

## Prayer Guide for the week of March 26, 2023

### **Sunday – Our Families, Congregation and Community**

Pray this week for adult sons and daughters in our families that are connected to our congregation and in our community whose lives are not compatible with their parents and family members. Pray that Easter traditions will compel them to think about the truth they have been taught over many years of church involvement and family worship. Pray they will not ignore Easter but remember what they know about Christ's gift of forgiveness and reconciliation to prodigals and wanderers. Pray for God's protection and grace in rescuing these wanderers. Pray that we will intercede in prayer for believing family members who depend on God's mercy to change hearts and restore broken relationships.

### **Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week: Richard and Susan Bae serving with SIM and Mission to the World in Language acquisition in Tokyo, Japan**

Pray that the Bae family will all grow in their understanding of the Japanese people and that they would improve in their ability to communicate as they continue language learning. Pray that Richard and Susan's marriage would remain strong under the stresses of life in Japan. Pray for their children as they continue to make transitions. Pray for discernment as they seek to join God where he is working.

### **Tuesday – Our Essential Workers and First Responders**

Praise God this week for news that infections and hospital admissions for covid are the lowest they have been since the beginning of the pandemic. These encouraging statistics are part of a steady downward trend that reveal God's mercy in subduing this virus and sparing millions of lives. Praise the Lord for using the skill of medical scientists to develop preventive practices, vaccines, and medicines to relieve symptoms and side effects. Praise the Lord for the lives saved. Praise the Lord for opportunities to learn how to love our neighbors.

### **Wednesday – Our Elected Leaders and Public Servants**

Pray this week for the men and women who serve as elected leaders in local and state government. Pray for their wisdom in making decisions that will change insurance availability, medical options, and protect their constituents from violence and other crimes. Pray for their honesty in refusing to play favorites in awarding contracts. Pray that fairness for everyone who deals with local departments is a priority for both elected and appointed officials. Pray that believers will refuse to compromise their faith in pursuit of popularity or campaign support.

### **Thursday – Our Fellow Believers in Danger & Unreached People Groups**

**Our Fellow Believers in Danger** – Pray this week for Egypt, another of the fifty countries on the 2023 list of most dangerous places to be a Christian. There are few public protests against the restrictions put on Christian gatherings or conversion from Islam to Christianity, but they continue. Native born believers are refused jobs, arrested for suspected violations of religious laws, and subject to violence and denial of access to homes and educational opportunities. Pray that the hope of freedom will continue to grow as the Christian community expands.

**Unreached People Group: The Ahom in India:** The Ahom people number around 1,600,000 and live primarily in Assam, India. Most practice Hinduism but some are also Buddhists and others follow ethnic religions. The Ahom people believe that after death, a person who goes to heaven becomes a god and gains the power to keep you safe, so many people also participate in ancestor worship. Pray for the Ahom people that they would no longer be bound by their fears, but that they would hear the message of the gospel and of the truth that can set them free. The complete Bible is available in their language of Assamese, so please pray that many people will have access to these Bibles and have an interest to read and study God's Word. Pray for Indian believers to go to the Ahom people and share with them the love of Christ.

## **Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners:**

**Local Presbytery:** Cross Covenant Chinese Church – Charlotte, NC – Pastor Allen Chen

**Local Ministry: Bright Blessings** - Pray for the ministry of Bright Blessings, a volunteer-led organization that seeks to bring joy, care, and hope to homeless and impoverished children throughout our local community. Pray for the hygiene kit and snack pack programs as volunteers put together these bags filled with necessities to hand out monthly. Pray for adequate participation and for enough volunteers willing to fill the bags with donated items. Pray for the Bless-A-Birthday program, as Bright Blessings is seeking donations to help provide books and toys for birthday bags to give to many impoverished children in our area. Pray that the Lord would provide what they need. Pray for these families who are experiencing such challenging times.

## **Saturday – Our Servant Leaders**

Praise God for his continued kindness to our congregation over many years in bringing together pastors, officers, and staff members whose individual gifts combine for the good of our ministries and our members. Praise him for the ways we have been blessed by preaching, teaching, counseling, opportunities to serve, challenges to grow in prayer, in faith, and in evangelism. Pray for God's grace in protecting our leaders from both the obvious and the subtle attacks of the enemy. Pray they will be more like Jesus every day.

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