#### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Yourself — that you would be hungry for time in His Word and in prayer, that you would bring every detail of your life to Him.

Your Family — that your home would be known for its natural hospitality and love, that Christ is exalted in everyday life.

Our Congregation — that we would be people of prayer, eager

for revival and known by our care for one another.

Our Neighbors and Our World that Cod would use us to

**Our Neighbors and Our World** — that God would use us to share the Good News of the Gospel in all places, and at all times. Each day, pray for **staff**, *Deacon*(s), **Elder(s)**, *mission/ministry(s)*. Pray for a pure heart, a shepherd's heart, a heart owned by Christ.

#### PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRIES TODAY

Support Groups Beginning This Month

Christ Covenant offers three different support groups facilitated by caring members of our church who understand what you may be going through and want to help. Grieving a loss, walking through a divorce, or providing care for a parent or child are all difficult experiences you do not have to go through alone. If you have a family member or friend going through a difficult season of life, let them know that these groups are here for them as well. You do not need to be a member of our church to join a group. See details in the Courier.

Thursday, February 1 • Galatians 2:20 • Kevin DeYoung, Dick Givens, Wade Byrum, Lee Brady, Allen Carrick, Pastoral Interns

Pray... for a deeper devotion to Christ; for our children to be Spiritfilled; for our homes to be known for Christian hospitality. Pray for Christians living in refugee camps and waiting for resettlement.

Friday, February 2 • Galatians 5:6 • Tom Groelsema, Lane Jones, Gary Corwin, Keith Kitchen, Andy Caldwell, Dave Lapp, Andrew Cash, John Girard, Children's Ministry

Pray...for a growing hunger to pray; for your family to pray for one another; for confidence in Christ; for the Holy Spirit to inhabit our worship whenever we gather.

Saturday, February 3 • Galatians 5:14 • Mike Miller, Mindy Thornton, Art Van Sciver, Ron Raulston, Steve Caldwell, Harvey Harrelson, Clay Anderson, Outreach & Missions, CDS Board. Caregivers Ministry

Pray... for members of our church family connected to public schools – students, parents, and teachers; for the opportunity to share the Gospel and build relationships at work.

Sunday, February 4 • Galatians 5:22 • Eric Russ, Andy McNulty, Heather Thompson, Chris Baker, *Home School Families* 

Pray....that you would trust that God is in control; for those from our congregation whom God calls to full-time Christian service; for God to make Himself known to a needy world.

Monday, February 5 • Ephesians 3:19 • Bruce Creswell, Mike Booker, John Faber, *Tripp Gabriel, Joshua Skipper, Grief Share*Pray... that loving Christ would be your highest priority; that our commitment to giving will reflect our commitment to serve Christ and our confidence in His promises. Pray for the power of the Spirit in our worship. Pray for churches in North America.

Tuesday, February 6 • Ephesians 4:15-16 • Teresa Caldwell, Michael Johnson, David Krausse, *Greg Litowski*, Jo Batson, *Small Groups* 

Pray...that you would relinquish deep hurts to God; for the salvation of our children; for our nation to depend on prayer for wisdom; for those in military service in high-risk areas; for those who risk their lives in service to communities. Pray for China.

Wednesday, February 7 • Ephesians 5:2 • Sandy Spitz, Darlene Richardson, Jim Rea, Reggie Phillips, The Gospel Coalition

Pray...that you would be approachable and undistracted; for families that are strong. Pray that we would love our children by teaching and caring for them. Pray for imprisoned Christians.

Thursday, February 8 • Ephesians 5:28 • Derek Wells, Roberta Hill, Gaylene Scheide, Scott Young, Bill Hedgpeth, *Greg Love*Pray...that God will draw close to our families and our community as we love like Christ. Pray that we will learn more about Him and be hungry to grow in faith.

Friday, February 9 • Ephesians 6:24 • Amy VanDusen, Michelle Gustavson, Ryan Fuderer, David Glover, Matt Needles, Mark Gulley, Ana Benitez, Maria Benitez, Stephanie Bennett Pray... for a clear understanding of God's love for His children; for adult children who have taken on the care of parents; for gentleness with one another; for patience and love given by God.

Saturday, February 10 • Philippians 1:9 • Nathan George, Liz McNulty, Steve VanDusen, Brent Andersen, Caleb Johnson

Pray... that you would bow to God's sovereign control; for a new generation of believers; for the power of the Spirit in our worship; for more church plants. Pray for God's mercy on the US.

Sunday, February 11 • Philippians 1:9 • Blair Smith, Sarah Gidney, Danny Church, Fritz Menchinger, Min Shin, Tom Van Beek

Pray... for our volunteers; for parents who need wisdom and patience with rebellious children; for boldness for Christian workers in hostile areas; for God's favor on our campus.

Monday, February 12 • Philippians 2:1-2 • Rick Ely, Molly Knauer, Garry Rice, Josh Grissom, Nate Reel, SBS, Erin McFaddin

Pray...for personal brokenness that leads to revival; for grace to die to self; for emotional health for all children. Pray for Israel.

**Tuesday, February 13 •** Philippians 4:8 • **Barry Peterson, Mark Helmer, Adam Long,** *Rob Fitch,* **Marguerite Ortiz,** *Divorce Care Ministry* 

Pray...to be open and teachable; for brothers and sisters to demonstrate love toward one another; for generous giving for our outreach ministries and supported workers.

Wednesday, February 14 • Colossians 1:4-8 • Ginni Larkins, Roger Paules. Beecher Bailey David Harris. Bobby Shanahan.

Pray... for the ministry of new believers; for our children to share Christ's love with their friends; for revival across America.

### Thursday, February 15 • Colossians 2:2 • Peggy Wekall, Jenny Blackmon, Chad Slack, American Heritage Girls

Pray...that you would see what God is doing in your life; for times of joy and rest together as a family; for our nation's leaders; for wisdom in seeking God's priorities. Pray for women leaders.

### Friday, February 16 • Colossians 3:14 • Mimi Brady, Jim Sutton, Covenant Day School, Caleb Ministry

Pray...for fresh faith; for the lonely to know that they are not alone; for devotion to prayer by all of God's children; that Christ's love would touch someone through you; for young marriages.

**Saturday, February 17 •** 1 Thessalonians 1:3-4 • *Tom Engstrom, Matt Fikkert, Mark Lomas,* **Pam Eash, Nathaniel Davis** 

Pray...that joy would flood you because of Christ; that your family would know your love; for the Gospel to shine through us.

#### Sunday, February 18 • 1 Thessalonians 3:12 • Joel May, Ron Brown, Jim Haigh, Keith Hudson, Curt Johnson, Mary Ann Foltz, Kris Redwing, Clearly Reformed

Pray...that you would learn to listen; for gentleness with wounded and tender hearts; for wisdom in leaders; for true faith to rule in our hearts, families, church, and nation. Pray for faithful leaders.

### Monday, February 19 • 2 Thessalonians 1:3 • Semra Staut, Patrick Keaton, Jordan Clark, Don Harding, Set Free, Counseling

Pray...Christ's love would influence every word; that you would encourage your family; for a zeal to share the Gospel on your street; for those in prisons and those who minister there.

#### Tuesday, February 20 • 1 Timothy 6:11 • Jan Adams, Matt Lindner, Brendan Kelly, Senior Adults, Women's Bible Studies

Pray...for love for your enemies; for our children's emotional, physical, and spiritual safety; for God-pleasing worship; for total trust in God's miraculous providence.

### Wednesday, February 21 • 2 Timothy 1:13 • Kristina King, Sherry Dixon, Jason Shannon, Campus Outreach, RTS Charlotte

Pray...that you would not try to hide from God; that Christ would enrich family relationships; for families to trust one another fully; for God's power to overtake our leaders. Pray for our nation to turn to Christ. Pray for Ukraine.

### Thursday, February 22 • Titus 2:4 • Staci Poston, Steve Hicks, Deacons Emeriti, Don Moseley, Prison Ministry

Pray...that you will believe all of God's promises; that your family will trust in God alone; that our church would be a testimony to God's provision; that we would continue to reach out to our city.

Friday, February 23 • Philemon 1:4-7 • Zach Fulginiti, Rudy Barlow, Sabbatical Officers. Drew Gustavson, Rich Pietrus

Pray...that your faith would flourish; for families to make worship a priority; for confidence in God's provision for the work he calls us to. Pray for government leaders who will stand for biblical principles. Pray for believers in North Korea.

#### Saturday, February 24 • Hebrews 10:24 • Jason Klohr, Margie Love, Abigail Cerrato, Becky Creswell, Rebecca Tilley, Elsy Villatoro, Creighton Sloan, Mark Palardy, *Mercy Ministries*

Pray...for our ministry to young adults and their leaders; for our families to be strong; for a unity in purpose and an openness to ministry to all those God puts on our hearts; for our nation to turn to God and honor Him. Pray for Haiti.

### Sunday, February 25 • James 1:12 • CDS Principals, Steven Estrada, Ken Dabbs, Larry Crouch, John Johnston, Trail Life

Pray...that God would use you for His glory; for strength to do all He asks; for a heart for the lost; for kindness to all; for the faith to believe and attempt the impossible; for those who mourn.

### Monday, February 26 • James 2:8 • Will Parman, Patty Parman, Paul Joyce, Rob Veerman, Jason Poston

Pray...that you would cling to Jesus today; for deeper love within your family; for community to flourish; for more committed small group leaders. Pray for those without jobs.

### Tuesday, February 27 • 1 Peter 2:17 • Rose Hiscott, Steve Whitesel, Asher Pope, Timothy Roberts, Rudy Doejaaren,

Pray...that you would be generous with your time; that Christ will be glorified in every type of worship and in every congregation in our nation. Pray for all those in military danger zones.

## Wednesday, February 28 • 1 Peter 3:8-9 • Dave Baxter, Flynt Jones, *Joe Milito*, Joseph Foucachon, Michael Hutchinson, Pamela Mullins, Mark Kovach, B.J. Thomas, *Shepherdess Ministry*

Pray...that you would worship every day; for those who are grieving this month; for revival, personal and congregational; for our toddlers; for our shepherds. Pray for our care of others.

### Thursday, February 29 • 1 John 2:5 • Presbytery Pastors, Brett Hodge, Steve Smith, Saida Bragagnolo, *Marriage Ministry*

Pray...that we would love our neighbors; for kindness toward the needy; for God's hand on the life of our congregation; for believers in Muslim countries.

### Friday, March 1 • 1 John 2:10 • Amy Wallace, Matthew Cuthbertson, Carlton Whitman, Ken Compton, Web Ministry

Pray... for our small groups to grow spiritually and deepen in care for each member; for our nation to know God. Pray for Kenya and the spread of Christianity there.

## Saturday March 2• 1 John 3:16 • Jay Lynch, Our Consulting Specialists, Our Elders Emeriti, Seminary Students, Our Church Plants around the world, Kendal Ministry

Pray... for our shepherding initiative and our officers as they lead this ministry to our members; for spiritual growth; for spiritual awakening in the US; for those who rule in government.

#### **Pray for Our Supported Partners**

#### **Church Planters**

February 4 Allen

Restricted Area

February 11 Bongolomzi and Sibulele Mkiva

Cape Town, South Africa

February 18 Andy and Davinia Young

Oxford, England

February 25 **Justin and Amy Grimm** 

Westerville, Ohio

Thomas a Kempis

#### **Personal Prayer Reminders**

- Pray for people who are dealing with depression and other emotional or spiritual challenges.
- Pray for struggling marriages and children in rebellion.
- Pray for people seeking jobs or facing business setbacks.
- Pray for those grieving the loss of family members or close friends.
- Pray for those who suffer with chronic pain.
- Pray for those who are ill.
- Pray for those in harm's way.
- Pray for our military.
- Pray for safety on our campus.

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# CHRIST COVENANT —— CHURCH——

#### **PRAYER GUIDE: February 2024**

#### LOVE IN ACTION

If I speak with the eloquence of men and of angels, but have no love, I become no more than blaring brass or crashing cymbal. If I have the gift of foretelling the future and hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but the very secrets of God, and if I also have that absolute faith which can move mountains, but have no love, I amount to nothing at all. If I dispose of all that I possess, yes, even if I give my own body to be burned, but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience—it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.

Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad with all good men when truth prevails.

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

In this life we have three great lasting qualities—faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love.

1 Corinthians 13 (selected) JB Phillips Translation

<sup>&</sup>quot;Love is swift, sincere, pious, pleasant, gentle, strong, patient, faithful, prudent, long-suffering, manly and never seeking her own; for whosoever a man seeketh his own, there he falleth from love."