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December 2024 Prayer Guide

Church Family,

December truly is a wonderful time of the year! Like you, I look forward to spending time with family and receiving the blessing of giving gifts to others. That said, this month, we have the opportunity to gather together for Christmas Eve at Cross Church to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope your family will join us at one of our four identical services at the Pinnacle Hills Campus. These times of worship are among my favorites. I also want to encourage you to take intentional time this season to slow down and enjoy the season rather than rush through it frantically like so many sadly do each year. Enjoy your family, friends, and church family, and keep your eyes open for how God might want to use you to bless others.



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Preparing to Pray

- Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness through all the victories and losses this year.
- Lord, help me to slow down this month, enjoy the season, and make much of You.
- Lord, help me to see where You want to use me to bless others this month.
- Lord, fill me with Your Spirit today.

Praying the Scriptures

"For our sake he made him be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
2 Corinthians 5:21

Prayer

Lord, as we move toward Christmas, I want to thank You for sending Jesus. Help me to stand in awe at the incarnation. The thought that You would send Jesus Christ to bridge the chasm of sin and rescue me, a sinner, is unbelievable. Thank You for Your mercy, God – putting my sin upon Jesus so that in Him, I become the righteousness of God. May I never get over the wonder of the Gospel!

Prayers for December

1. Cross Church Missions

Cross Church partners with the International Mission Board (IMB) to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Several missionaries we have sent out from our church work with the IMB. December 1-8 is the IMB's

International Week of Prayer, so let's join with millions of other believers as we pray for the Gospel to advance throughout the world!

- Pray that our IMB missionaries experience God's love for them as they continue to serve in the field across the world.
- Pray for them to have a great holiday season. Many are unable to see family, making this time of the year difficult.
- Pray that God would strengthen and encourage them as He uses them powerfully.
- Pray for God to call out more missionaries from our church to join current missionaries in their efforts.

2. Christmas Eve at Cross Church

Christmas Eve at Cross Church is special as we celebrate this wonderful time of the year! We look forward to sharing the hope of Jesus with all who attend our four services (Monday, December 23, at 5 & 7 PM and Tuesday, December 24, at 2 & 4 PM). Each service will be one hour long and is designed for the whole family. Please invite your friends and family to join us for one of our four services, which will be held at the Pinnacle Hills Campus. For more information, visit crosschurch.com/christmas.

- Pray that all we do as a church this season to celebrate Jesus will bring glory and honor to Him above all.
- Pray that many in our community will join us through an invitation from our church family!
- Pray that God will draw people to salvation as the Gospel is shared.
- Pray that God would grant strength to all those involved with Christmas Eve at Cross Church.

3. Year End Giving

Thank you, church, for your generous giving to our ministry budget that helps fund all these things. Begin praying now about a particular year-end gift to continue this work! If you would like to give online, please visit crosschurch.com/give. You are making such a considerable gospel impact all over the world.

- Pray that God would fill the hearts of our people with joy as they give sacrificially and generously to Him through Cross Church this month.
- Pray that God will meet our church's financial needs and help us accelerate the vision of the Decade of Love as we reach Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world for Jesus Christ.

4. 21 Days of Prayer | January 5-26

We don't want to move too fast through the Christmas season, but I want to remind you that every January, we intentionally begin the year with 21 Days of Prayer. We set aside these 21 days at the beginning of the new year to prepare our hearts for all God has for us in the year ahead. As we move through December, let's prayerfully consider how we might engage with the Lord as we launch a new year together.

- Pray that God will give you a clear direction for prayer as we look toward 21 Days of Prayer.
- Pray for those in our church family who desperately need God to move in their lives as they face various trials.
- Pray that God will freshly work in your life as we move through 21 Days of Prayer.
- Pray that God would use 21 Days of Prayer to prepare our church family to engage in our mission to do all we can to reach Northwest Arkansas, America, and the world for Jesus Christ in 2025.

Final Moments of Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness through this past year. There have been victories and losses, but Lord, I am thankful that You have been with me every step of the way. I pray that Your Spirit will be evident as we gather as a church family this month and celebrate the meaning of this season together, Jesus!