

## **Prayer Guide for the week of November 12, 2023**

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

Continue to pray this week for your Thanksgiving celebration. Pray that God will make you aware of an individual or family who he wants you to include at your table this year. Thanksgiving is less than two weeks away. It is not too soon to look around for a college student who will not be traveling home or a new employee where you work who has not had time to make friends or make plans for their day off. Is there a family you know, or know of, who would welcome a dinner basket to help stretch their budget or just take the pressure off cooking a meal while dealing with an injury or illness? Pray that God will bless your time of thanksgiving with the joy of expanding your celebration by including a guest or giving a gift of food that honors the Lord.

### **Monday – Our International Ministry Partners - Micah and Blair – Serving in a Restricted Area**

Pray for humility, trust, and peace. Pray as Micah passes off the work to another as they leave the field. Micah has been the pastor in this location for eight years, four years as senior pastor. Pray for their family's ongoing perseverance emotionally in this long season of goodbyes and leaving behind all that is familiar. Pray for health concerns for both Micah and Blair's parents. Pray for the pastors and elders from this restricted country who are currently visiting Christ Covenant this week for a training conference and partnership meeting. These individuals will be worshipping at the church on the evening of November 19. Pray for the training and meetings that will be taking place over the next week.

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

Pray this week for our caregivers who serve as EMTs and ER staff members and are the first to see rising incidents of disease and injuries and alert the community to their need to increase protection against infections and injuries. Pray for these professionals as their cases rise. Pray they will not lose their focus on the whole patient and make the time for kindness as a part of their standard of care. Pray that staff members will quickly become teams and set the tone for their organization's interaction with the people who need their help. Pray that believers would find freedom to pray and share God's love as a part of their personal protocol.

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

Pray this week for the men and women who were elected to office this month. Pray they see the weight of the oaths they must swear and realize that only God can provide the moral strength they need to live up to their promises. Pray that the believers among them would keep them centered in Christ, choosing to do what is right and not what polls or popular opinion want. Pray that God will have mercy on our government.

### **Thursday – Our Fellow Believers in Danger**

Pray this week for the Christians living in Algeria where they have become targets to increased hostility from the public and from their government. Political leaders assume that all the Christians in their country must be on Israel's side in the Israel-Hamas conflict and have named them as foreign and western influences corrupting the nation's Islamic national unity. The government has reduced the allowable size of house churches to just ten people per meeting. Pray that God will protect his Church, that their right to worship will be respected, and the outside political issues will not be used to further restrict Christian worship in Algeria.

**Unreached People Group - Megh (Hindu traditions) in Pakistan:** The Megh (pronounced, "Meeg") people group numbers around 398,000 in Pakistan and over 5,098,000 worldwide. They are considered very low status and have changed their name 26 times in an attempt to get away from their low status. They are primarily Hindu followers living in a predominantly Muslim land. Because they feel as though their Hindu faith is connected to their sense of community, they are not open to other religions, including Christianity. Pray for the Megh people. The complete Bible is available in their Sindhi language, so please pray that many would have an opportunity and desire to read God's Word for themselves. Pray that the Megh people in Pakistan would have open hearts and minds to the truth of the gospel. Pray that Christian believers would be called to minister to the Megh people. Pray that resources such as Christian films and radio stations would be used to draw the Megh people to Christ.

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

**Local Presbytery** - Redeemer Church, Southern Pines, NC – Interim Pastor Mike Ross

**Local Ministry – Pray for the Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center (QCPRC)**, a ministry to women facing unplanned pregnancies that partners with the local church to serve her family, save her child, and share the gospel. Pray for the staff as they counsel and serve women who come from all walks of life. In any given week, the QCPRC will serve about 25 women, half of whom are planning to have an abortion, and most of these women are early enough in their pregnancy that they need a couple of appointments and two separate ultrasounds to empower them to choose life. Pray for wisdom as the staff takes every opportunity to talk to these women about life in Christ and prays with them. Pray for the plans to deploy the mobile unit on January 1, 2024, driving into neighborhoods so the center can serve women even closer to their homes.

### **Our Servant Leaders**

Pray this week for the men and women in our church family who have been called and trained to be used by God as mentors and Christian counselors in support of our pastors and elders in shepherding care. Pray that God will prepare and protect these mature believers, give them wisdom in their conversations and reliance on God to change hearts and heal relationships. Pray we will remember to pray often for our suffering brothers and sisters to trust all of God's promises.

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