

Prayer Guide AUGUST 2024

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4-5, NIV)

August 4 - 10

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV)

The Apostle Paul's command can be tough to follow! But even in hard times, there's always something to be thankful for. Gratitude is part of God's plan for us. As you "give thanks in all circumstances," you begin to see that the hard times are part of God's will, meant to grow your faith as you follow Jesus.

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"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15, NIV)

Imagine letting Christ's peace settle in your heart like a gentle guide. In doing so we embrace calm unity, both within ourselves and with others. When we let Christ's peace lead us, we become more thankful. This heart of gratitude helps us grow and mature as children of God, our Father.

Prayer Points

- We pray for volunteers and partners dedicated to reaching communities in Uganda. We pray for wisdom and strength as they advocate with local leaders and churches for greater inclusion and accessibility.
- We pray the right resources are provided for our partners in Uganda so that the important work of education and advocacy can continue there.



Moses, who is part of a church in Uganda where our partner has been teaching disability inclusion

Prayer Points

- We pray for grace and wisdom for our partners running programs to improve awareness and educational opportunities throughout Uganda. We give thanks for these partnerships!
- We pray for health and healing as Uganda is experiencing a rise in many diseases. We ask for healing and protection for the people living there.

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August 18 - 24

"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1, NIV)

God's love is always here, no matter what's going on. The Psalmist encourages us to focus on God's goodness and eternal love in all circumstances. By praising Him and recognizing His never-ending love, we find reasons to be grateful, which brings a sense of peace and joy to our lives.

Prayer Points

- We pray for opportunities for creative partnerships for our growing Community Participation Supports in Kingston.
- We give thanks for the Our Voices Matter group in Kingston and their advocacy in the community.
- We give thanks for our employees who advocate for better, more inclusive communities of belonging!



Tracy volunteering at an organization that trains service dogs.

August 25 - 31

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

(Philippians 4:16, NIV)

Feeling anxious? Talk to God. When we mix our worries with prayers and thanks, we shift our focus from stress to trust. Prayer during anxious moments turns our concerns into moments of connection with God, our heavenly Father.

Prayer Points

- We pray for wisdom for our teams as they work together to improve people's lives and build up their communities. May they be energized and strengthened as they support people.
- We continue to pray for strength and support as we grieve friends who have left us. We give thanks for and celebrate those whose lives are changing and growing.



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Additional Prayer Points

- We pray for the success of The Mess Art Studio and all our community partners as we work to build up communities where everybody belongs.
- We give thanks for and pray for our summer Family Camp at Elim Lodge at the end of August. We pray that all runs smoothly and that the families attending can find a place of rest and restoration.



Lisa working on an art project at The Mess Art Studio

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