

SUMMER 2022 PRAYER GUIDE

Our City

"Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.

(Daniel 9:18-19)

- 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 violence and crime in our city. Pray protection for our city and for justice, healing and transformation for perpetrators and victims.
- Pray for safety on the road as we have seen a number of fatal car accidents and reckless driving throughout the city.
- Pray for the upcoming elections, and that our city and county government would govern in a way that honors Christ
- Pray for our public transportation system, and those who utilize it everyday in this heat.
- Pray for the homeless in our city right now, for safety and health in the midst of such warm weather.

Our Neighborhood/Neighbors

"In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Requests from Graduates:

- "Pray for my family and stability when I leave transitional living."
- "Pray that I can reach my potential and let go of fear of failure."
- "Pray for strength and to stay focussed."
- Pray for one student who recently lost his mother in a tragic car accident.
- Pray for the protection and safety of workers in our warehouses and working through Advance Memphis Staffing, as many of them work very physical jobs in hot conditions.
- Pray that our neighbors would have a mind to work as Nehemiah exhorts us **(Nehemiah 4:6)**.
- Pray for our Staffing & Outsourcing partners, their business, ability to provide fair & livable wages, and work opportunities for our graduates seeking employment.
- Rejoice with us that we are seeing an increase in neighbors enrolling in our Work Life class and desiring to go to work!
- Pray for those who are struggling with roadblocks to employment such as past traumatic experiences, the loss of loved ones, transportation, addiction, or childcare.
- Pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues, and that they would be able to admit the need for support, and access adequate resources.

Christ's Church

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. **Hebrews 10: 24 - 25***

- Pray against isolationism and that the Church would deepen in our sense of community as in the Acts 2 church, "...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (**Acts 2:46-47**)
- Pray that the church would lovingly come alongside expecting mothers in crisis or those who might need support.
- Pray that the Church would rejoice over the protection of precious unborn lives, while walking in humility and loving those who might hold different views inside and outside of the Church.
- Pray for unity in the Church, as we worship one Lord by one Spirit.
- Pray for protection and wisdom for our church leaders, and that they would point unswervingly to Christ as the Head of His Church.
- Pray for believers in our city 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

*"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is pure. That's the most important thing about it. And that's not all. It also loves peace. It thinks about others. It obeys. It is full of mercy and good fruit. It is fair. It doesn't pretend to be what it is not." (**James 3:17**)*

- 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 come alongside our neighbors and help them take their individual next steps toward economic stability in this new season of workforce development.
- Pray that we would consistently listen well to our neighbors, be present with people, and seek to "...understand the times and know what to do" (**1 Chronicles 12:32**) in our efforts to love people well.
- Pray for all of our upcoming classes and programs for the year: Work Life (Aug. 1st), Faith & Finances (Aug. 11th), Forklift Certification, Addiction Recovery Support Group, Staffing & Warehousing, and Employment Development.
- "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (**Matthew 9:37**) Growing our team of staff and volunteers.
- Pray that we might love our neighbors well, fostering ongoing trust and long-term relationships in our community.