

## **Prayer Guide for the week of January 21, 2024**

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

Pray this week for members of own church family who are marking sad anniversaries or dealing with the fresh grief of losing a family member to death. Pray for the children who have said goodbye to parents, siblings who have lost brothers or sisters, husbands and wives who are parted from their life companions. Pray for God's comfort and strength as these grieving survivors move along the process of adjustment. Pray for our ministry to each of our hurting sisters and brothers. Pray we will be used by God to provide support through long days of dealing with the details of services and travel and financial matters. Pray we will be able to graciously listen to family stories and talk with confidence about the promise of Heaven.

### **Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week – Tim and Jenn – Serving in Restricted Area**

Pray for Tim as he represents the Great Commission Council at CrossCon. Pray that God would use this time to encourage churches, missionaries, and the next generation toward more biblical, healthy missions. Pray for evangelistic relationships with immigrants and neighbors where they live. Pray for Mohamed, Nuur, Warda, and Aamiin. Pray for wisdom and provision as Tim and Jenn continue to plan for ministry in 2024.

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

The latest healthcare statistics continue to indicate that North Carolina and surrounding states have significantly higher rates of covid, RSV and flu among hospital patients and reported sufferers being treated as outpatients. Pray this week for the doctors and nurses working in our own area's emergency rooms who are working in conditions that are all too familiar. Pray for their health and strength as they are working overtime shifts, caring for patients who are waiting for rooms and treatment. Pray, too, for the growing number of patients and for their families.

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

Pray for our leaders in Congress who are meeting craft bills that can pass both the House and the Senate to extend funding for government services, continue support of Ukraine and Israel, and strengthen security on our southern border. Pray that negotiations will be productive and that the best interests of the country will be more important to our leaders than political talking points.

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

Pray this week for Christian nationals and ministry workers from other countries who are committed to helping the people of Haiti. Pray for their physical safety in areas where gangs have taken control and "govern" with violence. Pray for volunteers who have been forced to stay away from Haiti and long to continue their work in providing health care and programs for children. Pray that God will bring a solution to the troubles in Haiti and his victory over the activity of the devil will bring many to faith in Christ alone.

**Unreached People Group - Jat in Canada:** Pronounced, "jot", the Jat people group number around 114,000 in Canada and around 14,490,500 worldwide. Jat people are originally from India and are considered one of the more prosperous people groups from that area. The Jats in Canada are mostly Muslim and do not welcome outside religions. Pray for the Jat people, that they would realize that their religious beliefs and well-educated backgrounds are not enough to save them. Pray that Christian believers in Canada would have opportunities to reach out to the Jat people and share the gospel. Pray that the translation of the New Testament into their Punjabi language would be distributed to many Jat people and pray for the Old Testament translation to be completed.

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

**Local Presbytery:** Redeemer Church – Whispering Pines, NC – Interim Pastor Mike Ross

**Local Ministry – Caleb Ministries:** Pray for Caleb Ministries, an organization that ministers to women and families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, early-infant death, or women who struggle with infertility or who are post-abortive. Pray for P.A.T. (Providing a Treasure) boxes to be distributed to women who have recently experienced loss. Praise that 10 boxes were supplied to several Labor and Delivery and NICU units in NC! Please pray for the families who receive these boxes

and all of the resources, that the hope of the gospel is evident as they read. Pray for hearts to be open to God's Truth. Praise for the ladies who volunteer from Christ Covenant Church who desire to share their talents and gifts for His glory!

#### **Saturday - Our Servant Leaders**

Pray for our congregation to embrace their vital role in identifying candidates for elder and deacon by praying for discernment as they consider nominees and contact them about submitting their names. Pray too for our pastors and staff as they prepare for their responsibilities as pastors and teachers through the winter and spring. Pray their own studies will be blessed by the presence of the Spirit. Pray the truths they present will reach the hearts of their listeners. Pray that our congregation would be a community of learners who are growing in faith.

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