

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

This is the best time of year to catch up with neighbors on your block. Remember all the age groups for the games. Be ready with the next invitation before the crowd starts home. You'll be surprised at the speed at which strangers become friends.

**Monday - Our Supported Workers of the Week – Sihle and Lethabo Xulu serving as Church Planters in Johannesburg, South Africa**

Pray for Renewal Fellowship Church, which recently celebrated its 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church in March. Praise the Lord that Sihle sustained his ordination exams and for his ordination service last month! Pray for spiritual growth and theological training for upcoming leaders in the church. Pray for financial partners to help bridge the gap in their church budget this year. Pray for the Xulu family to continue to be joyful and encouraged in the Lord's work. Pray that the family will find time and resources to be able to rest as a family.

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

The experts are predicting a very hot, very wet summer. This is our reminder that our area attracts grandparents who may find the climate hard to adjust to. Help your local first responders by making note of the people using canes or walkers who would be thankful for help with a bag of groceries. The first responders would be just as appreciative if we got in the habit of thanking them for their volunteer hours and their bravery on emergency calls. We are blessed by their generous gift of time.

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

Earlier this summer our country had a shocking reminder of what we mean when we refer to unpaid elected officials as public servants. An angry citizen murdered a legislator and her husband over a difference of opinion. Sadly, this kind of tragedy is becoming more common, not less, as the novelty wears off. Pray this week for the safety of our public servants. Pray for leaders we know personally who are willing to sacrifice for the good of our towns and cities. Pray we would show honor to whom honor is due and encourage godly people to seriously consider public service.

**Thursday – Our Fellow Believers in Danger**

Last year, India, the largest country in the world was being quiet about its plans for the peaceful co-existence of the major religions within its borders. Now, the head of the country's government and its religion have now been given totally a free hand to drive out any faith that is not Hindu. As unpopular as that might have been, the new aggression is being carried out with brutality and speed to "cleanse" India before moving on to its enemy, Pakistan. Pray for the Christian believers in India. Pray for faithful preachers and teachers. Pray for courage and wisdom. Pray that God's glory will overcome evil of every kind.

**Unreached People Group - Golla in India:** The Golla (pronounced, "GOH-lah") people number 155,000 in India. They are primarily farmers, raising animals such as sheep and goats. Golla women are known for their folk songs and tattooing skills while the men practice feats such as knife swallowing and holding red-hot irons in their mouths. The Golla people are Hindu and worship a god named "Krishna," believing that he can offer them protection, compassion, and love. Pray for the Golla people. Their identity is firmly rooted in their Hindu religion, so pray that they will have open hearts towards the gospel. The complete Bible has been translated into their Odia language, so pray that many Golla people will seek to read the Bible and desire to learn more. Pray that Christian believers in India will have opportunities to go to the Golla people to build relationships with them and tell them the good news of Jesus.

**Friday – Our Local Ministry Partners:** 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 a family who recently lost a little boy to SIDS. Continue to pray for the LeVan family, who lost one of their twin babies earlier this year. Pray for the surviving twin, Nathan. Pray for the P.A.T. (Providing A Treasure) Memory Boxes to bring comfort and hope as they are distributed to bereaved moms and families. Praise the Lord for the resources that were given out on Bereaved Mom's Day and Mother's Day. Pray that these resources will help to encourage women who have experienced a loss. Praise the Lord that Caleb Ministries will celebrate 35 years of ministry this year!

**Saturday - Our Servant Leaders**

**Local Presbytery:** Cross Covenant Chinese Church – Charlotte, NC – Pastor Allen Chen

Pray this week for God's sovereign rule over our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), its individual congregations across our nation and throughout the Americas, and its ministries around the world. Pray for the lives of our leaders and our members to be recognized by their desire to grow more like Christ as they grow in spiritual knowledge and love for our Savior. Pray that the PCA will be blessed by its diligence as evangelists and teachers and caring neighbors with growing congregations and fruitful ministries. Pray that we would see young people respond to God's call to vocational service. Pray that we would see our own children grow in faith and commit their lives to raising a new generation of believers to continue in ministry until the gospel is shared everywhere and Christ returns in glory.

*Your pastors and staff are praying for you! Send your confidential prayer requests to [prayer@christcovenant.org](mailto:prayer@christcovenant.org).*