

MONTHLY PRAYER GUIDE



"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

At the same time, pray also for me, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ."

- Colossians 4:2-3 (ESV)

One of the core values of Crossings is **prayer**- "the joy of supplication, the refreshment of confession, the ministry of intercession, the power of warfare, and the sacrifice of praise." We believe that when God's people unite their hearts, minds, and voices in prayer together, God is honored and his Kingdom advances in a powerful, transformative way.

This is the aim of this **Prayer Guide**- to provide the people of Crossings with a unified rhythm of intentional, intercessory prayer for each day of the month. It is highly specific to the unique context of Crossings *on purpose*- we want to pray together for the people (elders, staff members, volunteer teams and leaders, mission partners, etc) whom God has gathered here in this time and place for his great purposes.

We have included some specific prayer prompts for each day to help you get started, but we hope that you will personalize this guide as the Holy Spirit moves your heart and brings to your awareness specific praises, thanksgivings, needs, and opportunities for the individuals and groups included below.

This project is the culmination of a collaborative effort among several members of our **Prayer Team**. If you have a need for prayer, please let one of our team members know, as it would be our honor and privilege to walk with you and to intercede on your behalf. You can communicate prayer needs *anytime* through our online **Connect Card**, available on the Crossings website and app.

Crossings Elders

- Day 1 / Matt Powell, Lead Pastor & Family (Lori, Bethany, Avery, & Taylor)
- Day 2 / Todd Blount, Pastor of Discipleship and Assimilation & Family
(Kerri, Tristin, Jude, & Asa)
- Day 3 / Dennis Edge, Elder & Family (Deanna)
- Day 4 / Mark Merrell, Elder & Family (Allison, Brooklynn, Drew, Adeline, & Mason)
- Day 5 / Andy Melton, Elder & Family (Julie & Dory)
- Day 6 / Barrett James, Elder & Family (Sarah & Triniti)

On these days, you can pray for our Elders and their families in the following ways...

- *That they would walk in a manner worthy of their calling in Christ*
(Ephesians 4:1-6, Philippians 2:3-4)
- *That they would lead with humility, servanthood, joy, and love*
(1 Peter 5:1-5)
- *That they would have wisdom and discernment in leading our church*
(Proverbs 2)
- *That they would walk in physical, emotional, and spiritual protection*
(Psalm 91, Ephesians 6:10-18)

Crossings Staff

- Day 7 / Devin Dabney, Worship Leader & Family
(Shayla, Abigail, Simone, David, Daniel, Stephen, Allison, & Alaina)
- Day 8 / Tisha Rich, Kids Ministry Director & Family (Scott, Karennia, & Payton)
- Day 9 / Kristen Bradford, Administrator & Family (Aaron, Aubrey, Taylor, & Livi)
- Day 10 / Joey Hurtado, Digital Ministry Director & Family
(Kathie, Hannah, Abigail, Naomi, & Eli)
- Day 11 / Craig Casimir, Facilities Manager & Family (Shannon & Bryn)

On these days, you can pray for our Staff and their families in the following ways...

- *That they would lead our church to be united under Christ as one body*
(Ephesians 4:4-6)
- *That they would exercise their gifts and abilities to bring glory to Jesus and to build up the body* (1 Corinthians 12:1-7)

- *That they would walk alongside others and build them up in times of both hardship and joy (Ephesians 5:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

Crossings Deacons

- **Day 12 / Chase McVicker, Deacon of Facilities & Family**
(Brittany, Jake, & Brooks)
- **Day 13 / Matthew Henderson, Deacon of Finance & Family**
(Chanie, Chanie Kate, Aaron, & Asher)

On these days, you can pray for our Deacons and their families in the following ways...

- *That they would walk in a manner worthy of their calling in Christ*
(Ephesians 4:1-6, Philippians 2:3-4)
- *That they would serve with humility, excellence, joy, and love*
(1 Peter 5:1-5)
- *That they would exercise their gifts and abilities to bring glory to Jesus*
and to build up the body (1 Corinthians 12:1-7)

Group Life Leaders

- **Day 14 / Jared and Laura Hartley, Group Life Leaders & Family**
(Nolan, Lily, & Hazel)
- **Day 15 / Steve and Amanda Hyman, Group Life Leaders & Family**
(Andrew & Luke)
- **Day 16 / Massy & Sarah Perut, Group Life Leaders & Family**
(Annalisa, Daniela, & Gemma)
- **Day 17 / Tim & Melinda Inman, Group Life Leaders**
- **Day 18 / Ely Butuyan, Group Life Leader & Family**
(Brad, Caleb, Noah, & Sarah)

On these days, you can pray for our leaders and their families in the following ways...

- *That they would speak the truth to others in love, helping them to grow in faith and maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4:15)*
- *That they would lead those under their care with compassionate hearts, like shepherds (Psalm 78:72)*

- *That they would be intentional in engaging those who are not yet connected within Group Life to help them establish relationships and grow in their faith*

Serve Teams & Leaders

On these days, you can pray for all of our Ministry Team Leaders & Members in the following ways...

- *That they would exercise their gifts and abilities to bring glory to Jesus and to build up the body (1 Corinthians 12:1-7)*
- *That they would serve with humility, excellence, joy, & love*
- *See below for specific prayer points for each Serve Team*

- Day 19 / Kids Ministry Team

(Tisha Rich, Julie Melton, Jenny Isaming, Jeannie Z, & Volunteers)

- *That they would come alongside each child, teach them about God's love, and help them grow in their young faith (Luke 2:52)*
- *That each child would hear and respond to the Gospel of God's grace in Jesus*

- Day 20 / Student & Young Adult Ministry Teams

(Tisha Rich, Chase & Brittany McVicker, Jeremy & Lauren Gobert, & Volunteers)

- *That they would encourage and equip each student and young adult to be a light in this world, to go and make disciples of Jesus (Matthew 5:14, 28:18-20)*

- Day 21 / Welcome Team (Steve & Lydia Gates, Jake Floyd, Brandon Snyder, Jeremy Gobert, & Volunteers)

- *That the Welcome Team would display God's love in such a way that every individual would feel welcomed and accepted at Crossings (Romans 15:7)*

- Day 22 / Prayer & Care Team (Shayla Dabney, Jeff Newberry, & Volunteers)

- *That the Prayer & Care Team would faithfully intercede for the body with confidence*
- *That the Prayer & Care Team would pray with boldness and care with compassion, trusting the Lord in all things (Ephesians 3:12)*

- Day 23 / Worship & Tech Teams

- That the word of Christ would dwell richly within each member, preparing them to sing songs of praise with thanksgiving in their hearts before God (Colossians 3:16)

- Day 24 / Men's Ministry Team (Todd Blount, Ray Turner, & Tim Inman)

- That every man would know that they are loved and accepted by God and by the men of Crossings

- That they would encourage and build one another up in Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

- Day 25 / Women's Ministry Team

(Donna Cunningham, Chanie Henderson, Amanda Hyman, & Sarah Perut)

- That every woman would know that they are loved and accepted by God and by the women of Crossings

- That they would encourage and build one another up in Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Mission Partners

- Day 26 / Acts 29 + Houston Church Planting Network

- That these organizations would be empowered by God to continue planting healthy churches, both locally and internationally, that share the Gospel in humility and love

- Day 27 / Pregnancy Help Center of West Houston (Kelly McAnally & Team)

Katy Christian Ministries (Deysi Crespo & Team)

- That each prospective parent would encounter and know God's love and grace through the volunteers at PHC, and that they would be encouraged to choose life for their child

- That KCM would share God's love with those in need across the Katy community through meeting a wide variety of acute and ongoing needs

- Day 28 / Young Life of Katy/West Houston (Darren/Mary Beth Cameron & Team)

- That they would reach students and families who are far from God with the truth of the Gospel, helping them grow in relationships with Jesus and with other believers

- That they would encourage and equip each student to be a light in this world, to go and make disciples of Jesus (Matthew 5:14, 28:18-20)

- Day 29 / Global Village Renewal (India)

- *That this organization would be empowered by God to continue planting healthy churches that share the Gospel in humility and love*
- *That the leaders would persevere in the face of difficulty and persecution, knowing that the presence and power of God are with them through the Holy Spirit*

- Day 30 / Renaissance Church (Chris Kipp & Team)

- *That they would be faithful and fruitful in their mission to glorify God and make disciples while sharing the Gospel with all*

Other Opportunities to Pray Each Week

- Pray in preparation for our Sunday Worship Gatherings

- *That every heart would be prepared to receive God's Word*
- *That God's Word would be faithfully proclaimed in every aspect of gathering*
- *That the lost and unbelieving would come to saving faith in Jesus*
- *That the believing would be built up and strengthened in their faith in Jesus*
- *That all Serve Team members would serve with humility, excellence, joy, & love*
- *That Jesus would be exalted above all else*

- Pray for the health, strength, and faithfulness of our Crossings families

- *That marriages would be strengthened by God's grace & guarded from attack*
- *That parents would grow in grace, strength, and wisdom as they love and lead*
- *That children would receive the godly leadership of their parents and flourish*
- *That families would be faithful stewards of their financial resources, trusting God to meet their needs and being generous toward others as well*
- *That families would be healthy in every way- physically, emotionally, relationally, vocationally, and spiritually*

- **Pray for the effectiveness of upcoming events and opportunities at Crossings**
 - August
 - *Group Life Connect Coffee (8/20)*
 - *Newcomers Breakfast (8/27)*
 - *Student Ministry Fall Kickoff (8/27)*
 - September
 - *Capital Campaign Launch (9/10)*
 - *Men's Equip Study- Gospel Conversations (9/7-28)*
 - *Equip Study- Discipline That Connects (9/14-11/2)*
 - *Newcomers Breakfast (9/24)*
 - October
 - *Missions Connect Month*
 - *Holiday Clothing Drive*
 - *Group Life Fall Festival (10/1)*
 - *Newcomers Breakfast (10/22)*
 - November
 - *Women's Retreat (11/10-12)*
 - December
 - *Newcomers Breakfast (12/10)*
 - *Christmas Eve Worship (12/24)*