

Prayer Guide for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday - Our Families, Congregation and Community

Pray this week that God would give us a love for our community that energizes our outreach ministry. Pray for O Nights to be a starting point in our congregational commitment to share the gospel around the world and close to home. Pray for these evenings of outreach/evangelism throughout our neighborhood. Pray God will provide opportunities to learn more about our community while at the same time caring for people, taking steps of faith to engage with others, and availing ourselves of opportunities to share the gospel. Pray our outreach initiatives also give us the opportunity to serve together, pray for our community, and see God work in unexpected ways.

Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week – Chris and Savanna Serving in a Restricted Area

Pray for Chris and Savanna as they continue their language learning. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be working in the hearts and minds of the Persians and to reveal himself to them. Pray for their family as Savanna continues to homeschool. Pray that they would grow closer as a family and that they would continue to seek God's glory and his kingdom's advancement together. Pray for a Persian family who is part of their core group at church. They have completed the asylum-seeking process and are now eligible to find jobs and to establish a home. Pray for them as they furnish their home and begin the job seeking process. Pray for the Lord to provide one-time gifts to bless this family and to assist them with rent and utilities.

Tuesday – Our Essential Workers and First Responders

Pray this week for the growing number of students in our area who are preparing for careers in all forms of patient care from intensive care nurses to home companions. Pray for excellence in technical training that is accompanied by patience and kindness. Pray students will learn how significant their interaction with patients can make in the patient's well-being. Pray that believing students will learn to encourage faith in patients and care teams.

Wednesday – Our Elected Leaders and Public Officials

Continue to pray this week for the work of the Congress as most are distracted by upcoming elections and all face the work that has so far been left undone in the current session. Pray for the men and women who are serving diligently in a complex environment. Pray their experience will provide insight to solve policy or partisan differences that are keeping the Congress from working together for the good of the whole country. Pray for wisdom in drafting and enacting laws that are fair, carefully thought through, and can achieve their intended goals without doing harm. Pray God will be glorified in our government.

Thursday – Our Fellow Believers in Danger

Continue to pray this week for Haiti where gun violence and gang warfare in the streets of the capital and throughout the country have made conditions even worse. The most knowledgeable experts on Haiti's future have no solutions to its problems. But God does. Pray the Holy Spirit will stir the believers in Haiti. Pray they will pray for their neighbors and their brothers and sisters across the country. Pray they will unite in prayer for a government. Pray they will be peacemakers. Pray they will rely on God and work for his glory as leaders in a new Haiti.

Unreached People Group - Jiasou in China: Pronounced "jyah-SOO", the Jiasou people group have a population of 40,000 in south-central China, close to Vietnam. The Jiasou people are isolated from other populations, mostly due to their location in a mountainous region. Because of their isolation, very few have heard the message of the gospel and most of the community still strongly clings to their ethnic religion. Pray for the Jiasou in China, that the Lord would provide Bible translators to learn the Sani language and begin the translation process. Pray that Chinese believers would be able to find ways to access the Jiasou communities and build relationships with the Jiasou people. Pray that the Jiasou would begin to question their ethnic religion and ancestor worship and have hearts willing to hear about Jesus.

Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners:

Local Presbytery: Cross Creek Presbyterian Church – Fayetteville, NC – Pastor Michael Mock

Local Ministry – 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 Pat Baucome, a volunteer with the ministry. She recently lost her husband, so pray for peace and comfort for Pat. Pray for other volunteers who are having health issues or whose husbands are having health issues. Pray for them as they rely on the Lord for their strength and provision. Pray for the families that have lost babies or who are unable to conceive that have contacted Caleb Ministries and received resources. Pray for those who don't know Christ. Pray for a family in Texas who is going through a difficult time, that the P.A.T. box (Providing A Treasure) would bring them comfort and point them to Christ. Praise the Lord for all of the faithful volunteers!

Saturday - Our Servant Leaders

Pray this week for our pastors who will be on sabbatical in 2024. Pray that each of them will be blessed by their time to pursue spiritual refreshment, personal study, family time, travel, and goals for ministry following sabbatical. Praise God for the cooperative spirit among our pastors and officers in sharing shepherding responsibilities and visitations during each sabbatical. Pray that God will use this church and our pastors for his glory.

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