PRAYER GUIDE



There is great power in unity and great power when unified in prayer. Famed preacher Charles Spurgeon once gave a tour of the church he pastored, Metropolitan Church in England. He invited his guests down to see the boiler room which he told them was the place where the church got all its power. The guests found it strange but realized what he meant when he opened the door and they saw hundreds of people praying. For the next 20 days as we celebrate what God has done and come to Him expectant for what He will do, we want to pray together for the same things each day. Here are 20 specific ways we will pray that will lead to our vision of being a Generational Movement of Gospel Multiplication.

DAY 1 | AUGUST 12: THANK GOD FOR THE PREVIOUS TWENTY YEARS

As we stand here to mark 20 years of God's faithfulness, scripture tells us to celebrate and speak of what God has done. We stand on the shoulders of hundreds of men and women who prayed, sweated, served and led when sent out from Westridge Church 20 years ago. By faith they gathered, knowing that God had gone before them. Let's give thanks to God for the vision of Pastor Brian Bloye and those who were sent. Let's also give thanks for the thousands who have come to know Jesus, the thousands who have made their public profession through baptism, the communities that have been changed, the marriages that have been reconciled, and for those that have been healed from the bondage of addiction.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! **Psalm 105:1-6 ESV**

DAY 2 | AUGUST 13: PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

We all like to share great things in our lives. You've probably told many friends about your favorite pizza place or your latest and greatest Costco purchase. No doubt if you had the cure for cancer, you'd be shouting it from atop the mountains and certainly Instagram. Well, guess what? JESUS is the GOOD NEWS, and for it to be news, it has to be delivered. Jesus said in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations. Pray today for opportunities to share the gospel! Read the most famous verse in the Bible as if you have never seen it before. John 3:16 says all will die, but not everyone will perish. Thank God for saving you and pray for the opportunity and for boldness to share the hope that you have with your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers, your family and anyone else in your sphere of influence.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **John 3:16-17 ESV**

DAY 3 | AUGUST 14: PRAY TO HAVE A DEEP LOVE FOR HIS WORD

Let's start today with 2 questions. Do you love God? Do you want to hear Him speak to you? Hopefully the answer is yes to both of those questions. So, here's a 3rd one. How does He speak to you? Through His Word! Psalm I says that the man who delights in His law or His instruction is blessed and will be like a tree that's been planted near a stream. That tree will thrive. That tree will bear fruit. That tree will be able to withstand the elements. We are to read His Word when we are alone, hear His Word when we gather, speak His Word over others and have overall delight in His Word.

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. **Psalm 119:10-16 NIV**

DAY 4 | AUGUST 15: PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH TO STAND FIRM

In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul defends the amazing, life-giving truth that Jesus resurrected from the dead! In light of that, he says in verse 58, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." You could look at it as standing strong on the truth of Jesus as a foundation when facing trials, temptations, opposition, false teaching and more. Today, pray that Revolution Church would stand firm on the truth of the Bible and never stray from it. Pray that we would also stand firm in the face of trials and opposition and stand guard against false teaching.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm**. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV**

DAY 5 | AUGUST 16: PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

The work of ministry is greatly rewarding, but it requires great sacrifice. These sacrifices can include time with loved ones and even one's health. Satan is relentless in his hatred of the church and would love nothing more than to take out church staff. Pray today for the Revolution Staff, for their relationship with Jesus, their health, their marriages and their children. Ask God to sustain them and give them strength, so they can continue serving and leading. Pray for the staff to grow in wisdom and understanding of what God has called them to do at Revolution. Ask God to give them boldness in witnessing, to give them creativity and vision, and most of all, for the staff to have a great love for Jesus and God's Word.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. **Proverbs 3:3-5 ESV**

DAY 6 | AUGUST 17: PRAY FOR OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS

Revolution Church exists to be a generational movement of Gospel Multiplication. Without these 2 ministries, the church will be gone in one generation. The importance of RevKids and RevStudents cannot be overstated. These are Team Members and leaders in our church today and for decades to come. These boys and girls, middle schoolers and high schoolers will be moms and dads, husbands and wives, teachers and first responders. They will work in all fields of industry, own businesses and be your

neighbors. If they do not know Jesus, pray that they would trust in Him. Pray today that they would love Jesus above all and that the gospel would inform every aspect of their lives. Pray for these ministries to grow so others would come to know Jesus. Pray for the Kids and Students staff and that God would bring more leaders and Team Members to serve in these ministries. Today's verse is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible. Let's look at it as an encouragement and a warning to the importance of raising children on the truths of God and not the lies of the world.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 ESV**

DAY 7 AUGUST 18: PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG ADULTS

After much prayer and the identification of a great need, our church began a Young Adults Ministry this year. The first few years after high school are some of the most challenging years in life. There are new found "freedoms" and a myriad of distractions. The purpose of our Young Adults ministry is to bring 18–25 year olds together and open up God's Word. Pray today that this ministry will continue to thrive. Pray that our Young Adults would grow in their love for Jesus. Pray they would want to follow His way and not the world's. Pray that more adults would step up to serve as Young Adult Community Group Leaders and for God to raise up Young Adults to lead in the church. Today's verse is applicable to all of us, but in the context of Young Adults, it has a life-changing impact that will fuel the vision to be a Generational Movement of Gospel Multiplication.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:2 ESV**

DAY 8 | AUGUST 19: PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY & COMMUNITY LEADERS

When our church began the journey to plant a campus in Jasper, Pastor Jason spoke from Jeremiah 29. He said we are "sent" people, and we are to seek the welfare of the cities to which we are sent. Our communities are only as strong as their people. Cherokee and Pickens Counties are great places to live and to serve, and *you* can have a great impact on them. Pray today for the well being of our communities. Pray for the county commissioners, the mayors, the city and town councils, the school boards and other local officials that they would have wisdom and understanding from God to lead well. Pray for our counties and our neighbors for healing and freedom from addiction. Pray for our first responders: police officers, sheriff deputies, firefighters, 911 operators and health care workers. Pray for our teachers, school staff, administrators, coaches and bus drivers.

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. **Jeremiah 29:7 ESV**

DAY 9 | AUGUST 20: PRAY FOR CHURCH PLANTING

Do we really need more churches? YES! It turns out not everyone knows Jesus. We know that, but do we position our time, talents and treasures for the purpose of more people knowing Him? Remember, 20 years ago Revolution was a little church plant! Why? Because Cherokee County needed to hear the Word. Pray today in thanksgiving for the churches that Revolution has planted or helped plant (Crossover ATL, Creekside Church in Paulding County, Hope Church in Johns Creek), our church plant in Scotland and the 5 Revolution Churches in Kenya. Pray for God to raise up church planters in Jasper and Canton. Ask Him if

that's YOU. Pray for God to open doors for more church plants and campuses. Pray for Team Members and Leaders to be raised up and sent. Pray for resources for church planting.

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" **Romans 10:14-15 ESV**

DAY 10 | AUGUST 21: PRAY FOR OUR TEAM MEMBERS AND FOR MORE TEAM MEMBERS

If prayer is the engine that runs the boiler room of the church, Team Members are the fuel. Without the 1000+ Team Members serving each week at our campuses, we can't do what God has called us to do. Pray today for our current Team Members. Ask God to strengthen them, give them hearts of joy as they serve, give them wisdom on where to serve and when to serve. If you are a current Team Member, ask God to put someone on your heart to tap on the shoulder and ask them to serve with you. What we prayed for yesterday (more campuses and churches) can't happen without multiplying yourself. If you are not a Team Member yet, it's time to take your next step of obedience in our discipleship pathway, and that is to join a team. Ask God where He might have you serve and use the gifts He's given you.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **Philippians 2:3-7 ESV**

DAY 11 | AUGUST 22: PRAY FOR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES IN OUR CHURCH

Marriage and family is a high calling from God. Marriage is such a high calling that it's the example God uses to describe Jesus' relationship with the church. It goes without saying that Satan hates marriage because it glorifies God. The enemy's scheme is to destroy marriages and break up families. Pray today for marriages to withstand the schemes of the devil. Pray for husbands to love their wives like Christ loved the church. Pray for wives to submit to their husbands. Pray for marriages that have Jesus at the center. Pray for families to have Jesus at the center. Ask God to give moms and dads wisdom on what and who comes into their homes, what devices their kids use and what apps they can and cannot have. Rest assured your kids are being discipled, either by you and the church or by the world. Ask God to give you wisdom on leading your family. Today's verse is lengthy, but so good. For an understanding of what Paul means in these verses, watch Pastor Jason's messages on the below verses: SUBMIT TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS | HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no

one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. **Ephesians 5:22-33 ESV**

DAY 12 | AUGUST 23: PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL IMPACT AND OUR LOCAL OUTREACH PARTNERS

Just as we prayed for our communities, pray today to seek the welfare of our cities to which we are sent through our local outreach partners and through your generosity and living on mission. Whether it's providing needed supplies to our outreach partners in Pickens County or providing English as Second Language classes at our Canton Campus, the local impact of Revolution Church must be tangible. Plus, our two major outreach events, Give A Kid A Chance and Hope For Christmas serve thousands of people in our communities. As we have said many times, "if Revolution and its people disappeared tomorrow would our communities notice?" The answer is a resounding yes and that is because of you and your generosity. Pray today for continued gospel impact and multiplication in Cherokee and Pickens Counties. Pray for SERV Local, The Joy House, Love Beyond Walls, Faithbridge Foster Care, Goshen Valley, Cherokee County School District and official school partners: Cherokee High School, Hasty Elementary School, Ball Ground Elementary School and Teasley Middle School.

Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. **Matthew 22:36-40 ESV**

DAY 13 | AUGUST 24: PRAY FOR OUR GLOBAL IMPACT, OUR GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNERS AND OUR CHURCHES IN AFRICA

Through your generosity and living life on mission, the gospel goes forward beyond the borders of Cherokee and Pickens Counties. Just like yesterday's prayer, if Revolution Church and its people disappeared tomorrow, Turkana, Kenya would notice. It's wild to think that what you do here has a significant gospel impact globally. All 73 kids at House of Hope in Turkana are fully sponsored because of your generosity. That's just one example. Our 5 Revolution Churches in Kenya have already sent our pastors and have planted 8 other churches that don't even have the name Revolution. Please pray today for all of our people in Kenya, the pastors who are on the ground there, and for our global outreach partners SERV International, Haiti Cheri, Compassion, Take Hold Church in Scotland, and Revolution Church Kaakiring, Tiya, Namoru'nyang, Lolupe, and Lolum'gete.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:35-40 ESV

DAY 14 | AUGUST 25: PRAY FOR THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED TO LIVE ON MISSION

In order for Revolution to be a Generational Movement of Gospel Multiplication both locally and globally, there must be resources. Resources include people and their spiritual gifts, money, buildings and time. Pray today for God to continue to provide through your generosity so that the gospel continues to move forward in Cherokee and Pickens Counties, the greater Atlanta area and in Kenya and Scotland and where He leads Revolution Church and His people to go. This is an opportunity to take your next step in your journey of generosity to begin tithing.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25 ESV

DAY 15 | AUGUST 26: PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

It doesn't matter who is in office or what their vision is for the country, we are called to pray. As we have heard many times over the past 5 years from Pastor Jason, our hope is not in a President, but in the Person of Jesus Christ. That said, it is an honor to pray for our leaders. Today, pray for our President. Pray for your local, state and federal officials, our Senators and Congressmen and our Judges at the local, circuit, state, federal and Supreme Court levels. Ask God to bless our country. Pray for the freedoms intended in the Constitution. Ask God to protect our leaders, protect our Nation and give our leaders wisdom as they face challenges here and abroad.

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. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. **1 Timothy 2:2-6 ESV**

DAY 16 | AUGUST 27: PRAY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

There are statistics that show that only 2 in every 10 people you encounter have a true saving relationship with Jesus. You may live in a neighborhood where everyone "goes to church" or work at a place at which no one professes their faith. This is why it is so important to be a doer of the word when it comes to loving your neighbor. A neighbor could be someone living in close proximity, a co-worker, a person working at the coffee shop you go to every day, a parent of another kind on your kid's baseball team or even a family member. Maybe you're heard the acronym BLESS. In order to BLESS your neighbor, it starts with the B. Begin with prayer for your neighbor. The L is LISTEN to your neighbor. Get to know them. Hear their story. The E is EAT with your neighbor. Jesus had a LOT of shared meals with the folks around Him. The first S is SERVE your neighbor. Look for ways to serve them as someone considering their neighbor more significant than them (Philippians 2:3-4) The second S is for STORY. Once you have built a relationship through prayer, listening, eating and serving, you can share your story of how Jesus changed your life through the gospel.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your

fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. **John 15:12-17 ESV**

DAY 17 | AUGUST 28: PRAY FOR A HEART OF DISCIPLESHIP IN YOU AND IN THE CHURCH

The heart of our vision statement is the heart of discipleship: A Generational Movement of Gospel Multiplication. What does that look like in everyday life? It's the process of sanctification in each of us and multiplied to others. Ask God today to give you a passion for His Word, a desire to spend time with Him and opportunities to multiply what He has done in your life with others. Today's verse is a picture of our vision. Paul is writing to the younger Timothy and in this we see 4 generations of discipleship. Paul was the first. Timothy the second. Then the faithful men are the third generation and "others" is the fourth. This is a pattern that Pastor Jason preaches on during the Leading the Legacy series.

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. **2 Timothy 2: 1-2 ESV**

DAY 18 | AUGUST 29: PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND CARE GROUPS

Part of our discipleship pathway is core to who we are. That is Groups. Groups at Revolution come in two forms: Community Groups and Care Groups. Community Groups (some churches call them Life Groups or Small Groups) are regular gatherings in people's homes or coffee shops, etc. These are gatherings of 8-14 people at which the week's sermon is discussed. Care Groups are specific to a particular need. Our Care Groups include Divorce Care, Grief Share and Mens and Womens Recovery. Pray specifically today for 3 things: 1. People would take their next step to grow in a Community Group. 2. People would find healing in our Care Groups. 3. God would multiply leaders so that we can have more Community Groups and expand our Care Groups.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV**

DAY 19 | AUGUST 30: PRAY FOR REV // MUSIC

Whether it's *Harvest*, *Abide*, *I Love You*, *I Do* or one of many others, you probably have a favorite RevMusic song, a song that speaks directly to your heart. RevMusic is a homegrown collaboration of artists using music to glorify Jesus and build His church. Several years ago they began to write, sing and record these songs. Pray today that God would continue to inspire these artists to write new music and develop new artists and leaders as they use music to glorify Jesus and build His Church.

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:1-6 ESV

DAY 20 | AUGUST 31: PRAY FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS AND ASK GOD HOW HE WOULD USE YOU

We've remembered, spoken of and celebrated what God has done over the last 20 years. Now we look at the next 20. The cool thing is that we can trust that not only has God gone before us in the next 20 years, but also because of who He is, we can trust that His faithfulness will continue. Ask God today to continue growing His church, not just here but around the world. Ask Him to use YOU in His plan. Specifically, what does that look like for you? Are you going to take your next step and join a team or a group or the church? Are you going to begin or continue in your generosity journey? Ask God to give you wisdom and guidance as you lead a legacy for the next 20 years!

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation, the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God. **Psalm 78:1-8 ESV**