

CAC Week of Prayer
January 15-22, 2017

Monday, January 16

Scripture: 1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Quote: Abraham Lincoln

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."

Prayer Requests

Self: That I would grow in my understanding and practice of prayer this week

Family: That spouses, parents, and children would love, honor, and respect one another

Church: That we would experience spiritual renewal as we humble ourselves before God, confess our sins, and turn from what displeases God

Community: That we would love and serve those where we live, work, and play

World: That God would strengthen and encourage our partners seeking to reach the Susu people for Christ in Guinea (Chad & Nicki Clason, Ben & Chelsea Anderson; Arnie & Cheryl Solvig) and Sierra Leone (Sam & Josephine Sesay, Pastor Sheku, Pastor Mohamed)

Tuesday, January 17

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"

Quote: Soren Kierkegaard

"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays."

Prayer Requests:

Self: Aim to set aside 10 minutes to sit quietly in God's presence to love him and listen to his still, small voice

Family: That a spirit of forgiveness would permeate your family

Church: That we would experience spiritual renewal as we set our hearts and will to obey God no matter what he asks us to do

Community: That we would be purveyors of God's hope wherever we go and to whoever we meet

World: For God's peace and comfort for Aggie Tharp's family following her unexpected death after Christmas – husband Greg; daughter Stephanie and children Tristan and Lancelot; son Etienne and daughter Violet

Wednesday, January 18

Scripture: Matthew 6:6

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you"

Quote: Max Lucado

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Prayer Requests:

Self: Ask God if there is anything in your life that needs to be brought out of the darkness into the light

Family: That God would soften the hearts of your family members to enable his work of transformation

Church: That we would passionately desire to know, love, and follow Jesus

Community: That God would give us an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus and his love for them

World: For our Alliance International Workers involved in refugee work in the Middle East and Europe

Thursday, January 19

Scripture: I Timothy 2:1-2

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

Quote: Oswald Chambers

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."

Prayer Requests

Self: Ask God to show you how he wants to use you in his kingdom work

Family: That your family would be a safe place for your family members and their friends

Church: That God would clearly reveal to our leadership (and others) if there is any area in our church where we have drifted away from his will for CAC

Community: That the churches of Canby would unite and love one another as the 1st Church of Canby as a witness to our community

World: That President Elect Trump and our world leaders would recognize their need of God's wisdom and strength and humble themselves before him

Friday, January 20

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Quote: Andrew Murray

"Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!"

Prayer Requests

Self: That God would give you a hunger and desire to read, study, and obey his Word, the Bible

Family: That Christ would be the center of your family and that your lifestyle and values would point back to Jesus

Church: That a spirit of worship, reverence, and joy would mark our worship and draw us to God as his children

Community: For Ray Keen, Linda Razor, and Kelley VanAcker of The Canby Center as they seek to be the face of Christ to the needy and poor in our community

World: That God would draw young Guinean men and women to himself who are taking classes at La Zone in Conakry this term

Saturday, January 21

Scripture: Habakkuk 3:2

*"Lord, I have heard of your fame;
I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.
Repeat them in our day,
in our time make them known;
in wrath remember mercy."*

Quote: C.S. Lewis

"Gratitude exclaims... 'How good of God to give me this.' Adoration says, 'What must be the quality of that Being whose far-off and momentary coruscations are like this!' One's mind runs back up the sunbeam to the sun."

Prayer Requests

Self: Pray prayers of gratitude and adoration to God (see the Lewis quote)

Family: That there would be sincere reconciliation between any family members who have allowed something to come between them

Church: That we would not let the world squeeze us into its mold so that we lose our distinctly Christ-like flavor

Community: For God's protection over our Police and Fire departments when they find themselves in harm's way

World: That God would put together the team of CAC people going down to Mexico this summer to build a house and serve those with needs

Sunday, January 22

Scripture: Psalm 100:4-5

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*

Quote: CS Lewis

“What seem our worst prayers may really be, in God's eyes, our best. Those, I mean, which are least supported by devotional feeling. For these may come from a deeper level than feeling. God sometimes seems to speak to us most intimately when he catches us, as it were, off our guard.”

Prayer Requests:

Self: Ask God to show you how he wants to use you to bless other people

Family: That God would show you which family member/s is in need of special attention and encouragement right now

Church: That CAC would reach up to God in worship as disciples; reach in to each other in community as family; reach out to the world as witnesses

Community: That God's hand of protection, blessing, and learning would cover our public, private, and home schools

World: That God would strengthen the thousands of Christ-followers being persecuted around the world for their faith and his work would be accomplished through them in spite of their suffering