

Prayer Guide for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday - Our Families, Congregation and Community

Pray this week for God's mercy on the guests he will draw to worship during Holy Week services and Easter this week. Pray the Lord will use the memories attached to a familiar hymn, the biblical account of the empty tomb, the celebration of believers who know Jesus is alive because they know him personally, to break the walls the enemy has used to keep unbelievers from the joy of trusting Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in ways that cannot be misunderstood. Pray that believers will trust in God's power to respond to their prayers for friends and family members to be changed forever by their encounter with Christ the King during this Holy Week.

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

Pray for Leipzigprojekt Church. Praise the Lord that the church was able to sign a contract to rent a permanent facility in Leipzig! Pray for the planning and renovation process, as well as all the change that comes with it. Praise for recent baptisms. Pray for several non-Christians who attend small groups regularly because they want to find out if Jesus is real. God has already begun a work in their lives. Pray that the church would long to cry out to God rather than relying on their own strength.

Tuesday – Our Essential Workers and First Responders

Praise God this week for the glimpse of God's redeeming love for us that we see in the heroics of military personnel, fire fighters, water rescue teams, first responders at the site of natural disasters, medical workers in makeshift hospitals, and untrained but compassionate bystanders who respond to danger by finding a way to help. Each of these people help us to understand the human cost of helping someone in need. That understanding can open our hearts to the depth of God's love for his children. "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:17) Praise God for his amazing grace.

Wednesday – Our Elected Leaders and Public Officials

Continue to pray for our elected and appointed leaders in all levels of government as they have many important decisions on their calendars between now and the November elections. Pray they will accept the challenge of managing the distractions of re-election plans and political campaigns in a way that does not neglect the needs of constituents. Pray that decisions from other branches of government will move promptly so that delay will not become a substitute for debate and fair negotiations. Pray for cooperation between legislators and judges who hold differing views but the same commitment to taking actions that benefit the country. Pray for honesty and civility to mark speeches and debates.

Thursday – Our Fellow Believers in Danger

Continue to pray for Haiti. Pray for the Christian workers who have not yet been able to get passage out of the country. Pray for our American troops who have been sent to Haiti to protect American citizens and property belonging to our country including the embassy, military equipment, classified information, and the technical equipment used to transmit all that information. Pray for American citizens who have been told to find their own way to the embassy to take part in the United States government evacuation. Pray for a mutual interest in what is best for the people of Haiti and not personal power. Pray for an end to violence. Pray for believers to be connected through prayer. Pray they will be ready to be peace makers among neighbors and families who are loyal to rival groups who are competing for power.

Unreached People Group - Kadazan Dusun in Brunei: Pronounced, "KAH-DAH-sahn DOO-soon," the Kadazan Dusun people group number around 91,000 worldwide. Of those 91,000 people, 10,000 live in Brunei, a country in Southeast Asia known for its oil and gas reserves. Brunei is also ruled by Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, under an absolute monarchy, and Islam is the official religion of the country. The Kadazan Dusun who live in Brunei are mostly agriculturalists, growing rice and vegetables and living within communal villages. Pray for the Kadazan Dusun people that their eyes would be opened to see the false teachings of Islam. Pray for Christian believers in Malaysia to have compassion upon the Kadazan Dusun and seek to share the gospel with this lost people group. Pray that biblical resources and audio recordings would be utilized to bring many Kadazan Dusun people to Christ.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners:

Local Presbytery: Christ Church – Sanford, NC – Pastor Ralph Johnston

Local Ministry – Pray for the **Afghan Refugee Mission Team**. Pray for our Afghan neighbors as Ramadan continues over the next month. Pray that the Lord would use dreams, visions, and other means to soften their hearts and bring them towards a relationship with Jesus. Pray for the Afghan students who are participating in the Project 658 English class as they listen to the resurrection story over the next three weeks. Pray that many seeds will be planted in their hearts. Pray for the tutoring program. Praise the Lord for three new tutors and continue to pray for more people willing to tutor these Afghan students. Pray for one of the Afghan men who is attempting his driving test again. Pray that this next time will be successful. Pray that many people will be interested in the ESL tutoring class.

Saturday - Our Servant Leaders

Pray this week for our pastors and officers to increasingly rely on God's strength and protection as they give so much time to the care of our congregation, especially when there are medical crises or disruptive interactions that can be helped by the wisdom of a godly shepherd. Pray for their patience with those who fear an unknown future. Pray for their ministry to job seekers and their families. Pray for their gentleness as grief counselors. Pray for their own families to understand the cost of leadership and support the role God has given them. Pray they will appreciate the personal time they do have together. Pray they will pray often as a family for the work of ministry. Pray they will encourage the ministers and officers they know well by praying often for their personal requests.

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