



# **COURAGEOUS** — PRAYERS —

**A CALL TO PRAY AND FAST**  
**PRAYER GUIDE**

## **Week 1: November 1-November 7 - PRAY FOR OUR NATION**

**How can we be more Christ like — in word and deed — during the 2020 U.S. election?**

Scriptures to Read: Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:10, 2 Chronicles 7:14

Suggestions to Guide Your Prayer Time:

- Ask God to give you a desire to get out and vote even if you don't feel like it.
- Pray for the election. Don't worry, and rejoice in God's sovereignty.
- Commit to pray for those who have won different offices, even if your candidate didn't win.
- Thank the Lord for freedom and for the opportunity to live in a nation where you have a voice in electing officials and voting on issues that affect our lives and our culture.
- Pray for candidates to seek God's guidance.
- Pray for the leaders of America to come together to provide strategic leadership that will result in righteous and peaceful living in America.
- Pray for unity and revival in the church of America

**Acknowledge our need for God in everything.**

Scriptures to Read: John 10:10, Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 11:28-30

Suggestions to Guide Your Prayer Time:

- Pray for healing for those who are sick, protection for the vulnerable, and provision for those who have lost income.
- Pray for the organizations we partner with locally and internationally.
- Pray for peace and comfort for teachers, families, and students as they return to school during an unsettling time.

## **Week 2: November 8-November 14 – Pray for Faith**

**FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC—Trusting that God is bigger than our circumstances.**

Scriptures to Read: 1 Peter 5:7, Daniel 3:19-30

Suggestions to Guide Your Prayer Time:

- Confess to God the ways you have struggled to trust him in difficulty, and ask him to fill you with faith.
- Give thanks to God that his promises remain the same despite our current reality.
- Pray for peace, freedom from anxiety, and the ability to release control over our circumstances to God.
- Pray for those who are without jobs, have health concerns, or are otherwise impacted by the pandemic.

## **Week 3: November 15-November 21 – Pray for Our Community**

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Moving toward others with hope.**

Scriptures to Read: Romans 5:1-11, Romans 10:9-15, Ephesians 2:11-17, Philippians 2:2-11

Suggestions to Guide Your Prayer Time

- Pray that we would be known for our love.
- Pray for God to give you opportunities to share the hope of the gospel with someone who has not heard
- your story.
- Pray for people of color in our community, for empathy, compassion, and understanding of challenges they face.
- Pray for The Community Classroom as it reaches out through afterschool tutoring and ESL. Pray that lives will be made better and faith journeys begun because of this ministry.

## **Week 4: November 22-November 28 – Pray for the Church**

### **BIBLICAL COMMUNITY—Growing as we are known and know others.**

Scriptures to Read: Galatians 6:1-3, James 5:15, Ephesians 4:25-31

Suggestions to Guide Your Prayer Time:

- Ask God to be active in LifeGroups within our church.
- Ask God for faith and courage to confess sin and repent continually.
- Pray for your neighbors—ask God for opportunities to know them more fully, meet felt needs, and share the gospel.
- Pray for unity and love to flourish within the body.
- Pray for personal Spiritual growth and for the Spiritual growth of others.
- Pray for families in our church to be centered around the Word of God.

## **Week 5: November 29-December 5 – Pray for Church Leaders**

### **LEADERSHIP IN OUR CHURCH—Interceding for those who lead us.**

Scriptures to Read: Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:17

Suggestions to Guide Your Prayer Time:

- Pray for wisdom and courage for LifeGroup leaders and Equip U teachers to speak truth with grace and love.
- Pray for our student small group leaders as they make sacrifices to help their students know God and move toward him.
- Pray for kids ministry workers as they teach the children and inspire them to be excited about a relationship with God.
- Pray for endurance and wisdom for the pastors and elders as they lead and care for us.
- Pray for the deacons as they care for the congregation

### **WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT—Obeying as we navigate uncertainty.**

Scriptures to Read: Matthew 5:13-16, James 1:19-27

Suggestions to Guide Your Prayer Time:

- Ask God to free us from the trap of fearing the unknown, and ask him to fill our minds with worshipful
- thoughts.
- Pray that our thoughts, words, and actions would be seasoned with grace.
- Ask God to make us quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.