

The Power of Prayer

DEEP & WIDE

Bold Prayers for the Month of August

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...”

— Ephesians 3:20

As we journey through our Deep & Wide series this August, let's pray bold, faith-filled prayers together. Let's trust Jesus to deepen our walk with Him and widen our impact for the Gospel.

Remember, God works through praying people!

Sunday, August 2

Boldness to Share Jesus

Ask God to give you courage to speak about Christ and share God's Word with someone this month.

Pray for:

- Open doors for Gospel conversations.
- Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading.
- Opportunities to invite someone to church.

“Grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness.” — Acts 4:29

Monday, August 3

Divine Appointments This Week

Ask God to orchestrate conversations, and divine appointments, throughout this week.

Pray for courage to share God's truth and grace, and for hearts to be open and receptive to the Gospel.

Simply pray: Lord, put someone in my path today who needs Your hope, truth, and love.

Tuesday, August 4

Lost Family Members and Friends

Write down the names of three people who need Jesus and begin praying for them daily.

“The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.” — Luke 19:10

Reminder: Utilize the “Invest and Invite” Cards (ask your campus pastor for one).

Wednesday, August 5

Spiritual Hunger

Ask God to awaken a deeper desire for prayer, worship, and His Word throughout our church... including in your heart.

Pray that many would move from casual Christianity to wholehearted devotion.

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” — Matthew 16:24

Thursday, August 6

Struggling Families

Pray for:

- Healing and peace in marriages.
- Parents and children to be reconciled.
- Financial freedom and God’s provision.
- Overall encouragement for those who feel down.

Friday, August 7

Breakthroughs

Bring before God situations that seem impossible.

Pray for:

- A job situation.
- Physical healing.
- Emotional healing from past wounds.
- Forgiveness and restored relationships.

“Nothing will be impossible with God.” — Luke 1:37

Saturday, August 8
Freedom from Addiction

Pray for those battling:

- Anxiety and depression
- Substance abuse
- Destructive habits and patterns
- Pornography
- Gambling

Ask Jesus to break chains and bring freedom for those who are hurting.

“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” — John 8:36

Sunday, August 9
Celebrate Recovery

Pray that God would use this new ministry at the Greece campus to become a place of healing, restoration, and hope for many people in our community.

Pray for leaders, volunteers, and future testimonies of God’s transforming grace.

Celebrate Recovery is scheduled to launch Monday, August 17.

Monday, August 10
Our Nation

Pray for:

- Wisdom for leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Unity amid division.
- Justice and righteousness to reign.
- Spiritual awakening throughout our country.

“If people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” — 2 Chronicles 7:14

Tuesday, August 11
Workers for the Harvest

Ask God to raise up:

- Small group leaders for the fall semester
- Children's ministry volunteers to serve in Kidzone
- Student ministry leaders to serve in Roots
- Worship team members to sing and play instruments
- Future pastors, elders, and international workers

Set your alarm for 10:02a (for you night owls—10:02p)

Pray 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.”

Wednesday, August 12

Open Staff Positions

Ask God to raise up the right people for the several ministry positions.

We currently have Student Ministry Director openings (Greece and Walworth), as well as the Kidzone Director, and Worship Leader, positions in Walworth.

Pray for connections, discernment, and God's perfect provision.

Thursday, August 13

Generosity

Pray that we all would be generous with God's resources that He has entrusted to us.

Ask Him to provide every resource needed for our campuses to reach their communities, and for our International Workers to reach the nations—all for the glory of God.

Reminder: Great Commission Sunday is August 23rd. Please consider supporting the Great Commission Fund (GCF) this Sunday, as it goes towards supporting almost 700 International Workers (IWs) who share the gospel around the world.

Friday, August 14

District Leadership & Churches

Pray for our new District Superintendent, Bryce Baldwin, as he begins this new season of ministry. Ask God to help Bryce and his family settle in well and to give him wisdom and discernment as he leads our district.

Pray for renewed vision for health, growth, and Gospel impact across our district churches.

Pray for struggling churches to experience renewal, for open ministry positions to be filled, and for greater collaboration & partnership among churches for the sake of the Gospel.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." — Philippians 1:3-5

Saturday, August 15 **Be Still and Know**

Whatever is weighing you down today, place it at the feet of Jesus and trust Him to work according to His plan and timing.

When you are tempted to strive, worry, or fix everything yourself, simply pause. Be still and remember that God sees you, loves you, and is working all things together for your good and His glory.

Pray this prayer: Jesus, I'm coming to You first. I want to hear from You. Please minister to my heart and work in my situation in ways only You can.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." — Matthew 11:28

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" — Psalm 46:10

Sunday, August 16 **ROOT Summer Camp**

As students arrive at camp today, pray that God would prepare hearts for what He wants to do.

Pray for:

- Safe travel to camp
- Defining moments for students (salvations, renewed faith, callings into ministry/missions)
- Lasting friendships in our student ministry that are centered on Christ

Ask God to move powerfully among our students.

Monday, August 17
The Next Generation of Christ Followers

As conversations are had and camp messages are shared, ask God to raise up future:

- Disciples
- Leaders
- Teachers
- Pastors
- Missionaries
- Lifelong disciple-makers.

Pray: Lord, give these students a passion for Your Word and a love for Your church. Make them lasting followers of You, not merely fans who are excited for a few days. As our student ministry name implies, root them deeply in the gospel.

Tuesday, August 18
Camp Leaders and Counselors

Pray for wisdom, protection, and especially ENERGY for our camp leaders.

Ask God to use every leader, every camp counselor, as an instrument of encouragement and spiritual growth for our Crosstown youth.

Wednesday, August 19
Lasting Fruit from Camp

Pray that students would return home:

- More in love with Jesus.
- More passionate about His mission.
- More committed to His Word.

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” — 1 Timothy 4:12

Thursday, August 20
Unity in Our Church

Pray that the Holy Spirit would protect the unity of Crosstown during this season of growth and transition.

Pray for:

- Humility in our relationships.
- Love that reflects Christ.
- Protection from division and discouragement.
- A spirit of encouragement throughout every campus.

“Maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” — Ephesians 4:3

Friday, August 21

Health and Growth at Every Crosstown Campus

Pray for:

- New families to come.
- People to find hope in Jesus.
- Salvations and baptisms.
- Lasting fruit and spiritual growth

“So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.” — Acts 16:5

Saturday, August 22

Discipleship

Ask God to use our upcoming discipleship series (starting September 20) to help people take meaningful next steps with Jesus.

Pray for spiritual growth and multiplication throughout our church as people move from merely attending to abiding, serving, and making disciples.

Pray that we would take seriously Jesus’ call to go and make disciples wherever He has placed us.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” — Matthew 28:19

Sunday, August 23

Great Commission Sunday

Pray for God to speak powerfully through Pastor Stu as he shares God's Word today.

Pray for hearts to respond with faith to God's call to make disciples of all nations.

Pray that God would raise up and send the people He is calling to next year's mission trip, and to future opportunities, to serve around the world.

Pray for the Great Commission Fund Offering—that there would be a tremendous outpouring of generosity, and that every gift would help advance the Gospel to our neighbors and the nations.

If you've never given to the Great Commission Fund, would you consider partnering with us today by giving any amount?

"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." — Matthew 24:14

Monday, August 24

Pray for Pastor Eber and the Olean Campus

Pray for Pastor Eber's sabbatical to be a season of rest, renewal, and fun with his family.

Pray for wisdom and strength for the Olean elders and leaders stepping up in Eber's absence during this season of ministry.

Pray that God would continue to work in incredible ways through the Olean campus—that new people would be reached, disciples would be made, and the church would continue to grow.

Tuesday, August 25

Walworth Launch Team

Pray for:

- Unity and encouragement among the launch team.
- Strength, joy, and perseverance in this season of preparation.
- New relationships and opportunities to connect in the community.
- Local leaders to emerge and take ownership of key ministries.
- Renovation projects to be completed on time before the launch day (September 20)

Wednesday, August 26

Lost People in Walworth

Ask God to prepare hearts even now.

Pray specifically for people who will one day say: “I met Jesus because those folks at Crosstown Walworth loved God and loved people”

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.” — John 6:44

Thursday, August 27

Favor in the Community

Pray for open doors with:

- Schools
- Businesses
- Community leaders
- Neighbors and families

Ask God to make His church a blessing to your community, and especially to the Walworth and Macedon region as we approach the grand opening of our new campus on September 20.

Friday, August 28

Walworth Block Party

Pray for tomorrow’s outreach at the Walworth Campus:

- For great conversations and connections with the community.
- For great weather (Lord, let there be sunshine!)
- For people to be open to the Gospel and conversations of faith.
- For families who are searching for hope to find a church home.

Saturday, August 29

Jonathan Schaefer’s Visit to Crosstown

Pray for a great visit with the president of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Jonathan and his wife, Mary, are wonderful people. Pray for a special blessing on their travels and on our time together.

Pray that our church would be encouraged and inspired through Jonathan’s message to continue taking the Gospel to our neighborhoods and to the nations.

Pray for a renewed vision for Kingdom partnership and for all that God can accomplish when His people work together.

Sunday, August 30

This Fall

Pray for:

- A powerful launch of the Walworth campus (September 20).
- Many people come to faith in Christ.
- New leaders to be raised up.
- A genuine, Christ-centered biblical community to be formed.
- Hundreds of people to come and be discipled.
- The first few Christians to be baptized at the Walworth campus.

Join us in praying: Lord, do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine. Deepen our love for You and widen our impact for the Gospel.

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think...” — Ephesians 3:20

Monday, August 31

Arcade's Back-to-School Outreach

Pray that families in Arcade would experience the love of Christ and that the backpack event would be a good relational bridge to the community.

Ask God to open doors for people to be responsive to the Gospel.

Pray that those who attend the backpack event would come to visit on an upcoming Sunday morning.