

A Call to Prayer

From the Session of
Greenwich Presbyterian Church
May 5, 2020

The Session has unanimously endorsed a call to the Greenwich church family for a season of prayer through the end of the summer. Periodically, the elders have called the church family to prayer during times of significant decision making and sacrifice, seeking God's purposes through times of study and focused prayer efforts.

The elders believe we are in such a season again as we face the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges we face as a church family and as citizens of our local community, country, and world. To that end, we are providing this daily prayer guide as well as hosting regular prayer gatherings.

*“Be joyful always; pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Greenwich Church Family

Daily Prayer Guide

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart which no unworthy affection may drag downwards. Give me an unconquered heart which no tribulation can wear out. Give me an upright heart which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday: Life of Greenwich

- Deeper love for Jesus Christ in our worship services
- An increased hunger for the Word of God
- To be “do-ers” of the Word, not hearers only
- Generous hearts and open hands
- Unity and compassion within the church family
- Increased awareness and use of our spiritual gifts
- Increased mercy and love for our local community

Monday: Healing & Suffering

- Healing for all those suffering from physical illness and disease
- Containment of the spread of the COVID-19 virus
- Comfort for those who are lonely in hospitals, nursing homes, & other care facilities
- Those in need of postponed medical care
- Those with mental health challenges

Tuesday: Leaders & Influencers

- For our pastors, elders, staff, and ministry leaders
- Wisdom, courage, humility, and unity in all decisions
- Wise and diligent administration of church funds & resources
- For wisdom and the pursuit of the common good by elected officials
- For clarity, integrity, and discretion in the media
- For wisdom & understanding in our scientific & medical community
- For business leaders making difficult decisions

Wednesday: Protection for the Most Vulnerable

- The elderly and those suffering from chronic disease
- The poor & the homeless in need of daily bread
- Women and children in abusive situations
- Those in prisons or other facilities who cannot protect themselves
- Women facing pregnancy & delivery
- Countries in the developing world & densely populated cities
- Asians and anyone subjected to COVID-related racism
- Caution & responsibility by the young and the strong

Thursday: Faithful Discipleship

- Discipline in practices for spiritual growth & prayer
- Repentance from sin and renewed commitment to Jesus
- Effective witness to the community in word and deed
- Effective discipleship for families with children at home
- Willing hearts and hands to serve others
- Courage to share Jesus Christ with others
- Keep us from anxiety and panic
- May we be wise and well-informed consumers
- Generosity and willingness to sacrifice our own desires for the common good
- For new Christians, turning to faith in Jesus in the midst of this crisis

Friday: Frontline Workers in Healthcare & Essential Services

- Keep them & their families safe and healthy
- Ability to diagnose and treat illness and disease
- Clear-thinking and relief from anxiety
- Compassion for every patient in their care
- Help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace & mercy

Saturday: Other Effects of the Pandemic

- Workers facing layoffs and financial hardship
- Families with young children at home
- Parents who cannot stay home from work
- Protection and favor on marriages
- Students & Teachers in Secondary Schools & Colleges, learning how to study from home
- Everyone anxious about their economic future
- Those disappointed by the cancellation of milestone events

Pray for Our Mission Partners

- **Juan & Veronica Linero**, missionaries serving Iglesia Una Luz En El Camino (A Light On the Path) church in Mexico.
- **Pastor Victor Fernandez**, minister and evangelist serving Templo Jehova Yireh in Matamoros, Mexico.
- **Norman & Julie Beck**, church-planting and youth ministry with the Cherokee Indian Tribe in western North Carolina.
- **Keith & Marti Franchois**, missionaries developing mobile technology resources for sharing the gospel.
- **Melanie Johnson**, preparing for a new church-planting effort in Tokyo, Japan.
- **Austin & Sinte House & Farthest Corners**, missionaries providing physical relief and gospel outreach in Thailand & Burma.
- **Lou Chiccehitto**, sharing the good news with local high school and middle school students in Fauquier County through Young Life.
- **Kevin Kifer** of Outpost Ministries, equipping, training, and guiding men into active ministry and faithful family life.
- **Kathie Virinurm**, ministering to students at George Mason University with Cru.
- **Julio & Ana Martinez**, serving Shadai Church to reach Spanish-speaking communities in Manassas.
- **Dan Su**, serving as president of China Outreach Ministries, reaching out to International Students in college and universities.
- **Joan Stewart of WV Ministry of Advocacy & Workcamps** responds with relief and hope for victims of natural disaster and poverty.
- **Rollin Van Broekhoven's China Project**, supporting the local church in mainland China and influencing the academic community.
- **CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center**, providing counseling and resources women experiencing unplanned pregnancy.
- **Refugee Resettlement Ministry**, helping refugee families who have little or no resources for establishing a home and community.
- **NOVA Human Trafficking Initiative**, mobilizing the local church to eradicate human trafficking & serve survivors.
- **Youth For Tomorrow**, residential school giving a second chance and spiritual guidance to at-risk youth in our area.
- **Fauquier Family Shelter**, serving homeless families with temporary and transitional housing programs.
- **SERVE**, providing food, shelter, and other support for poor and needy in Western Prince William County.
- **Blessing Bags**, delivery of our kits containing basic personal hygiene products, other necessities, and the gospel with homeless people in need.