Prayer Guide for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday - Our Families, Congregation and Community

Pray this week for the start of our O Nights, Christ Covenant Church outreach nights, led by pastor Eric Russ. These are an opportunity for all of us to learn how to get past the hesitancy and discomfort that often keeps us silent when we want to talk about Jesus and to share the gospel. Pray that we will be hungry to gain the skills that will free us to share the most valuable information we have with our immediate families, our nearest neighbors, our coworkers, our closest friends, seatmates on planes, strangers in need, our friends' friends, and anyone God points out to us. Pray that our church family would be known for its bold and gracious openness as witnesses to a world in desperate need of the Good News.

Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week: André and Larissa Meyer serving as Church Planters in Leipzig, Germany

André and Larissa are planting Leipzigprojekt Church in Leipzig where 80% of the population identifies as non-religious. Please pray for God's provision as they search for new facilities for their Sunday gatherings since they have outgrown their current facilities. Praise the Lord for growth! Pray for the current sermon series on the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross. Pray that God's Word draws the church to the central theme of the cross. Pray for more leaders to rise up in the church who are willing to start new small groups.

Tuesday - Our Essential Workers and First Responders

Pray this week for our own Kendal Ministry. This volunteer group of church members works without fanfare to assist in the care of individuals and families in the congregation to provide a variety of services, including companionship, homemaking, yard care, errands, shopping, rides to medical treatments, prayer, spiritual support, emotional support, and lovingkindness. Kendal Team members can include families with children as young as eight serving together, singles, retirees, and busy people who have just two or three hours to serve each month. To learn more about this practical way to love the members of our household of faith go to: https://christcovenant.org/ministries/pastoral-care/kendal-ministry/.

Wednesday - Our Elected Leaders and Public Servants

Continue to pray this week that we would seek God's direction in how to conduct ourselves as Christians in our democracy. Pray we would neither avoid the political process nor confuse partisan government with God's sovereign rule. Pray for God's hand on those who put themselves forward for nomination or election to federal office. Pray he would restrain evil and protect his children who are called to public service from the traps of scandal or hubris. Pray for our country to turn away from bitter divides. Pray for believers to seek one another out and find ways to unite in prayer for revival and awakening to overtake our country.

Thursday - Our Fellow Believers in Danger & Unreached People Groups

Our Fellow Believers in Danger – Pray this week for God's protection over Christian churches and ministry organizations in the United States where indicators of violence have multiplied during just the first three months of this year when sixty-nine attacks were reported from thirty states, which triple the number of attacks during the same period last year. Acts of hostility have included vandalism, arson, bomb threats, and gun-related violence leading to deaths and injuries. Pray that believers will trust in God's sovereign care over them, be wise in their safety practices, but not fearful of expressing their faith or welcoming strangers to worship. Pray that God would change the hearts of those who express hatred. Pray many would come to Christ through the courage and kindness of his disciples.

Unreached People Group: Durbet in Mongolia - Pray today for the Durbet (pronounced, DURH-bet) people group in Western Mongolia, located near the border of Russia. The Durbet people number around 87,000 and live in poor conditions without access to adequate medical care or clean water. The Durbet people are Tibetan Buddhists and while they have the complete Bible available in their Mongolian, Halh language, it can be challenging for them to be open to the truth of Jesus. Pray for the Durbet people that the Lord would open their hearts and soften them so they can be ready to receive the gospel. Pray for believers with medical knowledge to go to the rural areas in Mongolia where the Durbet live and provide for both

physical and spiritual needs within the villages. Pray that the Durbet people would have access to clean water. Pray for the few believers within the Durbet people group to have the boldness to share Christ within their community.

Friday - Our Local Ministry Partners:

Local Presbytery: Gospel Church Munich, Munich, Germany: Pastor Steffen Mueller

Local Ministry: Changed Choices - Pray for the next client release as she is preparing to move in with her daughter once her sentence is complete. Pray as she diligently works to prepare for her next steps. Pray for the Admissions committee as they meet to review four potential client applications. Praise for the recent "Journey to Freedom Walk" as 50 walkers "journeyed" through several of the obstacles clients face when it comes to successful re-entry. Pray for client C.S. who just lost her father. Pray for J.S. who is struggling with the next right step. Pray for A.A. who is building back her strength after being in a full leg case for several months.

Saturday - Our Servant Leaders

Pray this month for the men who will be examined and approved as candidates for the offices of elder and deacon in our church. Pray for their test preparation, their dependance on God and not on their own abilities or vanity. Pray for our pastors and ruling elders to have discernment and wisdom as they interview each candidate. Pray they will ask questions that reveal the hearts of the men they are examining as they listen carefully to responses and seek clarity of beliefs. Pray for the protection of our church through this careful selection of our officers and their faithfulness as God's servants.

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