

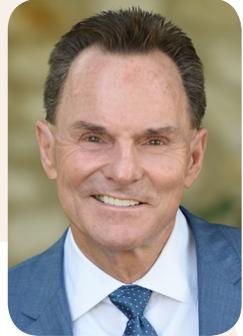


# Circle

**Dear Prayer Circle,**

It is now time to circle our wagons in prayer for the month of August, a pivotal month in the life of Cross Church. The Lord is moving, things are happening, and God is opening doors for His glory.

Answered prayer is the heartbeat for all God is doing among us at this time. As we are calling out to God, He is hearing and answering us according to His sovereign, divine will! Think of what we are experiencing right now:



- Our baptism record over our 147-year history has now been broken... moving to over 1,200 people with three more weeks to go in this church year!
- Over 400 middle school and high school students have been reached and baptized in this present church year... amazing to God's glory!
- The Lord has brought back Dr. Jeff Crawford and his family to assist us in leadership and the ministry of the Word of God!
- At this present time, we are within reach of meeting our goal for our Summer Program of Giving, which ends Labor Day Sunday. Pray, give, and encourage our Cross Church Family to see this happen for God's glory!

Our God is so good, and the list of all the prayers He is answering right now could continue.

Now we focus on what it will take this fall to be all God wants it to be. While we focus on our missional vision of "Reaching Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world for Jesus Christ", we undergird it in prayer during this month. Spread the word! Circle the wagons! Join us in prayer this August!

Now is the Time to Lead and to Pray!

Ronnie Floyd



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## August 2017 Prayer Guide

### Preparing Yourself to Pray Effectively 🕒 (8 Minutes)

#### Declaring Praise to God

- Praise God for His love, His grace, and His compassion for us.
- Praise God for His power and His sovereignty for today, and for all eternity.
- Praise God for who He is to you right now in your life.

#### Declaring Thanksgiving to God

- Thank God for answering prayers for our Cross Church family.
- Thank God for Jesus saving you and the Holy Spirit for filling you now with power.
- Thank God for what He is doing in your life today.

### Six Requests We Agree Upon in Prayer for Cross Church for the Month of August 🕒 (20 Minutes)

#### 1. Open doors right now for Cross Church to advance the Gospel throughout Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world.

*"At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains" Colossians 4:3*

- Lord, we stand on Colossians 4:3 together in prayer, expecting You to move extraordinarily and supernaturally, opening doors all over Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world for Cross Church to advance the Gospel exponentially.
- Lord, we expect miracles upon miracles to occur this month in relationship to this request because we know Your will for all to repent and come to Christ and for none to perish.
- Lord, we pray You would embolden our people to speak the gospel by faith, believing You to open doors widely.
- Lord, we humbly give You alone all of the glory for what You have done, are doing, and will do in this month and beyond to advance the gospel through our Cross Church Family across Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world for Jesus Christ.

#### 2. Call our people back to prioritizing Sunday in their lives this August and beyond.

*"And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25*

- Father, as we kick off the fall on Sunday, August 20, call our people back to prioritizing Sundays in their lives.
- Father, as Small Groups begin anew and Worship Services are offered on all of our campuses, please pour out Your Spirit powerfully upon the ministry of teaching and preaching the Word of God.
- Father, move upon each of our people to serve somewhere seasonally, periodically, and even continually.
- Father, as we point toward Sunday, August 27, our VISION SUNDAY at Cross Church, give us ears to hear and hearts to receive all You want to do through us to Your glory.

### **3. Move upon all of Cross Church to give and practice biblical tithing and generosity weekly.**

*"Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way," says the Lord of Armies. "See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure." Malachi 3:10*

- Holy Spirit, convince our people that God's will and best for each of us is to honor Him with at least the first tenth of all He gives to us financially.
- Holy Spirit, confirm Your provision for us as we walk in obedience to God and His Word regarding the giving of all the resources He has entrusted to us.
- Holy Spirit, remind us daily that God owns absolutely everything and we own absolutely nothing.
- Holy Spirit, empower us to practice outrageous generosity toward Your church, Your work, and all people.
- Holy Spirit, encourage us with Your peace, Your power, and Your provision at all times.
- Holy Spirit, as our Cross Church people live this out, please use them to meet our church's Summer Program of Giving need of \$5,580,000.
- Holy Spirit, we trust You and the Father's care for us personally and collectively.

### **4. Revive your Church in America and awaken America with the next great spiritual awakening now!**

*"Besides this, since you know the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." Romans 13:11*

- Lord Jesus, wake up the churches in America to Your will, Your Word, Your power, and Your work now!
- Lord Jesus, call Your church back to You, to prayer, to evangelism, and to the priority of Sunday now!
- Lord Jesus, move upon the churches of Northwest Arkansas, Including our church, with a spirit of revival now!
- Lord Jesus, call America to Jesus, to Your Word, and to Your will for our nation now!
- Lord Jesus, move America to pray and to practice extraordinary prayer for the next great awakening now!
- Lord Jesus, give awakening to America while we are alive and we pray it happens now!
- Lord Jesus, today we live expecting Your Church to see revival and America to experience the next great awakening now!

### **5. Use our Pastor, Dr. Ronnie Floyd, as he leads and preaches here and across America as God opens the doors.**

*"My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not be based on human wisdom but on God's power." 1 Corinthians 2:4-5*

- Holy God, come upon Pastor Floyd with power from Your Spirit each time he prepares to lead and to preach, and with a double portion of Your Spirit whenever he leads and preaches.
- Spirit of God, give Pastor Floyd Your vision for our church, injecting him with faith and leadership.
- Jesus, Son of God, whenever and wherever Pastor Floyd extends a public invitation for people to come to You as Lord and Savior, call them forward and use him supernaturally and extraordinarily.
- Sovereign God, open doors that only You can open for Pastor Floyd to be used by You here in Northwest Arkansas, across America, and across the world.
- Holy Spirit of God, empower and anoint Pastor Floyd as he leads and/or speaks in these settings:
  - July 31-August: Pastor Floyd will be hosting from Northwest Arkansas, The Washington Watch national radio program, broadcast on hundreds of stations across America daily at 4:00 PM CST/5:00 PM EST
  - August 14: Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama
  - August 28-29: Pastor Floyd and Pastor Bill Elliff will be leading the Arkansas Baptist Convention Pastors and Staff Members Prayer Gathering, at Cross Church Pinnacle Hills on Monday PM-Tuesday AM
  - August 28-29 Pastor Floyd will be hosting from Northwest Arkansas, The Washington Watch national radio program, broadcast on hundreds of stations across America daily at 4:00 PM CST/5:00 PM EST.

- Other opportunities of leadership and preaching as God opens the doors here and beyond.
- Lord God of Heaven, we commit our pastor to You for You to use for Your glory this month and beyond.

## 6. Do only what God can do in, with, and through Cross Church.

*"If only You would bless me, extend my border, let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm, so that I will not cause any pain." And God granted his request." 1 Chronicles 4:10*

- God, bless Cross Church with Your favor and with Your supernatural power.
- God, extend the reach, the sphere of gospel influence, and the geographic footprint of Cross Church across this region.
- God, place Your hand upon Cross Church and always keep Your powerful hand upon us with Your power and might.
- God, keep Cross Church from all harm and from all pain, protecting our fellowship with You and with our church.

## 2-Minute Wrap Up 🕒 (2 Minutes)

- Go back through each of these six general requests, thanking God in advance for answering our prayers together.
- Call out to God right now in the final minute, the name of one member of Cross Church, praying for them specifically.