

# AUGUST PRAYER GUIDE

## **Passionate disciples are what we long to be:**

- Consumed with the matchless love of God! (Eph 3:18-20)
- Deep and abiding love for Jesus (Luke 10:25-27)
- Sincere love for those around us (Luke 10:25-27)
- Proclaim the authority of God's Word without apology (4 Tim 4:2)
- Worship wholeheartedly in spirit and truth (John 4:24)
- Fervent in dependent and expectant prayer (Eph 6:18)
- Bold in looking for and taking Gospel opportunities (Eph 6:19-20)
- Open our hearts and homes to the body of Christ. (1 Peter 4:9)

## **God's kingdom growing on earth is what we long to see:**

- Life changing impact as the Spirit of God moves through sermons, small groups and Gospel-centered relationships.
- Strong discipleship ministries - strength, energy and focus for all of our ministry area leaders as we ready for another ministry season - elders, staff, deacons, flock leaders, small group leaders, team leaders in Kids, Youth, YA, Welcome, Evangelism, Compassion Outreaches, Hospitality, Production, Recovery.
- Kingdom minded people to rise up and serve in various ministry capacities in our church - there are definite needs in each of the above areas.
- Pray our church family would be fully consumed with and totally surrendered to Jesus!
- Pray for our church and all other Bible believing, Gospel centered churches to experience God's faithfulness and fruitfulness.

## **Please pray for the Lord to move in our August events:**

- Go Teams Friday Night Outreach – Aug 10
- VBS Week – Aug 13-17
- Harvest Essentials – Aug 15 & 22
- GO Teams Extreme Missions Niagara Falls – Aug 18
- Go Teams Food Outreach – Aug 25
- Recovery – Aug 27
- Prayer & Praise – Aug 29

**Please see the following pages to pray for our VBS taking place Aug 13 - 17!**

# VBS PRAYER COUNTDOWN

DAYS TO VBS	SCRIPTURE	PRAYER
<b>14</b>	1 Corinthians 12:27	Today I pray for all of our volunteers. Fill any remaining empty spots and help our volunteer teams prepare for using their unique gifts and talents in the body of Christ to serve children at VBS.
<b>13</b>	Romans 12:12	I lift up the families of those in leadership at VBS. Fill their homes with joy, their hearts with patience, and their minds with prayer as they share their moms and dads with the church in preparation for a big week.
<b>12</b>	Philippians 2:1-2	Give the VBS team unity as they make final preparations. Keep communication open and help them to be like-minded, having the same love, and being one in spirit.
<b>11</b>	Colossians 3:23-24	Help our VBS team to be good stewards of time and resources as they prepare, working with efficiency and effectiveness as they serve the Lord behind-the-scenes.
<b>10</b>	Zechariah 4:6	Jesus, give supernatural brainpower that is not from their own might but is from the Spirit. Clear distraction as the leadership team finishes the administrative tasks of VBS preparations.
<b>9</b>	John 15:12-13	Lord, I ask for relationships and community to form this week—between kids and with the leaders. Let VBS be a place where love and friendships thrive and grow and the truth of the Gospel is proclaimed boldly. Help the leaders own love for Jesus point children to Christ.
<b>8</b>	Colossians 1:11	God, I ask for lots of energy for our team and a building excitement in the kids. Strengthen them with your glorious might, and give them endurance to get through the week and patience when they are tired.
<b>7</b>	1 Timothy 4:12	Today I lift up all of our student/youth volunteers. Use this week to develop their hearts for leadership and service, and help them remember that they can set an example for believers through their words and actions.
<b>6</b>	Luke 8:4-8	Heavenly Father, today I ask that you would prepare the ears, hearts, and minds of the kids who will attend VBS. Allow their hearts to be good soil, so they can hear the lessons, retain them, and produce fruit for years to come.
<b>5</b>	Genesis 8:13-14	I ask for sunshine and good weather Lord. Let the earth be dry and the skies be sunny for VBS.
<b>4</b>	2 Peter 3:18	Lord, I lift up each grade/crew specifically today and ask that you would help our team reach kids according to their specific needs and abilities. Help kids to grow in the grace and knowledge of you, Jesus, each according to how they are wired.
<b>3</b>	Hebrews 6:1a	Jesus, I pray for our 5th graders/preteens who are attending their last VBS. Tighten their bonds with each other and with you as they move into the youth group, and continue to lead them toward spiritual maturity.
<b>2</b>	Psalms 16:1	God today I ask for safety and good health at VBS. Keep all safe, God, as they take refuge in you. Place a hedge of protection around VBS and our church.
<b>1</b>	Proverbs 3:24	Give the VBS team and the children attending a sweet sleep tonight so they are full of energy for the start of VBS tomorrow. Let them wake rested, energized, and ready for what you will do this week!

# VBS PRAYERS

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<b>1</b>	Mark 4:9	As we kick off VBS this morning, give kids and volunteers high energy and a lot of excitement. Give everyone safe travels and help check-in run smoothly. I ask that today new friendships begin to form, and I specifically lift up our preschoolers and their leaders today. God, give kids ears to hear all that they will learn and do this week. I also pray for our teacher this week. Fill him with your words and Spirit with boldness.
<b>2</b>	2 Corinthians 5:17	As the week continues, Jesus, help kids understand who they are because of who YOU are. As they learn more about you, may it remind them that they are a new creation, and help their identities be firmly grounded in you. I specifically lift up our kindergarteners and their leaders today.
<b>3</b>	Colossians 4:6 & Ephesians 4:29	Today I ask that you, God, would be evident in all conversations at VBS. Let all words be full of grace and truth. Let conversations be uplifting and life-giving to others. I also pray specifically for our 1st and 2nd graders and their leaders today.
<b>4</b>	Philippians 3:14 & Galatians 6:9	As we come to day 4, give our leaders energy, strength, and perseverance to keep serving with excellence at VBS. Help our teams press on toward the goal even when we are tired and let them not become weary. May the Gospel be proclaimed with power today. I also pray specifically for our 3rd and 4th graders and their leaders today.
<b>5</b>	Hebrews 10:24-25	As we head into the last day of VBS, I ask God, that you would solidify relationships and help them continue to grow and be fixed upon you. Continue relationships formed this week, and as the clean-up and follow-up begins, I also pray specifically for our 5th graders and their leaders today.
<b>6 (the day after vbs)</b>	Matthew 25:21	Lord, thank you for a great week and for providing an amazing team of volunteers. Continue to shape and mold the hearts of the children and give them reminders of this week and of your love throughout the rest of the summer. Just because VBS is over doesn't mean the work you're doing through VBS is over. God, today I ask for good conversations as they follow up, clean up, and collect feedback for next year. Give the team rest after such a long but great week. Lord, may you bring salvation and growth to every family represented at VBS.