



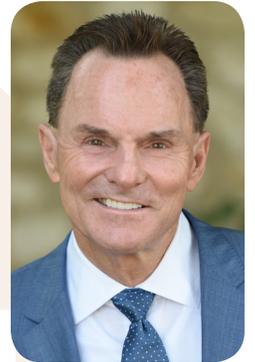
# Circle

## Dear Cross Church Circle Intercessors,

I am so very grateful for each of you. You have prayed us through this summer season and we are thankful! We just completed a good year in our church, and I'm sure you have heard me highlight a few of the great blessings God has bestowed on us.

As we enter September, we begin the sprint to the Christmas season. Yes, before we know it, we will be singing Christmas songs and exchanging gifts with family members.

But until these great moments, if the Lord does not come first, we have much to do over the four months left in 2018. This mandates to each of us the great need for prayer support. Therefore, please be faithful to your 30 minutes of prayer weekly. It is always best to allocate the same time weekly if you are able. It will move you toward weekly faithfulness.



Three major things to pray about in September:

- *Checking the Gauges of Your Life* sermon series
- *Financial Peace University: Tackling YOUR Finances* small group study everywhere
- Dave Ramsey speaking at Cross Church on Sunday, September 30

Thank you for not minimizing this ministry. We need you!

May the God of Heaven see you through and give us our greatest year ever in Cross Church.

Now is the Time to Lead,

Ronnie Floyd



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## September 2018 Prayer Guide

### Preparing Yourself to Intercede in Prayer for Cross Church 🕒 (8 Minutes)

#### Give God praise for who He is

- Praise God for His holiness: there is no one like You, Lord, *Holy, Holy, Holy!*
- Praise God for His greatness: there is no one greater than You, *Great Are You Lord!*
- Praise God for His love: there is no one more loving than You, *Oh How I Love Jesus!*

#### Give God thanksgiving for what He has done

- Thank God for His provision for you (name one way He has provided for you).
- Thank God for His presence with you (name one way He has been with you).
- Thank God for His blessing of people in your life (name one person He has used in your life).

#### Confess my sins to God

*"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 specific sins, mistakes, and ways you believe you have not pleased God in your life.
- Ask God to give you the power to turn from these poor choices in your life.
- Receive God's grace, forgiveness, and love.

#### Rely on God's power completely

*"Be filled by the Holy Spirit."* Ephesians 5:18

- Confess to God you cannot live victoriously without Him, admitting your weakness.
- Give God your mind, will, emotion, body, spirit, tongue, attitude, motives, actions, dreams, goals, past, present, and future.
- Ask God to fill and control your entire life, empowering you with His powerful Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to give you a double portion of His Spirit! *"So Elisha answered, 'Please, let me receive a double-portion of your spirit.'" 2 Kings 2:9*

### Five Major Prayer Requests for September 🕒 (20 Minutes)

#### 1. Holy Spirit, lead our Preaching Team as they prepare and present the 9-week sermon series *"Checking the Gauges of Your Life."*

*"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

- Lord, we pray for Ronnie Floyd, Nick Floyd, Jeff Crawford, Chris Deitsch, Pablo Daut, Doug Sarver, Ed Upton, and anyone else who prepares and preaches this series on *CHECKING THE GAUGES OF YOUR LIFE*.
  - Fill them up as they prepare weekly.
  - Anoint them supernaturally with a double portion of Your Spirit as they preach weekly.
  - Empower them with the powerful gifts of a pastor and evangelist as they extend the call to follow Christ weekly.
- Father, as they expend themselves in study and preparation, we ask that You raise them up physically to this task of preaching and teaching Your Word to us and growing us up in the Lord.
- Sovereign God, be their shield of protection as they are in this public setting... we pray for their protection as well as the protection of God upon each of our campuses of Cross Church.

## **2. Father, set our people free in our Small Groups beginning on Sunday, September 9, as we study *Financial Peace University: Tackling Your Finances together for 9 weeks.***

*"But godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 Timothy 6:6*

- Lord God, draw masses of people to hear DAVE RAMSEY at Cross Church on Sunday, September 30.
- Father, use and anoint Dave Ramsey with Your Spirit in a powerful way as he speaks here on Sunday, September 30.
- Jesus, beginning Sunday, September 9 in all of our small groups, we ask You to set our people free financially in their personal lives over this 9-week study.
- Oh God, as our people bring order in their lives financially, move them to freedom financially.
- Holy Spirit, we ask You to do supernatural, God-sized miracles in and through our people's lives financially. As we pray this, we stand upon these words from God in Proverbs 22:7, *"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is a slave to the lender."* Lord, set our people free financially!

## **3. Lord, grow Cross Church spiritually, numerically, evangelistically, and financially.**

*"So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers." Acts 16:5*

- Lord, strengthen your Cross Church people in the faith: Grow us in the Word of God daily, grow us in our prayer life daily, and grow us as disciples of Jesus Christ daily.
- Holy Spirit, teach us the Word of God, teach us how to pray, and teach us how to be like you.
- Father, thank You for our growth this past 52-weeks by 5% and we ask You for Your glory, that by the end of the year 2020, that we will touch 10,000 people weekly.
- Lord, enlarge the number of people who serve through our church weekly and seasonally, as the greater number of people who serve, the greater the influence we can make for the gospel in Northwest Arkansas.
- Oh God, empower the administrations, teachers and all faculty members of the schools in our region to make a major difference for Christ this year and ask You to use the Cross Church ministries that have presence in all these schools do.
- Jesus, You have told us to be Your witnesses, so God create and give us conversations which can turn into moments of calling people to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.
- Holy God, as Michael and Emily Guyer begin their work in planting the Treasuring Christ Church within the shadows of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, raise them up to impact this city and university with the gospel, blessing their work fruitfully and meeting their needs abundantly.
- Father in Heaven, raise up the people and support for these eight International Mission Journeys going out from our church between September and December to Malawi, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Peru, Mexico and Panama.
- Spirit of the Lord, empower us to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of Your Spirit and open doors for us to lead people to faith in Christ alone.
- Sovereign God of Heaven, call Your people to grow financially, by honoring You weekly with at least one-tenth of all God has entrusted to us and grow us in our giving continually.
- Father in Heaven, we continue to appeal to You, please set our church free financially, asking You to eliminate all of our church's indebtedness by the end of the Year 2020.
  - Lord, may our people give over and above our budget needs annually so the vast majority of overage will go towards more elimination of debt.
  - Lord, please raise up people to give over and above budget gifts to the elimination of our church's indebtedness.
- Father, we are trusting You alone to grow Cross Church spiritually, numerically, evangelistically, and financially.

## **4. Sovereign Lord, we pray for these major experiences at our Church in this season.**

*"But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22*

- Lord Jesus, use our sermon series, *CHECKING THE GAUGES OF YOUR LIFE*, to change our lives and the lives of other people.

- Sovereign Lord, set our people free financially as we go through the study in all of our small groups entitled, *FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: TACKLING YOUR FINANCES*, beginning on September 9.
- Holy Spirit, use DAVE RAMSEY, the creator and author of FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY, as he speaks in our church on Sunday, September 30.
- Father, we ask You to use Sunday, October 21, as we focus on a major HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY IN ALL SMALL GROUPS AND WORSHIP SERVICES on each of our campuses of Cross Church.
- Use special guest, Sadie Robertson, actress and reality television star from Duck Dynasty, as we interview her on this day for 10 minutes in each worship service.
- Empower the services with a great gospel call to Christ, as our preachers preach a message on eternity and call people to faith in Christ.
- Give us people to invite to church on this special day, people who know Christ, but also target with great intentionality people who do not know Christ.
- Lord, please guide and direct our pastor and staff team as they begin to plan specifically for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season events.
- Father in Heaven, we pray for our annual Blessing Basket Ministry on November 17 and 18. Provide the needed food to give away to needy families, call the volunteers to serve in these events, and may many people come to faith in Jesus Christ this year.

## 5. Oh Lord, be a shield in and around our nation as we pray on September 11 and each day for the security and protection of the United States of America.

*"But You, Lord, are a shield around me." Psalm 3:3*

- Oh Lord, we pray in humility for our nation to be secure and protected from anyone, any group, or any country who desires to harm us.
- Sovereign God, You are our Defender and Shield, so we pray for You to guard us from evil and harm within our nation and from outside our nation.
  - Our Great God, we ask You even more specifically:
    - Shield and protect all people in our schools and universities in America from all harm
    - Shield and protect all people in our churches in America from all harm
    - Shield and protect all people in any public gathering in America from all harm
    - Shield and protect all the members of our military in America and beyond from all harm
    - Shield and protect all of our first responders who serve across this nation from all harm
    - Shield and protect all the leaders of our nation from all harm
- Father in Heaven, we ask You to lead, bless, and anoint all special gatherings of prayer for our nation on September 11, and hear the prayers of Your people as they cry out to You for the security and protection of the United States of America.

### IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUEST

*"Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8*

- Sovereign Lord of Hosts, since You channel the hearts of leaders, we pray for God's will relating to Brett Kavanaugh as the next Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Lord, if You have chosen him for this role, may he be confirmed. Protect Judge Kavanaugh and the members of his family as he undergoes the confirmation hearings.

### Final Time of Prayer 🕒 (2 Minutes)

- Pray for the pastors across America to lead strongly, preach powerfully, and to be men of prayer passionately.
- Pray for the missionaries across America and the world to be protected in every way, have their needs met sufficiently, and to be highly effective in their missional endeavors to advance the gospel globally.
- Pray for your own life to be used of God today in ways greater than ever before.