

Prayer Guide for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday – Our Families and Neighbors - Pray that God will open our hearts to the people around us and most of all, that their hearts will be open to the love of Christ. Pray that our warm wishes will reflect our prayers for God's grace. Pray we will freely share all the gifts God has given us to bless others. Pray that we will be kind in action and words. Pray we will be marked by our joy and our hope in Christ alone.

Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week – Randy & Joan Nabors serving in Chattanooga, TN - Randy is the Urban & Mercy Coordinator for Mission to North America with New City Network. Pray for them as they plan and prepare to spend six months in London to help with New City Fellowship in Shepherd's Bush beginning in April 2022. Pray for the trips they have planned over the next few months to visit the different networks around the United States to strengthen and encourage them. Pray that God would raise up new church planters, new interns and trainees, fresh resources of talent and passion to go and live out the church where people desperately need the light of the gospel.

Tuesday – Healthcare Workers - Pray for the health care workers who are working long hours in difficult circumstances in senior living centers, hospitals, and health care facilities. Pray they will not give in to discouragement as the pandemic continues on. Pray for comfort for the teams of caregivers who have lost so many patients to covid-19 and its complications. Pray God will be glorified through what we learn through this great challenge to our world.

Wednesday – Our Leaders in Government – Pray for the national, state, and local leaders who manage emergency response, homeland security and first responder teams. Pray for wisdom in preparation for natural disasters and mass casualty events. Pray for boldness and for courage in rescue attempts, for care in crowd management and leadership in peacemaking. Pray for diligence and creativity in recovery and rebuilding. Pray for the impact on volunteers. Pray for sensitivity to the needs of individuals in distress.

Thursday – The Persecuted Church & Unreached People Groups

Persecuted Church - Pray for growth and first fruits in the lives of new believers who have come to faith in 2021 in spite of the persecution they endured first by daring to learn about Jesus and now as rebels who have rejected the religion of their families. Pray for peace and steadfast faith as dangers increase and opposition grows. Pray that God will use these young believers to extend the gospel to every village of every nation who claims their borders are closed to Christ and his church.

Unreached People Group – Gujarati in Myanmar (Burma) – There are 35,000 Gujarati remaining in Myanmar after the Burmese government tried to force out this people group in 1962. They are known for their business acumen and honesty. Most Gujarati are Hindu and worship Krishna and Jain gods. Pray that the church in Myanmar would overcome its own nationalism to reach out to the Gujaratis within their communities. Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead Christ's ambassadors to "people of peace" who can open Gujarati communities to begin their own movement to Christ. Pray the Holy Spirit would prepare Gujaratis to be open to that witness and to be open to acknowledging their sinfulness before God.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners:

Local Presbytery: Christ Central Church, Charlotte, NC – Pastor Howard Brown

Local Ministry: Metanoia Prison Ministry – Pray that God would raise up more mentors for the works they already have in progress. Pray for the new work at Bledsoe County, TN. Pray for their regional directors who are working on new sites for mentoring. Pray that God will bring new partners in their work.

Saturday – Our Pastors and Staff – Pray for our pastors and staff who minister to our church families along with our shepherding officers. Pray they will rejoice with those who rejoice and grieve with those who grieve. Pray our leaders will teach us to trust in God's immutability and train our children to always remember this truth: God is good all the time; all the time, God is good.

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