



## Dear Prayer Warriors for Cross Church,

Thank you for standing in the gap for our church through prayer. I know I have said it multiple times, but for me to know our church and I are being prayed for regularly lifts my spirit and ignites my faith.



God answers the prayers of His people. For example, we prayed for Blessing Baskets, which is our gift of food to families in need. Through the Blessing Basket Ministry we saw:

- 2,079 families helped
- 4,793 people present to hear the gospel
- 10 services in 6 locations, services presented in two languages over three days
- 374 people respond by making a commitment to Jesus Christ
- 1,818 Dream Team members serve the community

God is still blessing this dynamic ministry. In this twenty-fifth year, we had the help of the largest number of volunteers, now referred to as Dream Team members.

This is just one way God is answering your prayers. There are many others, and because of this, our faith is enlarged and we are believing God for even greater things.

January 1-21, 2018, Cross Church will emphasize our 21 Days of Prayer. Additionally, we will encourage as many as possible to fast, however God is leading them, during this period of time. But the overall emphasis is what every person can do: Pray for 21 days with specificity about things on your heart and things we will share with you as well.

During these 21 days, our goal is to engage and encourage each other. We will do so via Facebook Live or call-in via phone each morning at 6:30 a.m. CST during these 21 days. I will provide encouragement and lead in prayer, with each morning's session lasting no longer than 20 minutes. You can participate with us wherever you are in the world, and invite others to join us. You can also sign up for a daily text to bring focus and intentionality to our 21 Days of Prayer. You can sign up by texting 21days to 313131.

A strong December will lead us to a fantastic new year, so let's pray for December and prepare to engage in a new way in 2018.

Your Pastor,

Ronnie Floyd



# Circle

## December 2017 Prayer Guide

### Preparing Your Heart to Pray 🕒 (8 Minutes)

#### Confession of Sin

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

1 John 1:9

- Confess means to agree with God about your sin, therefore, agree with God that all sin deserves death, the grave, and hell.
- Confess these sins specifically and generally.
- Receive God's forgiveness for your sins as you confess them, thanking Jesus that He is faithful and righteous to forgive, to cancel out the payment demanded for all sins.
- Walk in God's forgiveness daily.

#### Control of the Holy Spirit

*"I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh." Galatians 5:16*

- Surrender your mind, will, emotion, body, spirit, tongue, past, present, future, and everything in and about your life to the Lordship of Jesus, and ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit right now.
- Fill means control, ask God now, *"Control me by Your Spirit, guiding me and empowering me to live for Jesus today."*
- Commit to walk by the Spirit today so you will not fulfill the desires of your flesh, which always leads to sinful choices.

### Six Prayer Requests for December 🕒 (20 Minutes)

#### 1. Focus our Church in December on Jesus Christ and Him alone.

*"Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11*

- God, we ask You to keep our eyes on Jesus alone during this month, not on other things that will distract us from Him.
- Father, in this season, when schedules become challenging and expectations are sometimes beyond reality, keep us focused on Your Son, Jesus Christ.
- Sovereign God, we ask You to keep Jesus Christ the center of our entire Christmas season, personally, in our family, and in our church.
- Lord, during all of our December worship services at Cross Church, may our singing and worship be focused on Jesus alone, not on human personalities and performance.
- Father in Heaven, may our CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE on Sunday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m., focus on Jesus alone as our worship ministries including our adult choirs, bands and children's choirs join together from all campuses.
- Lord, lead us to invite people from across our community and may the Holy Spirit draw many to meet and know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Jesus, thank you for coming to save us from our sins.

#### 2. #Pray4Unity in America.

*"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3*

- Father in Heaven, You are the only One who can bring unity, harmony, and oneness in America, so we pray and ask you for unity in America.

- Lord, call the churches of America to live in unity within their own church and in unity with churches who are genuinely biblically based and Jesus-centered.
- Jesus as Your Church walks in unity, harmony, and oneness, may Your Church personify, lead, and call America to unity.
- Lord Jesus Christ, in this time of crisis in America, it is incumbent upon each of us to come together for the sake of the gospel, the testimony of the gospel and the advancement of the gospel globally. God, may we make EVERY effort to do so.
- Father, while our nation is filled with so many challenges and division abounds, lead each of us to forward The National Day of Prayer, on Thursday, May 3, 2018.
- Lord, as UNITY is our theme for the 2018 National Day of Prayer, may You use the thirty to forty thousand gatherings across America to call and pray for UNITY. #PRAY4UNITY
- God, use each of us to unify our families, our churches, our workplaces, our communities, our region, our state, and our nation.
- Lord, lead each of us to forward this theme both nationally and globally through our speaking and social media. As testimony and challenge, I encourage each of you to tag it in your social media: #PRAY4UNITY
- Father, lead Pastor as he begins planning for the national observance of the National Day of Prayer in Washington, DC.
- Lord of all Provision, please meet all the financial needs of the National Day of Prayer.

### **3. Ask God to fill, control, anoint, and empower our Pastor, Dr. Ronnie Floyd.**

*"Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them ... " Acts 4:8*

- Lord, I ask You to make Pastor Floyd like Peter: That he would be filled with the Holy Spirit and then speak.
- Spirit of God, fill Pastor up with Your Spirit, control him completely, anoint him powerfully, and empower him supernaturally to be used by You in the greatest way.
- Lord, in all decisions, all preparations, all leadership moments, all writing responsibilities, and in all speaking engagements, fill him, control him, anoint him, and empower him by Your Spirit.
- Father, may the same Holy Spirit that has empowered him to speak and to lead, in these next few weeks with little to no travel responsibilities, please refresh Pastor Floyd and restore him so that he can remain useable.
- Lord, come upon Pastor Floyd as he speaks and leads with power from on high:
  - Preparation and study weekly
  - Preaching at Cross Church weekly
  - Speaking and leading the Staff Team of Cross Church
  - December 12 -13 – Speaking and leading the National Area Leaders and Staff Team of the National Day of Prayer in Northwest Arkansas
  - During the 21 Days of Prayer in and for our church
  - January 15 – Speaking at the Little Rock, Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
  - January 22 – Speaking at the Alabama Baptist Evangelism Conference, Montgomery, Alabama
  - January 23 – Speaking/Leading the National Day of Prayer Board of Directors Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
  - January 24-25 – Speaking/participating in the National Prayer Committee Gathering, San Antonio, Texas
- Father, please protect Pastor Floyd and Jeana daily, as well as the members of their family: Josh, Kate, Peyton, Parker, Jack, Nick, Meredith, Reese, Beckham, Norah, and Maya.

### **4. Lead me and our Church to do Your will.**

*"...I have come to do Your will, O God." Hebrews 10:7*

- Oh God, as Jesus declared, "I have come to do Your will, O God," we declare right now personally: "Lord, I have come to do Your will, O God!"
- Father, please lead me to do Your will even when it is difficult.

- Jesus, please lead me to always do Your will in my family and in my workplace.
- Spirit of God, empower me at all times, in all places, and in all moments, to do Your will that is based on the Word of God, the Bible.
- Lord, lead our church to always do Your will that is based on the Word of God, the Bible.
- Father in Heaven, please lead our pastor and the entire staff team of Cross Church to do Your will continually.
- Lord Jesus, I recommit myself and declare boldly and out loud today: "I have come to do Your will, O God!"

## **5. Empower me to obey and honor You with at least the first ten percent of all You have given me this year, and even honor beyond this through special offerings.**

*"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*

- God, we stand on Your Word and ask You empower me and all of our church to faithfully give at least the first ten percent, the very first and best part of all we have in life, to Your Church.
- We thank You and believe as Deuteronomy 14:23 says, "The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives." (The Living Bible)
- Lord, we want to put You first in everything, including all the resources You have entrusted to us, because You have given us all we have and it belongs to You alone.
- Holy Spirit, convict us that the FULL TEN PERCENT as mentioned in Malachi 3:10 includes not just annual salary, but bonuses, stock, property, interest earned, dividends earned ... ALL resources. Empower us to obey You and Your Word specifically and generously.
- Lord, help us to evaluate our entire 2017 to make sure we do this in totality before December 31.
- Oh God, once we give to Cross Church at least the first full ten percent of all You entrust to us, may we give special over and above offerings for Your special causes.
- Grant us, oh God, the ability to give as we did last year or even MORE than we have ever given before to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, which places missionaries all over the world.
- Father, lead us to give a special gift to our REACHING OUR MISSION OFFERING, which assists our Cross Church School of Ministry, assists in planting new gospel churches in America and across the world, and enables us to assist missionaries even more.
- Lord, lead our Fayetteville campus to continue giving to their new campus in over and above giving, fulfilling their commitments to do so.
- Lord, You have been so good to us, so if we are blessed above and beyond this year and are able, lead us to give a special gift to Jesus by the end of 2017.
- Lord God, grant us the desire to leave a legacy upon our death by leaving our church at least the first ten percent of our estate to Cross Church and to take actions now to see it done.
- Father, we ask You to free Cross Church from all debt now or no later than the end of the year 2020; knowing when we do this, \$3.2 million becomes free to use across and through this ministry however You open doors and lead us annually.
- In Jesus' name, we ask You to fulfill Your promise to open wide the heavens and empty out blessings until we have no more needs. We believe You, oh God!

## **6. Reveal to me and our entire Church how You want us to participate in the 21 Days of Prayer from January 1-21, 2018.**

*"So I turned my attention to the Lord God to seek him..." Daniel 9:3*

- Lord, just as Daniel sought You in all these ways, show me and our entire church how You want us to seek you in these 21 Days of Prayer. Prayer only? Prayer with some fasting? Prayer and fasting? Show me Lord, I will do it.
- Jesus, help me to begin 2018 by seeking You first and empower me to focus on specific things on my heart as well as whatever we are led to pray about for our church.

- Oh God, help us to seek You in these 21 Days of Prayer for Your power and might to pour out supernaturally on our Fayetteville Campus as they begin the move toward their new campus in early 2018.
- Father, help me to participate daily in these 21 Days of Prayer either through Facebook Live or by phone.
- Oh God, may these 21 days lead to a mighty move of God in my own life, revival in our church, and spiritual awakening in Northwest Arkansas and beyond.
- Lord Jesus, do what only You can do in these 21 days! You can do more in a moment than we can do in a lifetime!

## 2-Minute Wrap-Up 🕒 (2 Minutes)

- As you name each of these six specific requests again:
- BELIEVE God to honor and lead us as we pray as one.
- THANK GOD in advance for answering our prayers.
- ASK GOD to EMPOWER AND REMIND you to advance UNITY everywhere you go.