

# PRAYER GUIDE

## JANUARY 2023

*"Then Jesus told His disciples...that they should always pray and not give up." **Luke 18:1***

### Programs

*"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands." - **Psalm 90:17***

- Pray for our Work Life, Faith and Finances, and LAUNCH students, that their hearts would be open and their hope would be reawakened.
- Pray that our instructors would have wisdom and grace as they lead and teach class.
- Pray for our volunteers as they work with students and continue to build relationships and community with them.
- Pray for our staff as we welcome neighbors and students into our doors, that we would love them well and be the hands and feet of Christ.
- Pray that our addiction recovery group, Overcoming Through Christ, would continue to grow and be a source of encouragement to our neighbors.

### Neighbors, Students & Graduates

*"Be strong. Don't give up. God will reward you for your work." **2 Chronicles 15:7***

- Pray for the first Work Life class of 2023 that began on January 17. Pray for the students as they learn about themselves and the work force, and that they would persevere to finish the class.
- Pray that Advance Memphis graduates and staff would grow in their ability to respond to stress and/or conflict in the workplace.
- Pray for physical, emotional and spiritual healing from traumatic experiences that affect our ability to maintain stable employment (and so many other areas of life). Pray that we all might seek the one, true healer of our souls—Jesus.
- Pray that our neighbors and graduates who struggle with addiction would be delivered from drug and alcohol abuse.
- Pray for our graduates that have not gone on to work. Pray against individual roadblocks such as access to childcare and reliable transportation, illness, the effects of trauma, and disincentives to the God-given dignity of working.

## The Local Church

*"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." **Romans 12:4-5***

- Pray that our neighbors would seek out community by getting involved with the local church, that they might be renewed as they fellowship with the body of believers.
- Pray that the church throughout Memphis would be unified and be a reflection of the harmony that exists among the Trinity, serving each other in love.
- Pray for the leaders of the church, that they would be encouraged and strengthened as they shepherd their flocks.

## Advance Memphis

*"My dear brothers and sisters, remain strong in the faith. Don't let anything move you. Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord. Because you belong to the Lord, you know that your work is not worthless." **1 Corinthians 15:58***

- Pray for wisdom and patience for Advance Memphis staff as we continue to pursue deeper relationships with our neighbors through trauma-informed care.
- Pray for staff as we seek out new business partners to provide work for our graduates, and for our warehouses as we continue to build relationships with providers and pursue more outsourcing opportunities.
- Pray as our neighbors, staff, and volunteers engage anger. Pray unrighteous anger would decrease and righteous anger would increase.
- Prayers for joy as we move into this new year and new season.

## 2023

*"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." **-Matthew 6:33***

- Pray that our upcoming classes for 2023 would be fruitful, would honor and bring dignity to our neighbors, and would equip South Memphians with the exact tools they need to establish economic stability.
- Pray that the voice of Advance Memphis would be heard in the community and on social media, all for the glory of God.
- Pray for the individuals who will walk through our doors in 2023. Pray that they would find a home at Advance Memphis and that they would come to faith in Christ and see Christ through our programming.