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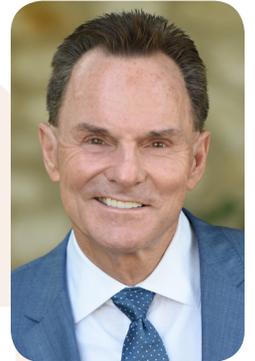
Thank you, one thousand times, for interceding in prayer and standing in the gap each week for the entire ministry of Cross Church. My heart is overflowing with gratitude to God for you as I write these words.

Never have I felt the need personally for more prayer support than today. God's opportunities abound for this ministry and I am so compelled to do all I can to insure we are in the center of the will of God continually. Your support in prayer makes this happen.

Please mark your calendar now: 21 Days of Prayer will be January 1 - January 21, 2019. Join us in focused and concentrated prayer to kick off 2019 to the glory of God. Many of our people choose various levels of fasting, from intermittent fasting all the way to a complete fast, only drinking juice for sustenance. The emphasis is prayer, not fasting, but we also know that prayer with fasting is important in Scripture; therefore, this should also be important to us. You will hear more about this call to 21 Days of Prayer in our church in the coming days. For simplicity, we are beginning the year with this emphasis on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

I love you, Cross Church. Thank you for praying for me.

Ronnie Floyd





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December 2018 Prayer Guide

Preparing Yourself to Pray 🕒 (8 Minutes)

Meditate in silent prayer and listen to what God says

"Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night." Psalm 1:2

- Bow your head and close your eyes.
- Think upon God and His goodness.
- Listen for His still, small voice.
- Praise Him for who He is.
- Thank Him for what He has done for you.

Touch me Jesus, and remove my sins

"He touched my mouth with it and said: Now that this has touched your lips, your iniquity is removed and your sin is atoned for." Isaiah 6:7

- Thank Jesus for touching you and your life.
- Thank Jesus for removing your sin through His work on the cross: *Bless Him for dying in your place.*
- Stand in the biblical and spiritual position: *Jesus has atoned for all of my sins, He died for all of them. Therefore, stand upon Jesus' words and work, declaring praise to Him that you are forgiven, your sins are removed, and Jesus' righteousness covers you by His grace.*
- Imagine His suffering for you by taking on your sin, dying in your place; now commit to Jesus, *"I will live for You!"*

Empower me, Holy Spirit of God

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you." Acts 1:8

- Thank the Holy Spirit for living inside of you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and control your life.
- Walk by faith knowing the Holy Spirit is with you, walking alongside of and dwelling in you, desiring to overflow through you.

Six Major Prayer Requests for December 🕒 (20 Minutes)

1. Holy Spirit, empower us to be Your witnesses everywhere we go.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

- Holy Spirit of God, as You fill me, use me to be Your witness everywhere I go, spreading the gospel with people.
- Holy Spirit of God, open doors for me to share the gospel and gives me the eyes and heart to sense Your open doors as I expect You to do this for Your glory and honor to spread Your word.
- Holy Spirit of God, empower Cross Church to spread the gospel of Jesus to each home and person in Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri, giving us the passion and strategy to get it done.
- Holy Spirit of God, use our church in Northwest Arkansas, Southwest Missouri, across the state of Arkansas, throughout the nation, and across the entire world to spread Your gospel message everywhere we go.
- Holy Spirit of God, give us people to lead to faith in Jesus, see them baptized in following Jesus, and growing as disciples of Jesus.

2. Holy Spirit, draw people from all across this region to our Cross Church family.

"Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back!' Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who bears my name and is created for my glory. I have formed them; indeed, I have made them." Isaiah 43:5-7

- Holy Spirit of God, there are people all over this region who are Yours, they belong to You. We ask that You draw them here by Your supernatural power from the east, from the west, from the north, and from the south, to join us in giving You glory by taking Your gospel to each person regionally, statewide, nationally, and internationally.
- Holy Spirit of God, call people from the north, from the south, from the east and from the west unto Yourself and into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- Holy Spirit of God, we ask You to call people to Cross Church from every ethnicity and all languages. *In Jesus' name, SOUTH, give them up! In Jesus' name, NORTH, give them up! In Jesus' name, EAST give them up! In Jesus' name, WEST give them up!*

3. Lord God, from eternity to eternity, it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

"Riches and honor come from you, and you are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we give you thanks and praise Your glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:12-13

- Lord God, it is in Your hand to make things great and to give us strength—Do great things in and through us, giving us strength to do Your will.
- Lord God, all riches, from the smallest things to the greatest things, come from You alone! Therefore, may we give back to You through Your church, no less than one-tenth of all You have given us in 2018.
- Lord God, lead ALL of our people to evaluate ALL monies received for salaries, bonuses, stock, property sales, any proceeds from inheritance, and any other contributions to their income in 2018, and give back to You through Your church, NO LESS than one-tenth of all You have provided to each person and family, doing it by the end of the day on December 31.
- Lord God, lead our people to always give at least the first one-tenth of all we give through the Ministry Budget of our church and then generosity kicks in beyond this.
- Lord God, lead our people to financially support beyond our Ministry Budget, a special and sacrificial gift to the LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS. *Every church, every nation! This is one way we touch the nations of the world from our church because ALL monies given to this international offering goes to the field.*
- Lord God, meet the needs of our *Reaching Our Mission Offering*, which supports all of our own church planting, our Cross Church School of Ministry, further support of missionaries, compassion ministries, and ministry opportunities.
- Lord God, we pray you will meet the great, pressing financial needs of *The National Day of Prayer*, as the task force leads a national prayer initiative.
- Lord God, we pray since all riches and honor come from You and you are the ruler of everything, we ask that these specific budget goals will be met and provided miraculously by You through Your people:
 - MINISTRY BUDGET GOAL BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019: \$20.8 MILLION
 - ELIMINATION OF ALL INDEBTEDNESS BY THE END OF THE YEAR 2020: \$12 MILLION
 - REACHING OUR MISSION GOAL BY THE END OF APRIL 30, 2019: \$600,000
 - LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BY THE END OF DECEMBER 31, 2018: YOUR BEST SACRIFICIAL GIFT
 - FYI: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019: \$1.3 MILLION
- Ask God to miraculously provide these specific goals.

4. Father, may Your power fall upon all of our special worship services and ministries in this Christmas season.

"For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

- Father, let Your power fall upon each regular worship service scheduled at one of our four campuses of Cross Church each Sunday morning.
- Father, let Your power fall upon our special Christmas Worship Concert Nights on Sunday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
- Father, let Your power fall upon our special Christmas Communion Worship Services in ALL services on Sunday morning, December 23, on all campuses.
- Father, let Your power fall upon each of our Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24 on each campus:
 - Chapel on the Creeks – 1:00 p.m.
 - Springdale – 3:30 p.m. (Spanish service 5:00 p.m.)
 - Fayetteville – 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
 - Neosho – 3:30 p.m.
 - Pinnacle Hills – 5:00 p.m.

5. Sovereign Lord, grant Pastor Floyd Your favor, blessings, and health in this season of his life and leadership here and around the world.

"But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and playfully jump like calves from the stall." Malachi 4:2

- Sovereign Lord, Your Son Jesus IS the Sun of Righteousness, and we pray His rays of healing and favor and blessing be upon Pastor Floyd in this season of his life and leadership.
- Sovereign Lord, may Your rays of healing, blessing, and favor be so strong upon him that he will feel empowered to rise up, go out, and be able to be all You have created Him to be.
- Sovereign Lord, in this unique month of the year, may You rest him and refresh him in every way.
- Sovereign Lord, grace Pastor Floyd and Jeana with time together, with their family, and church family in this special season of Christmas.
- Sovereign Lord, we pray now for Pastor Floyd and his entire 2019, just as he has taught us to pray for ourselves this text ... *"Jabez called out to the God of Israel: '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 experience pain.' And God granted his request."* 1 Chronicles 4:10

6. Our Heavenly Father, we pray we will be used of God to build up America through blessing and adding value to each town and city in our nation.

"A city is built up by the blessing of the upright, but it is torn down by the mouth of the wicked." Proverbs 11:11

- Heavenly Father, we are Christians, the ones made right by You; therefore, as the upright, may we fulfill Proverbs 11:11 in every town and city in the United States. May we *bless each town and city by adding value to it in any way we can.*
- Heavenly Father, Proverbs 11:11 says the wicked tear down with their words the towns and cities of our nation; but as the upright, may we choose to add value and bless them.
- Heavenly Father, we ask You to raise up godly Christian men and women in their towns and cities who will run for local office and use their influence to add value by forwarding and blessing the future generations in these towns and cities.
- Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless each town and city with the message and encouragement of Jesus Christ when He said, *"Love one another"* in John 13:34.

Final Two Minutes of Prayer 🕒 (2 Minutes)

- Pray for the pastors across America to lead strongly, preach powerfully, and to be passionate men of prayer.
- 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.