

Wednesday Prayer Priority

May 8, 2019

As a church who understands the importance of prayer, we are embarking on a journey of learning how to pray corporately and how to fully live out our purpose in the Kingdom of God.

We believe the Lord has given us 14 assignments to focus on and lean into through the privilege and power of prayer. This week we are learning to pray for **PERSECUTED CHURCH**.

1. Pray they will sense God's presence.
Hebrews 13:5 God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
2. Pray they will experience God's comfort.
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
3. Pray they will see God open doors to evangelism.
Colossians 4:3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
4. Pray they will continue to boldly share the Gospel.
Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.
5. Pray they will forgive and love their persecutors.
Matthew 5:44, 45 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven.
6. Pray they will know we are praying for them.
2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.
7. Pray they will be granted wisdom in covert ministry work.
Acts 9:23-25 After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him.²⁵ But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.
8. Pray they will remain joyful amid suffering.
Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.
9. Pray they will mature in their faith.
Colossians 1:28-29 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.
10. Pray they will be rooted in God's Word.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.