

2022 PRAYER GUIDE

Christ's Church

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." **1 Peter 2:9-10***

- Pray that the Church would be a people who practice "True Fasting" as written in Isaiah 58:6-7: loosing the chains of injustice, feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless.
- Pray for unity in the Church, as we worship one Lord by one Spirit.
- Pray for the shepherds God has given to his Church, that they would lead by serving faithfully, that they would be encouraged in their ministry, and that they would point unswervingly to Christ as the Head of His Church.

Our City

*"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." **Jeremiah 29:7***

- Pray for wisdom for Mayor Strickland and the rest of our city leadership as COVID is on the rise again.
- Pray that God would pour out his Spirit on our city, that the Gospel would be boldly proclaimed in word and deed, and people would come to know Jesus Christ intimately as their Savior.
- Pray against the violence that we are experiencing so frequently. Pray protection for our city and for justice, healing and transformation for perpetrators and victims.

Our Neighborhood/Neighbors

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry?" **Isaiah 58:6-7a***

- Pray for the protection of our graduates who are essential workers in our warehouses and working through Advance Memphis Staffing.
- Pray that our neighbors would have a mind to work as Nehemiah exhorts us (Nehemiah 4:6).
- Pray that the increase in unemployment benefits would not create a disincentive to work.
- Pray for our Staffing & Outsourcing partners and their ability to provide fair & livable wages.
- Pray for those who are struggling with roadblocks to employment such as past traumatic experiences, transportation, addiction, or childcare.
- Pray for believers in South Memphis to be faithfully committed to a local church, and for local churches to have strength to faithfully teach and apply the Word of God.

Advance Memphis

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned."

John 15:5-6

- Pray that our staff would be abiding in Him and actively surrendering to the good work He wants to do *in and through* us.
- Pray that God would give our staff wisdom on how to safely provide meaningful learning and working opportunities in the midst of a pandemic and a national labor shortage.
(1 Chronicles 12:32)
- Pray for all of our upcoming classes and programs for the year: Work Life, Faith & Finances, Forklift Certification, Addiction Recovery Support Group, Staffing & Warehousing, and Employment Development.
- Pray that the Lord would grow our staff team by bringing the right people to apply for our open positions.
- Pray that we might love our neighbors well, fostering ongoing trust and long-term relationships in our community.