

# 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting

## Crosstown Alliance

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18)*

As we journey through the next 21 days of prayer and fasting together, our hope is that individually and corporately we would become increasingly sensitive to the Lord’s voice, that our hearts would become unified around the vision of our church, and that a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit would renew and strengthen us for the season ahead.

Our vision at Crosstown is to lead people to discover, develop, and display full devotion to Jesus Christ. We will spend a week in prayer over each aspect of the vision, with a specific focus each day.

### WEEK 1 - DISCOVER

**August 7: Worship Services** - Pray that as we gather on Sunday morning people would discover who Jesus is through the worship, the message, and prayer.

*Acts 2:42: “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”*

- Pray for God to speak through the preaching of His Word.
- Pray for every seat to be filled with people who are hungry to hear from God.
- Pray for dozens of people to hear and respond to the gospel and begin a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**August 8: First-time Guests** - Pray that all of our first-time guests would feel welcomed and encouraged to take next steps of faith.

*Romans 15:7: “Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”*

- Pray that from the parking lot to the sermon, our guests would encounter Jesus at Crosstown.
- Pray for new relationships to be started in our cafes and foyers. Pray for our greeters and hospitality ministries to be intentionally focused on serving our guests.
- Pray that God would bring people into my life to invite to church and share the gospel with. Pray that we would host hundreds of first-time guests this fall.

**August 9: Worship Teams** - Pray that our worship teams would lead the church into the presence of God, in both spirit and truth.

*John 4:23: "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him."*

- Pray for a joyful and powerful time of worship that keeps our focus on Jesus.
- Pray that God would call and equip more musicians to serve on the worship teams.
- Pray that our teams would continue to grow in their ability to lead well with excellence for the glory of God.

**August 10: Kidzone and Roots Ministries** - Pray that our kids and teens would continue to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

*Matt. 19:14: "but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"*

- Pray that our volunteers would be encouraged and energized to invest in the next generation.
- Pray that every child and teenager would discover the hope we have in Jesus. Pray for broken families in our community to discover the peace that surpasses all understanding.
- Pray that the next generation of Spirit-filled, Jesus-loving servants would be raised up in our church.

**August 11: Big Things** - Pray that God would continue to do big things in our church.

*Matt. 19:26: "But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"*

- Pray that we would have testimonies of God's goodness and glory to share with others.
- Pray that God would move in seemingly impossible situations.
- Pray that God's name would be made famous in our communities.
- Pray that more and more people would be willing to share their story of grace.

**August 12: Repentance and Surrender** - Pray that God would be first in our lives and we would be quick to live lives of obedience and repentance.

*2 Pet. 3:9: "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."*

- Pray that our church would keep short accounts with God through daily repentance.
- Pray that people in our church, especially myself, would learn to confess sin and find healing in the gospel.
- Pray that God would be number one in my life.

**August 13: Salvations and Baptisms** - Pray that people would continue to make decisions for Christ through both salvation and baptism.

*Matt. 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

- Pray for clear and consistent gospel invitations on Sunday mornings.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw unsaved people to Himself (*John 6:44*).
- Pray that more and more, the culture of our church would be characterized by people taking next steps toward Jesus.

## **WEEK 2 - DEVELOP**

**August 14: Roots Camp** - Pray for the students and volunteers going to Roots camp this afternoon.

*Deut. 6:6-7: "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

- Pray that our students would experience Jesus in a fresh way that would lead to transformed lives.
- Pray that our students would establish faith-filled friendships that would last a lifetime.
- Pray that our adult volunteers would have energy to invest in the lives of the students this week.

**August 15: Small Groups** - Pray for our upcoming small group semester, that people would be prompted to care for others and grow in their faith.

*Eph. 4:14-16: "so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."*

- Pray for new leaders and hosts to be equipped and commissioned to lead in the upcoming semester.
- Pray for hundreds of people to get plugged into small groups where they can develop meaningful friendships while growing towards Christ-like maturity.
- Pray that our church family would embrace a life of faith that goes beyond Sunday morning service.

**August 16: Families and Marriages** - Pray for strong Christ-centered families and marriages.

*Joshua 24:15: "And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

- Pray that struggling marriages would be restored.
- Pray that children would be disciplined and trained in the families for our church.
- Pray that Christ would be the priority in my family.

**August 17: Freedom and Healing** - Pray for healing of past hurts, habits, and hangups in peoples' lives so that they can move forward in the freedom of Christ.

*Psalms 119:45: "and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts."*

- Pray that people would find freedom from addictions as they surrender to the Lord.
- Pray that God would free me from my past wounds and I would be healed.
- Pray for people to be secure in their identity as a child of God.

**August 18: Leadership** - Pray for the leadership of the church, that God would protect, guide, and equip the pastors, elders, deacons, and ministry leaders in our church.

*1 Tim. 2:1-4: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

- Pray that God would protect our leaders and their families from the schemes of the enemy.
- Pray for the daily empowerment of the Holy Spirit in our leaders.
- Pray that God would continue to give our leaders vision for the future.

**August 19: Bible Study** - Pray that the people in our church would grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

*2 Tim. 3:16: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."*

- Pray that God would give our church a hunger for the Word of God and that we would develop self-feeding habits of Bible study.
- Pray that the Spirit would give us illumination as we read the Word.
- Pray that God would empower us to put into practice the things we read in Scripture.

**August 20: Generosity** - Pray that God would foster a spirit of generosity in our church and that we would be open-handed with our time, talents, and treasures.

*Luke 19:8: "And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.'"*

- Pray for people to hold tightly to God but loosely to their possessions.
- Pray that people would live and give sacrificially for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray that through the generosity of the church, we would reach our communities.
- Pray that I would trust more fully in God and His provision for my life.

## WEEK 3 - DISPLAY

**August 21: Upcoming Outreaches** - Pray for the outreaches at all of our campuses.

*Mark 10:27: "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.'"*

- Pray for Arcade Backpack Drive tomorrow, and for First Responders Day and Fall Kickoffs on Sept 11th.
- Pray that as we hand out hundreds of invitations, people would have receptive hearts to respond by visiting our church.
- Pray that as we lift up the name of Jesus in our communities, all people would be drawn to Him.

**August 22: Communities** - Pray that God would transform our communities through the power of the gospel.

*Matt. 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

- Pray for opportunities for our church to be active and present in our communities for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray that God would heal our towns and cities of poverty, racism, and violence.
- Pray that as our church lives out the light of the gospel in our communities, it would push back the darkness in our culture.

**August 23: The Lost** - Pray for those who are far from God but close to us.

*Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

- Pray that our church would share the heart of Christ for those who are weary and heavy-laden.
- Pray that God would help us build relationships with people who are far from Him, broken but in need of Jesus.
- Pray that we would have the courage to boldly proclaim the life-saving message of the gospel.

**August 24: Serve Teams** - Pray for all of our serve teams (Worship, Tech, Kidzone, Roots, Nursery, Hospitality, Greeters, Building and Grounds, Cleaning Teams, Small Group Leaders).

*Luke 10:27: "And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.'"*

- Pray that God would make the *why* behind ministry abundantly clear to all of our volunteers, and that He would remind us *who* we are doing it for.
- Pray that God would encourage and strengthen our volunteers and they would serve out of the overflow of the Spirit's work in them.
- Pray for more people to discover their spiritual gifts and use them to edify the body of Christ.

**August 25: Future Campuses** - Pray that God would continue to use Crosstown to revitalize struggling churches.

*Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

- Pray that God would raise up leaders, campus pastors, and launch team members to launch new campuses.
- Pray that God would give us opportunities to revitalize campuses according to His will.
- Pray that God would strengthen our church as we continue to do church together.

**August 26: International Missions** - Pray for all of our international workers and the ministries that are advancing the gospel overseas.

*Matt. 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."*

- Pray for our partners overseas (Brandon and Bethany Nutter in the Dominican Republic and Walter and Laura Hopkins in Spain).
- Pray for safety and courage for all workers in Creative Access countries (dangerous countries).
- Pray for new workers to answer the call of missions in their life.
- Pray for more people to be led to give generously to the Great Commission Fund.

**August 27: Fall Kickoff** - Pray for the Fall Kickoff at all of our campuses on Sept 11th. We are asking God that He would fill our churches and that He would bring a fresh energy, excitement, enthusiasm for what He wants to do in our church this Fall.

*Luke 10:2: "And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"*

- Pray that dozens of young families would come to Crosstown for the very first time this fall.
- Pray that we would be faithful in praying for and inviting people to church that day.
- Pray that the older people in our community, those who may believe that their best days are behind them, would find new life in Christ. It's never too early and it's never too late.
- Pray that the people I am investing in and inviting will come to church.