

-Week of August 24 Prayer Guide

Preparing Your Heart (5 minutes)

Take some time to be still before the Lord. Quiet your heart before the Lord and get your mind ready to pray. Also use this time to welcome God and His presence. Invite Him into your time of prayer. Some practical ideas are to sit in silence or take deep breaths. You can also say something like:

"Holy Spirit, I invite You to this time of prayer."

"Lord, I'm here for You. Speak, I am listening."

Worship and Thanksgiving (5 minutes)

Use these five minutes to think of the many things that have been good from the day. Then begin to thank God for those things. You can also use a gratitude journal and write down things you're grateful for. Begin to worship Jesus for who He is and all that He has done for you.

Confession (5 minutes)

Take this time to reflect on the last 24 hours. Did anything happen that directly impacted you? Are there any areas of your life that have been dishonoring to God in thoughts, actions, or words? Bring those to God, confess to Him, and ask Him to restore the areas that are broken or don't reflect His character. Receive His vast love, forgiveness, and grace towards you.

Ask (15 minutes)

Personal

Who, or what, is on your heart today? Spend a few moments talking to God about anything personal in your heart that you'd like to share with Him before you move on to the next section.





Local

- Go through the <u>Crossroads Prayer Wall Requests</u> and pray for the needs within our family of faith. Be sure to click the "Pray" button to let us know you prayed for the listed need.
- Pray that wisdom would guide the implementation of technology to effectively serve both the staff and the Crossroads family.
- Pray for a fresh influx of enthusiastic and skilled volunteers in the area of technology, who have a
 heart to bless the Crossroads family.
- Pray for spiritual protection over all Tech and Worship volunteers, as well as the families of those who serve.
- Pray for God's provision to maintain current technology and to supply the necessary resources for future upgrades, so that all resources may be stewarded faithfully and wisely.

National

- Pray that believers would be bold in demonstrating the love of Jesus to those around them through both words and actions.
- Pray for the homeless population across the country and for the ministries working faithfully to serve and support this vulnerable group.
- Pray for those affected by the widespread drug abuse in the nation, asking that the Lord would intervene powerfully, revealing His love and offering true freedom and transformation.

Global

Central African Republic

- Pray for a peace that enables national resources to be developed for economic stability.
- Pray for the wisdom of pastors as they minister to their congregations in the face of violence and ongoing bloodshed.
- Pray that the eyes and hearts of jihadists, criminal groups, and Fulani militants will be opened to Jesus.

Supporting Scripture

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. - Lamentations 3:25

Finish by thanking the Lord for meeting your request. Meditate on what He may want you to take away from your time of prayer.

