

## Prayer Guide for the week of January 17, 2021

**Sunday – Our Families and Neighbors** - Pray this week for families in our congregation and families throughout our community who are once again dealing with the challenges and uncertainty of changing remote learning policies. Pray especially for children with special needs, children in the earliest grades and older students who are tempted to stop attending classes. Pray parents will encourage and guide with patience.

**Monday – Our Supported Workers of the Week - Imbumi & Martha Makuku serving in Nairobi, Kenya** - They are planting a church and running a school in the heart of the Kibera Slum in Nairobi. Pray for safety in every way – physically, spiritually, and emotionally – for the students who attend their school amidst very difficult circumstances. Pray for the health and wellbeing of Martha and Imbumi as they serve tirelessly in the church, school and in countless other ways in the slum. Pray for the Lord to raise up a leader to come alongside Imbumi and be trained to one day take over the leadership.

**Tuesday - Healthcare Workers** - Pray this week for the many details that must be coordinated for an effective delivery of COVID-19 vaccine to reach as many at-risk people as possible, including healthcare workers in institutional settings, the elderly, educators, and essential workers in jobs where they are in contact with many individuals each day. Pray for vaccine information to be easy to understand, for smooth operation of vaccination sites, for efficacy of medicine and for God's grace in ending the pandemic.

**Wednesday – Our Leaders in Government** - Pray this week for our new President, Vice President and the team that will now lead the executive branch of our government. Pray for God's work in the lives of men and women who belong to Him, for their protection from the pitfalls of power and their courage to stand for Christ. Pray for God's grace in healing our nation's divisions and distrust. Pray for the awakening of Christians and a fresh imperative to see revival in every city.

### Thursday – The Persecuted Church & Unreached People Groups

**Persecuted Church** - Pray this week for Christians in Afghanistan, ranked #2 again this year among the world's 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. Pray for protection against the attacks of the Taliban as negotiations to end the long war between the government and the Taliban are about to resume. The Taliban's goal is to govern a totally Muslim nation. Pray they will not succeed in eliminating the presence of believers.

**Unreached People Group – Iu Mien, Hunan in China** – With a population of just over 225,000, less than 4,500 claim to be any type of believer. They have been in conflict with the Han Chinese for a very long time and now live high in the mountains and worship Pan Hu, their patron ancestor deity and other ancestors and spirits. One of the major difficulties in sharing the Gospel with them is the physical difficulty in reaching them. Pray that the few Iu Mien who are true believers would share their faith and that many would have hearts open to receive Truth.

### Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners

**Local Presbytery:** Church of the Redeemer, Indian Trail, NC – Pastor Adam Mumpower

**Local Ministry: Changed Choices** – Pray for their women who are in prisons still under lockdowns, this brings hardships to them spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Pray for Changed Choices to continue to build good relationships with jails and prisons so they will be able to get back inside prisons to minister to women quickly when lockdowns end. Pray for Executive Director Diane Hunt and all those on staff and on the board as they have to continue to make hard decisions during difficult times.

**Saturday – Our Pastors and Staff** - Pray this week for our pastors and staff as they minister to our communication while adapting to the latest public health directive for our area. Pray for their patience and creativity as they rework meeting plans and ministry events. Pray they will be comfortable with technology that enables them to continue teaching and leading their study groups. Pray for Sunday school classes to make use of live stream and video to engage students. Pray our worship services will bring glory to God wherever and whenever they are seen or heard. Pray we will praise God for the ways we have grown in faith as we learned how to trust Him to show us His path through the pandemic.

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