



# Circle

## Dearest Cross Church Family,



More than 3,000 of our people are involved in this prayer ministry. Our goal is for each of us to pray for 30 minutes each week using this common guide God leads me to create each month. This is a great and wonderful privilege. Please use your influence and testimony to get others to join us in this prayer ministry during 2017.

We are calling our entire Cross Church family to join us for *21 Days of Prayer* during the month of January. *21 Days of Prayer* will begin on Sunday, January 8, and will conclude on January 28. We are calling each of our members to join us at some level for these 21 days. We want you to engage with us daily in prayer about specific things. You may want to choose a level of fasting that accompanies your prayer commitment. It could be fasting from food or something you love, or spend the 21 days in focused prayer without fasting. Ask God how you can participate. The main thing is to participate.

As 2016 is now in the history books, it is unquestionable: *God has answered many of our prayers we prayed in agreement in 2016.* Thank you for your support in prayer. So much more is before us, so let's determine now to be intentional in praying for ourselves, each other, and of course, the focus of this specific ministry, *praying for our church at least 30 minutes a week.*

Now is the Time to Pray,

Ronnie Floyd



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## January 2017 Prayer Guide

### Preparing to Pray for Cross Church 🕒 (8 Minutes)

#### Walking in the Light

*"But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7*

- Confess to God, "I want to walk in the light as Jesus is the Light."
- Confess to God, "I want to have fellowship with God and with one another."
- Confess to God, "I want to confess all of my sins to God and be cleansed by the blood of Jesus."
- Confess to God specific sins that are interrupting your fellowship with Him and with others.
- Confess to God, "I choose to walk in the Light today, knowing the blood of Jesus cleanses me continually when I do, so I can have fellowship with God and with others."

#### Walking in the Spirit

*"... Walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh." Galatians 5:16*

- Lord, I give you my mind, will, emotion, body, spirit, tongue, attitude, body, past, present, and future. I surrender all to You.
- Lord, fill me and control me with the Holy Spirit.
- Lord, empower me to walk in the Spirit so I will not fulfill the desire of my flesh, but the desire of God for me.

### January Prayer Requests 🕒 (20 Minutes)

#### 1. Call out to God for the United States of America.

*"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3*

- Father, we cry out to You alone: Give America a nationwide spiritual awakening, resulting in millions upon millions coming to Christ.
- Father, we cry out to You alone: Wake up and revive Your church in America, beginning with waking up and reviving Cross Church.
- Our God, we cry out to You for a safe and orderly transition of power between the administrations of President Barack Obama and President-elect Donald Trump.
- Lord, as we have prayed for you to raise up the leader you desire for us to have over the next four years, we thank you and pray today for our future President, Donald Trump, beginning with his inauguration on January 20.
- Father, give President-elect Trump wisdom in his choices for America's leadership and grant both houses of Congress the wisdom to assist the President-elect in these decisions.
- Lord, grant our nation unity. We must come together. In Jesus' name, we pray against division and disorder, asking for unity in America.
- Father, grant mercy upon the United States of America.

#### 2. Cry out to God for Dr. Ronnie Floyd as we begin 2017 together.

*"Pray also for me that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough in Him to speak as I should." Ephesians 6:19-20*

- Lord, anoint Pastor Floyd with power from on High, and the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- Oh God, give to Pastor Floyd Your will for all teaching and preaching at Cross Church, following the wind of Your leadership in Your Word.
- Lord Jesus, give Pastor, what only You can give him: Your message when He opens his mouth and empower him to proclaim Your message and gospel boldly.
- Lord, lead Pastor to be Your ambassador wherever he is.
- Father, we lift up these engagements for leadership, influence, and speaking away from our church:
  - January 4-5 – Family Research Council Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, DC
  - January 10-11 – National Day of Prayer Task Force Meeting, Dallas, Texas
  - January 19-20 – Inauguration of the President of the United States, Washington, DC
  - January 21 – Virtual National Prayer Meeting, Northwest Arkansas
  - February 1-2 – National Prayer Breakfast, Washington, DC
  - February 8 – Pro-Life Rally, State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
  - February 15 – Teaching Doctoral Seminar with Dr. Jason Allen, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri
  - February 24-25 – Northwest Arkansas Men’s Conference, Cross Church Pinnacle Hills
- Lord, open doors for Pastor to be Your ambassador.

### **3. 21 Days of Prayer at Cross Church, January 8-28.**

*“Then He began to teach them: ‘Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?’” Mark 11:17*

- Lord, we pray You will lead us into a deep commitment to call out to You in prayer for 21 consecutive days.
- Lord, lead us as we call out to You daily for ourselves, our families, our church, and our nation.
- Lord, empower us to pray fervently as individuals as well as in groups with others.
- Lord, we appeal to You boldly, meet with us and answer our prayers to You.
- Lord, we pray for these 21 consecutive days because we need You. Above all else and everyone else, we need You.
- Lord, open our eyes, ears, and hearts to see what Jesus sees, hear what Jesus hears, and feel what Jesus feels.
- Lord, build within us in these 21 days, a great expectancy for God to work in our lives and church mightily.
- Lord, we pray that many of our Cross Church family will join us in reading the daily devotionals by signing up at [crosschurch.com/21days](http://crosschurch.com/21days)

### **4. Call out to God for our upcoming 2017 Northwest Arkansas Men’s Conference on February 24-25.**

*“Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2*

- Oh God, raise up the men of Northwest Arkansas to be MEN OF INFLUENCE.
- Oh Lord, we ask for You to draw at least 1,200 men from across Northwest Arkansas to this Men’s Conference.
- Oh Father, draw young men all the way to the oldest of senior adults. We know You want us to be Men of Influence!
- Lord, we cry out to You and ask You to work powerfully, calling Christian men to return to God, and calling men to Christ who need salvation.
- Father, we pray our men will begin to register now, asking for a contagious spirit to spread among our men determining to be a part of this dynamic experience.
- Lord Jesus, we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to be upon the pastors who are coming to preach the Word of God to our men about being influencers for Christ. May they be anointed of the Spirit with a double-portion of Your Spirit.
  - Dr. Alex Himaya, Senior Pastor, theChurch.at, Tulsa, Oklahoma
  - Dr. Brad Jurkovich, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana
  - Dr. Aaron Werner, Senior Pastor, Cross Church Maine, Portland, Maine

- Pastor Brad Graves, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma
- Dr. Ronnie Floyd, Dr. Nick Floyd, and Dr. Jeff Crawford as they lead our conference
- David McKinney, Tim Bottoms, Brad Noblitt, Shane Schauer, Johann Acuna, and Forrest Knight as they lead these men in worship.
- Lord, let Heaven fall upon us and raise us up to become mighty men of influence.

## 5. Call out to God for financial blessings upon our people and upon our church in 2017.

*"Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6*

- Oh God, bless Your people generously in 2017, and may we bless Your church and the expansion of the gospel through giving generously.
- Father, we pray we will know personally: if we give sparingly, we will reap sparingly, and if we give generously, we will receive generously.
- Lord, give us a heart committed to and overflowing with generosity.
- Oh Lord, may each member and attender of Cross Church resolve in January: I will honor and give to God at least one-tenth of my entire income through my local Cross Church family in the year of 2017.
- Father, we ask You to open up the windows of heaven and pour out Your blessings upon Your people and upon Cross Church.
- Oh Lord God, free Cross Church from all material, physical, and financial restraints, releasing our church to advance the gospel throughout this region, America, and the entire world in an unprecedented manner.

## 6. Cry out to God for the Lord's leadership, power, and blessing upon these special days and experiences of Cross Church.

*"Not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:25*

- Lord, empower us to PRIORITIZE our worship gatherings every Sunday at Cross Church. As Christians, this is the most important meeting we have weekly.
- Father, pour out Your Spirit upon these gatherings, empowering each preaching pastor, each worship leader, and any person leading in any way in these gatherings.
- Lord, we ask for these upcoming special days and experiences at Cross Church to be powerful and life-changing, and embraced wholeheartedly by the entire church:
  - Cross Students Freedom Weekend, February 3-4
  - Student Day, Sunday February 5
  - Night to Shine, Sponsored by Tim Tebow Foundation, Friday, February 10
  - I Love My Church Day, Sunday, February 12
  - Northwest Arkansas Men's Conference, February 24-25

## 2-Minute Wrap Up 🕒 (2 Minutes)

- Spend a couple of minutes calling out to God each of these six general requests we are making in agreement.
- In advance, by faith, thank God for answering our prayers together.