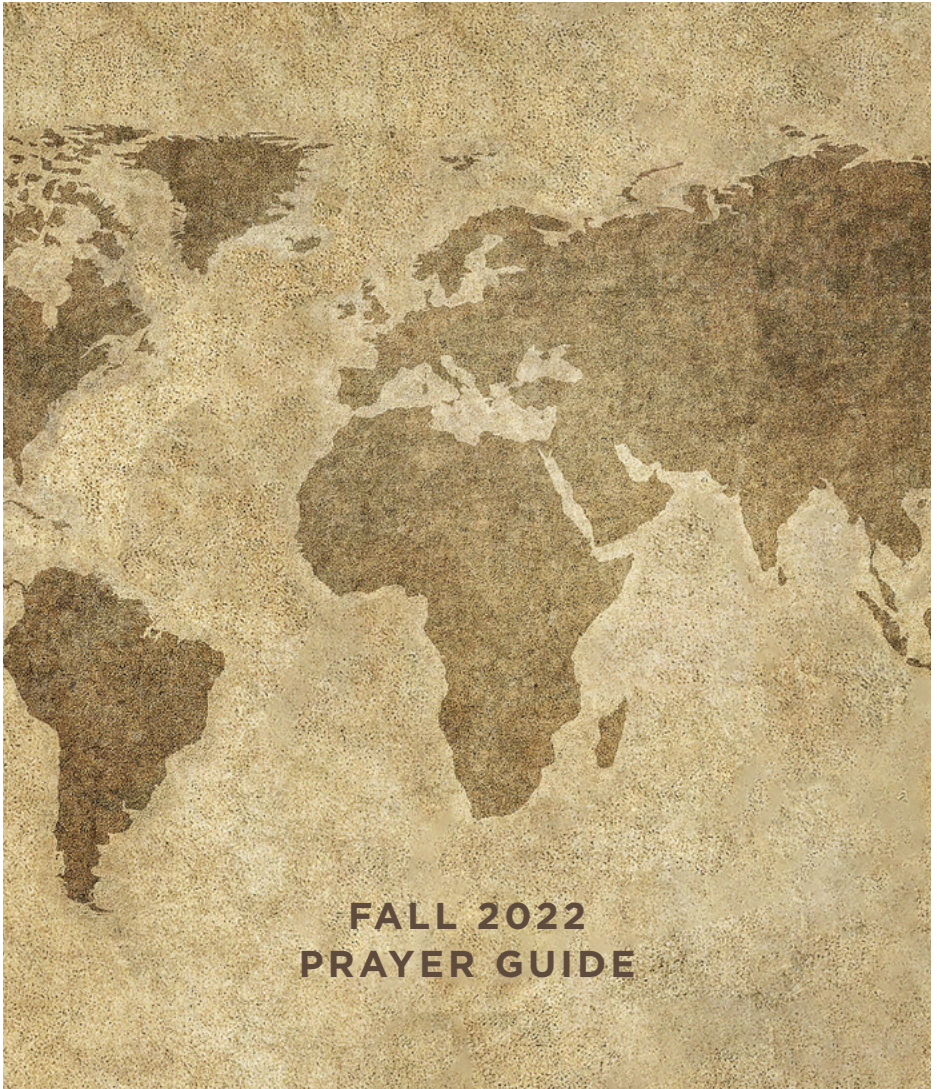


PRAY FOR

Missionaries



**FALL 2022
PRAYER GUIDE**

CHRIST CHURCH, NORMAL, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Day to Prepare Our Hearts

Blessed be his glorious name forever;
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

PSALM 72:19

“One of the greatest resources the church has for advancing the Gospel is the ability to come before God in prayer and **plead for what is already on his heart**—the growth of his kingdom in the world.”¹

1. Conner, Jerry. “4 Reasons Churches Must Pray for Missions.” April 17, 2018.

We will be using the great resource of prayer to pray for the growth of God's kingdom as we pray this week for the missionaries who Christ Church supports. Some of these missionaries work overseas. Others are right here in our own state—some are planting churches in central Illinois! Many of the prayer requests included in this prayer guide are from the missionaries' recent newsletters. We will also include praying for a local ministry that we support.

We may not all serve as missionaries, but we all can pray for those who God has called to serve in this way. We can also pray that God will prepare the hearts of unbelievers to receive the Good News, as well as asking God to work in us, so that we would be a part of his work to grow his kingdom.

Parents:

We would like to have your children join us as we pray this week. On each day of the prayer guide, there will be 1–2 missionaries listed. We have included a map with the country or city highlighted to show where the missionary is serving to help your child see where they are located. We also have included a verse to help your child pray for the lost in that country or city.

Heavenly Father,

It is easy for us to focus too much on our own needs as we pray. Forgive us. Give us hearts to pray beyond our personal problems and situations. You have called us to pray for the lost, so this week we pray that those who are lost will be saved. We pray for the missionaries whom you have sent out to reach the lost. We pray for your kingdom to come. Help us here at Christ Church to do all that you would have us do for the growth of your kingdom. We ask for a great advancement of your kingdom here in Illinois and around the world, so that the whole earth would be filled with your glory!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Uganda—Global Hands of Hope

Pray for Global Hands of Hope

- Pray that the partnership with the community of Bukeka will continue to flourish and grow.
- Pray for the students to have an understanding of Jesus Christ and experience his love.
- Pray for staff to have wisdom as they mentor, encourage, and challenge the children at the school.

Children:

*Father, draw many
people in Uganda
to yourself so that
they will receive
the Gospel by faith.
(John 6:44)*



Sweden—Corey Breaux

Pray for Corey Breaux

- Pray that many young adults would join the young adult ministry that has been started.
- Pray for Corey and the other team members to have boldness to overcome the fear of failure and any other type of fear, including the fear of man.² (Ephesians 6:19)
- Pray that an abundant harvest will be produced as more people learn about the love of Christ.² (John 15:5)

Children:

Jesus, You came to seek and save the lost.

Save many of the people in

Sweden. (Luke 10:19)



2. "How to Pray for Missionaries," Wycliffe Bible Translators.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Chicago Area—Erin O’Grady

Pray for Erin O’Grady, Cru-Bridges International

- Pray for more laborers to join the Bridges Chicago team.
- Pray God would stir in the hearts of international students across our nation and that they would encounter him personally.
- Pray for Erin, that God would give her great wisdom as she steps into a co-leading role for the Chicago team this year and that she would walk closely with the Lord, depending on him alone.

Children:

Lord, You are patient towards people and you do not wish any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Work in the international students’ hearts to repent for their sins and be saved.
(2 Peter 3:9)



Japan

Pray for Koji and Marcia Esaki

- Pray for Koji as he serves as a coach for 10 urban church planters. This group has gone through a 2-week intensive training on church planting principles. Koji will now coach them as they move into the process of building gospel-centered churches.
- Pray for Marcia who just finished teaching a 5-part training for women which trained them to use easy-to-remember gospel tools. Pray now that the training is completed, that the women will use all that they have learned to share the Gospel with others.

Pray for Joe and Felicity Congdon

- Pray for the missional community group which started back up again last month.
- Pray for new friends to come to the Congdons' study, and that those in attendance would place their faith in Christ.
- Pray for the new dads' club that Joe has started which will meet monthly at the local elementary school. Pray that men would come and it would lead to many new relationships in the neighborhood.

Children:

God our Savior, You desire all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Save the people in Japan, and let them know the truth of who you are. (1 Timothy 2:4)



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Asia & Africa: Unnamed Missionaries

For security reasons, the names and countries for the two missionary teams that we will pray for today are not included, but God knows and sees them. We will ask God to work in them and through them. Pray for each team as the Lord leads you.

Pray for Missionaries in Asia & Africa

- Ask God to open doors for the missionaries to share the Gospel with those who are ready to receive his word. (Colossians 4:2-3)
- Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly, and all obstacles to the spread of the Gospel will be removed. Ask God to give strength for the team to continue despite any obstacles that they might be facing. (2 Thessalonians 3:1)
- Ask God to strengthen them and protect them from the evil one. (2 Thessalonians 3:2)
- Pray for rest and refreshment for each team, to be able to spend time with other believers, to be restored physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually.² (Matthew 11:28)

Children:

Father God, we ask that many people in the continents of Asia and Africa will repent and turn to you and then receive forgiveness of sins. (Acts 26:18-19)



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Local: Living Alternatives

Pray for Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Bloomington-Normal

- Pray for protection for the building, director, staff, volunteers, and clients, and that all pregnancy resource centers in our nation will be able to stay open so that they continue to help clients.
- Pray that God would supply all the needs of the center including financial needs and volunteer needs.
- Pray for the women who go to the center for service; pray they would receive care and support. And for those who don't yet know Christ, that they would receive Christ as Savior.

Children:

Lord Jesus, We pray for the women who go to the Pregnancy Resource Center, that they would confess with their mouths that you are Lord, and believe in their hearts that the Father raised you from the dead, so that these women will be saved. (Romans 10:9)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Illinois—Church Plants

Pray for Exodus Presbyterian Church, Springfield

Stephen & Courtney Lawrence and Their Children

- Pray that Exodus Presbyterian Church would continue to be a missional church engaging many with the Gospel and seeing some conversions that get funneled into the church.
- Pray that many regular attenders would commit to membership.
- Pray that God would provide a worship leader and musicians to lead worship services.

Pray for Reformed University Fellowship, University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana

Ethan & Amanda Brown and Their Children and Tim Sandridge (Intern)

- Pray for Ethan's recovery from recent ACL/meniscus surgery at the beginning of the current semester.
- Pray for unbelieving students connected to the ministry to put their faith in Christ, and that God would use the ministry's biweekly worship nights to bring students to faith in Christ.
- Pray for Tim as he adjusts to life and work at U of I, and for him as he connects with, evangelizes, and disciples students.

Pray for Upcoming Church Plant in Kankakee

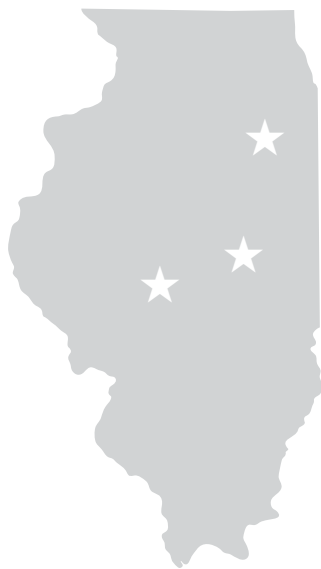
- Pray that God would provide the man to plant the church.
- Pray that God would provide the finances to plant the church.
- Pray that God would prepare the hearts of many people in this area to trust in Christ as the gospel comes to them.

Children:

Give many people in Springfield, Champaign/Urbana, and Kankakee the godly sorrow that produces the repentance that leads to salvation. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Pray for Christ Church

Pray that we would continue to pray for the missionaries that we support, and that we would pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers to the harvest, from our church and from other gospel-preaching churches in our community. (Matthew 9:37)





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