

## Prayer Guide July through September 2018

We invite you to partner in prayer that the Holy Spirit would use us to go into our communities with hearts of service and voices that share the good news of Jesus Christ, multiplying the harvest in all our churches.



### During the week of...

**July 1** - As we look forward to celebrating the freedom God allows us to enjoy in this country, we thank the Lord for freedom from the judgment of sin. As we pray and give thanks, we pray for others to come to faith in Jesus.

**July 8** – May the Lord bless the efforts of Messiah, Chicago as they continue to move forward in engaging the people in their surrounding community and explore beginning a new Hispanic ministry.

**July 15** – As more and more VBS events are held in our District, we pray for our congregations to not only reach children through the Word but to also connect with and engage entire families. We pray relationships can be built through the Gospel and more brought to faith in Jesus.

**July 22** – We ask the Lord to be with all those at Family in Faith, Glendale Heights as they continue to serve their diverse community in many ways, including through their expanded food bank facility. May the Lord bless them as they meet needs, build relationships, and share the love of Jesus.

**July 29** – May the Spirit continue to work through the ministry of Voice of Care, especially through their new effort to train and mobilize volunteers from our Hispanic congregations to provide respite care.

**August 5** – Since our culture recognizes today as International Forgiveness Day, we pray through the Gospel of Jesus, people would come to know the power of forgiveness coming from You through Your death and resurrection in our place. May we receive and give forgiveness. May relationships be healed through Jesus.

**August 12** – We ask the Lord to bless the efforts of all those congregations that are planning neighborhood back-to-school events. May they not only be blessed with many community families but also begin to build relationships with and serve those attending.

**August 19** – We ask God to bless the efforts of all our schools as they begin a new school year. May they offer a superb Christ focused education, and may the Spirit work through our teachers, administrators, and volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they build relationships not only with students but also with their families.

**August 26** – Father, we pray for The Gathering Place, a specific ministry of Immanuel, Palatine, which meets weekly in a local coffee/ice cream shop. As they conduct worship and small group studies for those in the community, may You work in the lives of everyone involved and bring more people to faith in Jesus.

**September 2** - On this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks for the gifts and talents our Lord bestows upon us, enabling us to express our dedication and commitment in every area of life, including through our New Starts...New Believers vision. May the Lord continue to open our eyes to see the opportunities to connect with others.

**September 9** - As our District Board of Directors meets this week, we pray for the Lord to bless these dedicated servants with His wisdom and guidance as they make decisions to further our vision of New Starts...New Believers, which we pray will help congregations move forward into their respective communities as the hands and feet of Jesus.

**September 16** – May the Lord continue to bless Parent’s Day Out, the outreach ministry of New Song, Aurora. Through many targeted and designed opportunities, we pray for relationships to be built with the parents, so that the love and Good News of Jesus can be shared.

**September 23** – As our regional Pastoral Conferences meet over the next few weeks, we pray for the Spirit to strengthen their faith, refresh their spirits, and provide them with insight and additional ways to connect and engage people in our changing culture with His love.

**September 30** – We pray for the outreach ministry of Redeemer, Waukegan as they continue to connect with people in their community. We pray for spiritual conversations to continue as the Spirit works in the hearts and lives of those involved.

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## Joining Together in Prayer

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