



## Monthly Prayer Guide

July 2018

Verse to meditate on this month:

Ephesians 1:15-23

“<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love<sup>(f)</sup> toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

### *Prayers of the Church*

Write down three people who you know need healing or help within Redeemer and pray for them:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### *Why It's Important to fight cynicism with prayer:*

Paul Miller helps us when he writes: ““Cynicism creates a numbness toward life.

Cynicism begins with a wry assurance that everyone has an angle. Behind every silver lining is a cloud. The cynic is always observing, critiquing, but never engaging, loving, and hoping”

*A Prayer for our Country*

Our Father and God. In the early days of our country, signs hung in our streets that said 'we will serve no sovereign here.' Yet, as we approach the throne of grace, you alone are God and you alone are a sovereign king. To love you and to love our neighbor is the law of the land and we ask that it be so in the country in which we live. In this month where we annually celebrate independence, we confess that our politics, our posturing, and our pretending often fall short of the law of love that sacrifices, forgives, and keeps no record of wrongs. In our country, celebrities often have their voices elevated, but you are superior above all names. By your mercy, elevate your voice in our hearts, your word in our minds, for the glory of your Son and the good of this world. Jesus you are the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and you uphold the universe by the word of your power. After making purification for sins, you sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels, superior to Moses, and superior to every world leader both in this country and around the world. This country and this world is subject to you alone. Teach us what this means. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### *Daily Prayers for Grace*

*(adapted from Paul Tripp, blog August 21, 2013)*

Remember, there are few people more influential in your life than you are because no one talks to you more than you do. You spend each day in constant conversation with you! And the things that you tell yourself shape what you do and say each day. Do you constantly remind yourself of your need for God and others? Do you tell yourself that it's good to admit weakness and to reach out for help? If you do, it's not a sign that something's wrong. No, by God's definition, that kind of self-talk is a sign that something's very right.

How about beginning to pray these three prayers every morning?

1. "Lord, I'm a person in desperate need of help today."
2. "Lord, won't you, in your grace, send your helpers my way?"
3. "Lord, please give me the humility to receive the help when it comes."