day by day.

Monday – Our Supported Missionaries of the Week - Cynthia Ruble serving in Nagoya, Japan - Cynthia heads up Life Hope Network, a crisis pregnancy center in Nagoya, Japan. Pray for a former homestay who adopted her baby out, who has now sadly returned to her former way of life and is no longer involved with the ministry. Pray for Miko, one of their post-abortion counselors, as she counsels women who come to Life Hope Network and especially for one very tough case she is dealing with currently. Pray for Yuta, a young male seeker, who is reading Stott's *Basic Christianity* and is talking about being ready for baptism. Pray for Cynthia's physical stamina and spiritual endurance as she just celebrated her 20th anniversary of ministry in Japan.

Tuesday - Healthcare Workers

Praise God this week for the doctors and nurses and medical professionals who have chosen work that requires both technical excellence in dispensing treatment and genuine caring for patients and their loved ones. Praise God for compassionate conversations with patients who are facing difficult days of hospitalization, or rehabilitation, without the presence of their families. Praise God for the gentle kindness of doctors who must share hard truths about a parent or spouse. Pray for God's grace in their lives. Pray they would reflect God's love and rely on His goodness.

Wednesday – Our Leaders in Government

Praise God this week for the men and women who work in local, state, and federal government outside of the attention of the news media. Praise God for careerists and appointees who pursue the public good. Praise Him for the tenacity of negotiators, the loyalty of those who maintain our security, the boldness of those who must report on the cause of accidents or disasters. Pray that our nation will continue to be led by men and women who are truly public servants.

Thursday – The Persecuted Church & Unreached People Groups

Persecuted Church - Praise God for His answers to prayer in the growth of His church around the world. Praise Him for the salvation and spiritual growth of Christianity in China. Praise Him for the Christian workers who have gone to China, and the Chinese Christians who are now carrying the good news of the gospel to places where others cannot go. Praise God that His power is not limited by human barriers. Pray that God will add many believers from "restricted areas" this year.

Unreached People Group – Ansari in India – In a population of 10,555,000, there are no known Christians. Pray that God would send many Indian followers of Jesus to their Muslim neighbors and co-workers with a heart to befriend them, to love them, and to share Christ with them. Pray for the Lord to build his church among the Ansari people.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners

Local Presbytery: East Charlotte Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC – Tyler Dirks

Local Ministry: Pray for **Project 658** as they continue to strive to fulfil their mission of being a Christ-centered, holistic ministry providing services for at-risk families in Charlotte, moving them toward sustainability; with a key focus on the international and refugee communities. Pray for good response and generous giving to their Covid Relief Fund, where 100% of all money raised will be used specifically for this cause.

Saturday – Our Pastors and Staff

Praise God this week for the pastors and staff He has called to our congregation. Praise Him for their gifts in teaching and preaching; their willingness to invest their time in our communities and the families in their care; their time spent in prayer and study. Praise Him for their leadership with our officers to provide ministries in changing circumstances. Praise Him for

the commitment to expand ministry this month. Pray that we would welcome as many worshippers as possible in our Sunday services. Pray for the worshippers who have joined us by livestream from around the world.

Your pastors and staff are praying for you! Send your confidential prayer requests to prayer@christcovenant.org.