

# Day of Prayer and Fasting

## October 26, 2016

Prayer Guide

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**Set your mind and affection on the Lord God by Meditating on His Word.**  
***Matthew 6:7-13, Ephesians 6:10-20***

### **Petitions**

Ask God for that which pleases Him.

### **Pray for our Nation**

#### ***Pray for our region***

1. Pray for the people of Gaston and surrounding counties to be impacted by the gospel. **1 Thessalonians 1:8, 2:4**
2. Pray for individuals you know at your work, in your neighborhood, or that you come in contact with regularly to believe the gospel. **1 Thessalonians 2:8**
3. Pray that your Growth Group would grow in spiritual maturity and obedience to the Lord. **Colossians 1:28**
4. Pray that our neighbors in our community would be brought from drug dependencies to gospel dependency. **Matthew 9:36**
5. Pray for racial reconciliation to occur alongside authentic, diverse community. **Galatians 3:28**
6. Pray for your local and state officials and public servants to seek and honor God in their duty. **Romans 13:2**
7. Pray for the state of North Carolina: that the state would hold fast to God's purposeful creation of man and woman. **Genesis 1:26-27**

#### ***Pray for America***

1. Pray for a spiritual awakening in the U.S.
2. Pray for the large cities in the U.S. that are largely unreached with the gospel. Pray specifically for the perseverance of church planters and believers who live and work in the physical and spiritual desert of Phoenix, Arizona. **Ephesians 3:14**
3. Confess your trust and joy in the Lord's sovereignty. **Psalms 29:10-11**
4. Pray for followers of Christ to exercise their right to vote with biblical conviction and wisdom.
5. Pray for the nation to peacefully accept the outcome of the presidential election.
6. Pray for our federal officials to submit to God in all things. **Romans 13:7**

## Pray for the Nations

### *Pray for Unreached Peoples and Places*

1. Pray for Parkwood's partners who serve with the IMB in Europe, Central Asia, East Asia, and West Africa. Ask the Lord to sanctify our brothers and sisters and for them to be light in darkness. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**
2. Pray for the Lord to increase believers among the Dibo of Nigeria in the midst of looming persecution from radical Islam. **2 Thessalonians 3:2-3**
3. Pray for the Bible Study Leaders among the Chorti to be faithful in making and maturing disciples and for the formation of multiplying churches for the sake of continued gospel witness. **Philippians 2:12-13**
4. Pray for the non-Christian peoples immigrating to American cities, like Gastonia, from hard-to-reach locations, that they may come to know Jesus as Lord through interactions with obedient Christians. **Matthew 25:31-40**
5. Pray for diverse churches to start in global cities that lack Christian witness while bolstering hundreds of ethnic backgrounds. **Isaiah 66:18**

### *Pray for Central Asia*

1. Pray for missionary leadership to navigate some of the most religiously secure places on earth. The majority of these governments prevent Christians from freely worshipping or identifying as followers of Jesus. **Matthew 10:16**
2. Pray missionaries would boldly and wisely proclaim the gospel to those who have no other access to hearing the gospel. **Ephesians 6:19**
3. Pray to the Lord of the harvest that he would send laborers to the hundreds of unreached people groups who have no Christian witness among them. **Luke 10:2**
4. Seek the Lord as it regards you personally going to Central Asia: **Isaiah 6:8**
  - a. Short-Term (1-2 weeks) trips are going in March, May, July, and August.
  - b. Mid-Term (2 months-2 years) possibilities are available for students, professionals, entrepreneurs, and retirees.
  - c. Long-Term (2+ years) placements are the most effective way to serve and reach the nations.