Prayer Guide for the week of June 27, 2021

Sunday – Our Families and Neighbors - Pray this week for family and friends who are making big life changes following weddings, graduations, job changes, or moves. Pray that God would use these big events to demonstrate the ultimate emptiness of a life lived apart from Him. Pray that He will use disappointment, difficulties, and "let downs" to reveal the fullness of life in Christ.

Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week - Bud & Barbara Speck serving in Kandern, Germany - Bud and Barbara serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Bud serves as the communications consultant for the Global Alliance, and Barbara serves as the Prayer Advocacy Coordinator (PAC) for their region. Pray for much fruit for Barbara from a coaching workshop she attended in early June. Pray also for much fruit and good follow up for Bud as he led a church engagement academy in early June. Pray for Bud as he is working on a project management app called *Trello*, that he can explain well what he has learned and how best to use this management app.

Tuesday – Healthcare Workers - Pray this week for the healthcare workers at every level who are attempting to assure people that there is a true end to the pandemic. Pray for their effectiveness in convincing more people to make use of all the tools now available - from new vaccines and medications to familiar health habits that have proven in reducing infections. Pray they will be gracious with critics and steadfast in helping to save lives.

Wednesday – Our Leaders in Government - Pray this week for the powerful men and women in government who are often unknown and never run for office. These men and women serve as unelected department heads and program administrators. They write laws and establish the regulations that put laws into action. Aides in every branch of government do research, write policy papers, speak for elected officials, recommend votes and decisions with life changing impact. Pray for godly wisdom for these influential leaders. Pray they will walk humbly before God.

Thursday - The Persecuted Church & Unreached People Groups

Persecuted Church - Pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Syria where the years of civil war have left the Christian minority in continuing danger. Violence has once again increased with Islamists blaming Christians for the impact of COVID-19. Pray for God's protection of His people in Syria, for their basic needs of food and shelter, for their children's courage and opportunity for education. Pray for their neighbors to turn to Christ.

Unreached People Group – Rahanweyn in Somalia (REE-win) – There are approximately 2,016,000 Rahanweyns in Somalia, a vast-majority Muslim country. The clans within this group offer special challenges to evangelists and church planters because of the clan divisions within the broader group. With very few followers of Jesus among this large clan grouping in Somalia, they need prayer support. Pray they would be sent resources (Bibles, the Jesus film, etc.) to help them become established in the faith. Pray they would be patient with each other, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the people living in the harsh environment of Somalia to be able to care adequately for their families. Pray for sufficient rain and for good agricultural practices.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners:

Local Presbytery: South Charlotte Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC – Pastor Dean Faulkner

Local Ministry: Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina – Pray for them as they strive to reach their number **one** goal of ending child hunger. Pray that both their financial and volunteer needs will be met. Pray for wisdom for the staff and board of directors **that** they work to find ways to continue to provide food for the most vulnerable in our community.

Saturday – Our Pastors and Staff - Pray this week as the PCA's General Assembly meets in St. Louis. Pray that the men debating issues that could have a lasting impact on our churches will back their opinions with God's Word alone, not traditions, not the opinions of scholars, and not the current trends in popular culture. Pray that God would temper discussions on and off the assembly floor and use differences as His instruments to strengthen the PCA's dedication to the unchanging truth of God's word.