Prayer Guide for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday – Our Families and Neighbors - Pray this week for the women in your life who God has used to bless you in the past and those He is using now to encourage your family. Pray too for moms who have lost a child and especially grieve that loss on Mother's Day. Pray for the relatives who have opened their hearts to a motherless child. Pray for teachers and school staff who make it their job to look out for students who do not have a mom to help with homework, to applaud their accomplishments, or to talk to. Pray that we will honor the role of mothers and strengthen their role as godly mentors to our daughters who will in their turn joyfully serve God as loving mothers.

Monday – Our Supported Workers of the Week - Peter and Katie Eck serving in Atlantic City, NJ - Peter is the Assistant Pastor at New City Fellowship in the heart of Atlantic City, and Katie leads women's Bible studies and helps with outreaches. Pray for their desperate need for a building to worship in regularly. Pray for their summer missions program teams that are considering going to serve, and for the Ecks as they prepare for summer. Pray that their men's and women's Bible studies as they go deeper in God's Word. Pray for outreach opportunities in the community as the days get warmer.

Tuesday - Healthcare Workers –Pray we will reach herd immunity. Pray for a willingness to share our national resources with countries who are overwhelmed by the needs of their citizens. Pray for families who have not been able to find help for their infected relatives and have no means to care for them. Pray that God will use this pandemic for His good purposes and that we will see His glory in answered prayers.

Wednesday – Our Leaders in Government - Pray for officials at every level of government from local sheriffs to federal Secret Service agents who are increasingly drawn into the center of controversy as they carry out their public service duties. Pray for their wisdom in decision making. Pray for safety in high-risk encounters. Pray for the families of personnel whose lives have been lost while on duty. Pray, too, for those who oppose policing policies and specific encounters where individual officers may have abused their authority. Pray for peacemakers to open communication that fosters cooperation.

Thursday – The Persecuted Church & Unreached People Groups

Persecuted Church - In China, churches with online services are vulnerable to monitoring. Even officially registered churches were ordered to stop their online services. The government monitors people across the country. Many churches have experienced the confiscation of property and Christian materials including Bibles, as well as raids, fines, and arrests of church leaders. Facial recognition software will eventually be linked to the "Social Credit System" which monitors the loyalty of citizens with regards to the tenets of communism. Pray God will protect His people from the schemes of the Communists. Pray the persecuted church will continue to grow.

Unreached People Group - Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank/Gaza – There are over 4,500,000 Palestinian Arabs in this region, almost completely unreached. The turmoil between Israel and the West Bank/Gaza causes many issues for Christians to be able to reach out to them; however, it can also make people more open to change. Pray for Christians to have a heart that is concerned for the plight of the Palestinians and to be willing to make the effort to share the Gospel with them.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners -

Local Presbytery: Carolina Presbyterian Church, Locust, NC – Interim Pastor Bernie Lawrence

Local Ministry: **Project 658** – Pray for this Christ-centered, holistic ministry which provides services for at-risk families in Charlotte, moving them toward sustainability. Pray especially for their key focus families, the international and refugee communities in Charlotte, to get the help they need in all areas: education, food, housing, clothing, work, etc. Pray for good and increased funding for this ministry.

Saturday – Our Pastors and Staff - Pray this week using these instructions from Hebrews 13 as your guide: *[7] Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. [16] Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. [17] Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. [20] Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, [21] equip you with everything good that you may do his will.*

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