

# FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14



6:30-7pm: Worship Center  
7-8pm: Stations

## **HOT CHOCOLATE BAR**

GREAT ROOM

Enjoy hot cocoa and add your favorite toppings for a warm winter treat!

## **BLESS A TEACHER**

GREAT ROOM

Grab a coffee gift card and gift bag, then write a note to your teacher to encourage them. Take time to pray over them as you write the note.

## **PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

BY MISSIONS MAP

Pray for the missionaries GracePoint supports. They spread the Gospel all around the world. Stick your prayer up on the world map.

## **PRAY BLESSINGS**

CHAPEL

Do you take the time to pray blessings and encouragement for the people closest to you? Learn what it means to pray God's blessing over friends and family.

## **PRAY FOR HEALING**

KIDSPPOINT

God is our healer. He heals physical disease, spiritual brokenness, and anything that needs renewed. Write your prayer on a bandaid and pray for God's healing for your life or for someone you know.

## **PRAY FOR LEADERSHIP**

WORSHIP CENTER

Our local, state, and national leaders need our prayers for wisdom as they make difficult decisions. Let's unite as we pray over those in leadership.

## **PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS**

ACTIVITY CENTER

God died on the cross to forgive our sins. Nail your sins on the cross and let Jesus take away the weight of sin in your life.

## **PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS**

BY THE FRONT DOORS

As you leave, grab a prayer guide on praying for your neighborhood. Before you pull in your driveway tonight, take time to drive around and pray for those in your area.

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## Bless-A-Teacher

Every day, your teacher pours their heart and soul into their students and this past year has been especially difficult. Please take time to write them an encouraging note of blessings and thanks. After you write a note and pack the gift card in the bag, take a moment to pray over your teacher. Here are 5 ways to pray for your teacher:

1. Pray for help and strength - God, please give your help when teachers are tired, give grace when they feel they've reached the limit, and give peace when they feel overwhelmed.
2. Pray for purpose - Lord, I pray that you would remind our teacher of the incredible ability they have to make a difference in our lives. Give them fresh vision that what they do is so important, because they are a part of building greatness in our world through the next generation.
3. Pray for protection - Father, we ask for the power and protection of your presence over our schools this year, over every child, every teacher, every classroom. We know that you are mighty, and nothing can stand against you. Thank you Lord, that you are our refuge and strength, that we can rest in the shadow of your constant care.
4. Pray for courage - Jesus, we pray that you would fill every teacher with your great courage and passion for this calling. Give them a heart shield to stand against negativity, to be able to withstand the obstacles and pressures of the day with stamina and grace.
5. Pray for encouragement - Lord, we pray for your blessing and favor today over our teachers, our kids, and our schools. Please allow your face to shine on them today, be gracious to them Lord. Fill them with your Spirit and light; and give them peace in every circumstance.

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## Pray Blessings

A blessing is an opportunity to speak encouraging words over someone and fill their mind and heart with things that are true, things that are good, and things that God says about them. A blessing can be:

1. A prayer or truth from scripture:

Numbers 6:24-26

Psalms 67:1

Ephesians 3:16

Philippians 1:9-11

Colossians 1:11

2. Good spoken over their future:

"I pray that God gives you \_\_\_\_\_"

"I pray that you would know Jesus more deeply every day"

"I pray your gifts would be powerfully used by God"

3. Acknowledging the good in them:

"\_\_\_\_\_, your love for others is a beautiful gift."

"\_\_\_\_\_, I am amazed by the way you \_\_\_\_\_."

"\_\_\_\_\_, God has blessed me by allowing me to be part of your life."

A blessing is simply speaking good words over someone! Be generous in the way you encourage them and make sure to connect with the person you are blessing by placing your hands on them and/or look them in the eye.

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## Pray for Healing

One name for God is Jehovah Rapha, which stands for 'God who heals'. But what this name actually says is stronger than that. It's not so much, "I am the God who heals" as it is, "HEALING IS WHAT I AM."

God, who IS HEALING, longs to heal what is broken in your life.

We need to know this God named Jehovah Rapha who can heal anything for which we need healing.

Physical pain? God can heal that.  
Relational pain? God can heal that.

Emotional pain? God can heal that.  
Mental pain? God can heal that.

Take the time to pray for healing in you or someone else's life. Write the prayer or someone's name on a bandaid and place on the wall.

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## Pray for Leadership

We are grateful to live in a country where we can openly pray for our leaders. One of Paul's very first instructions to his protégé, Timothy was to pray "for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:2 NIV). Paul's message is as relevant now as it was when the Church was first formed: Your prayers can move mountains!

Write your prayer on the posters for our nation, our state, and all our elected officials.

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Pray for Forgiveness

1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

There is no sin too big that Jesus' death on the cross cannot cover.

Write down your sin that you need to confess to God, fold the paper, and nail it to the cross to remember that Jesus' blood has washed away your sins.

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## Pray for our Missionaries

### 1. Pray for the Missionaries family

Each missionary has a family. Whether it's a spouse, kids, or family they've left behind to be on the mission field, they've all made a small sacrifice to be in the ministry field they are in.

### 2. Pray for hearts of the people they are connected with

Each missionary has a target people group they are trying to connect with. Pray that they can continue to disciple those around them.

### 3. Pray for people who don't know Jesus

Most of all, these missionaries want to see souls who don't know Jesus, come to faith in him. Pray that they would have opportunity to share the hope that we have in Jesus with those whom they may not know.

Missionaries and projects we support as a church:

#### Here - (Brookings)

TJ and Kristy Carlson - FCA in Brookings and on SDSUs campus

John and Londa Florey - Intersivity on SDSUs Campus

#### Near - (Regional)

Rick and Kindra Pridey - CRU

Larry and Dale Salway - He Sapa New Life - Native American ministry in Rapid City

#### Far

Susan Huggins - Wycliff language translation in Mexico

Kerry Pickard - Russia

Carl and Maya Gilles - Missionary Development for French Speaking Countries in Africa

AsOne Ministries in Africa

(Closed countries)

Pray for our missionaries in closed countries around the world.

Write out a prayer on a post-it note and put it on the board.

Take a card for a missionary and continue to pray for them.