

Prayer Guide for the week of June 5, 2022

Sunday – Our Families and Neighbors - Pray this week for our family members and neighbors who do not know Christ as their only hope of salvation. Pray for them by name. Pray that God might use you to bring them closer to his kingdom. Pray that the way you lead your life may speak even when you are not in a position to share your faith openly. Pray for our community and our country to be revolutionized by an awakening among Christians and revival spreading from city to city.

Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week – James and Kelly Broadaway serving in Cape Town, South Africa - James and Kelly serve in Cape Town, South Africa with Campus Outreach and have begun a new Campus Outreach location with Hope City Presbyterian Church. Pray for them as they establish a home in Cape Town and for their preparations as they receive a team of 6-10 staff later this year and continuing through early 2023. Pray for strengthened gospel partnerships in ministry, and that they will intertwine their lives deeply with Hope City Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday – Healthcare Workers - Pray this week for healthcare workers who serve patients that are members of our armed services. Pray for their wisdom in circumstances where life and death medical decisions may be made far from a hospital. Pray for the compassion of those who serve in military and VA hospitals where patients are learning to live with the loss of limbs or the impact of injuries that require relearning basic skills, both physical and intellectual. Pray for recruits who are considering training as medics and support staff to know the value of their role and welcome the challenge.

Wednesday – Our Leaders in Government – Continue to pray this week for our elected officials in Congress and state legislatures and those in the justice system. Pray for their wisdom and determination to seek good solutions to the scourge of mass murder. Pray for willingness to look beyond the means of murder to the motivation. Pray for an awakening to the cost of celebrating violence, denigrating church, trading real conversations for chat sites. Pray for our leaders to surrender their power to the only source of hope they can rely on, our Savior and King.

Thursday – The Persecuted Church & Unreached People Groups

Persecuted Church - Pray this week for believers in Mexico's mountainous regions of the southern states of Chiapas, Oaxaca, and Yucatan. Persecution in this part of what is constitutionally a country guaranteeing freedom of religion is attributed to organized crime and corruption as well as local community compulsory religious practices. Drug cartels may target Christians because they do not participate in illegal activities or take bribes, but attacks are most prevalent where Indigenous people who populate the rural areas practice a syncretic religion that includes pre-Hispanic Mayan beliefs. Evangelical Protestants who do not want to participate in their religious holidays are intensely pressured with fines or jail time. If they still refuse, they are denied basic services such as water and education. Finally, their churches and homes are burned, their belongings are confiscated, and they are forced to leave the community. Pray for these believers to be strong as they trust God's promises for them.

Unreached People Group - Gtsang Tibetans in China - With a population over 768,000 in this people group, the Gtsang Tibetans live in a region within China that is geographically difficult to enter. Additionally, Buddhism is the main religion and Tibetan Buddhists have historically expressed no interest in the gospel. Both of these factors make this people group in China vastly unreached with less than 2% of the population following Christ. Pray that the handful of Gtsang Tibetan believers will be joyful and faithful witnesses to their family and friends. Pray for the hearts of the Tibetan Buddhists to be softened towards the message of the gospel. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Gtsang!

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners:

Local Presbytery: Vive Charlotte - Pastor José Portillo

Local Ministry: Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina - Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina strives through education, advocacy, and partnerships to eliminate hunger by the solicitation and distribution of food. With over 168,000 children at risk of hunger every day, Second Harvest strives to meet the needs of children and their families when school meals are not available. Please pray for their Backpack Program and Kids Café program as they provide nutritious foods and snacks to these children. Pray also for the partner agencies serving with Second Harvest as they work together to provide food for the hungry.

Saturday – Our Pastors and Staff – Pray this week for our pastors and staff with responsibilities for preaching, teaching, outreach and mission projects through the summer. Pray for their schedules to match their priorities, their minds to be clear to concentrate on study and preparation, and their hearts to be hungry to know more of Christ each day. Pray for their energy to be equal to their time with family and with their community. Pray for our congregation to pray faithfully for the ministry of Christ Covenant even when we are on vacation.

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