



**September 10, 2017**

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

Praise God for the leaders with which He has blessed our church. Ask God to grant wisdom and compassion to our elders as they shepherd our faith family. Pray for God to raise up more elders from among us. Pray for more men and women to step into our deacon serving opportunities to help attend to the needs of our families, members, and guests.

**PRAY FOR OUR CITY**

This week we are praying for Aspire Movement ([aspiremovement.org](http://aspiremovement.org)), a Christian mentoring ministry promoting holistic discipleship of urban youth. Aspire focuses on personal transformation in four key areas of growth and development: mental, physical, spiritual, and social. Christian mentors are matched with fourth or fifth grade students from urban schools with whom they will develop a long-term, mutually transforming relationship. We are also praying for Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Pratt City, and Pastor Q.E. Hammonds.

**DAY 1:** Pray for the Lord to provide fifty new mentors through church partners for the new school year.

**DAY 2:** Pray for the Lord to use the recent endeavor of mentoring homeless youth to show and share with them the love of Christ.

**DAY 3:** Pray for our current mentors to continue being faithful to their students by spending time together, praying faithfully for them, and encouraging them to know and faithfully follow Christ.

**DAY 4:** Pray for the Lord to open up doors for mentors to build deeper relationships with the guardians of their students so they can together impact the life of their child.

**DAY 5:** Pray for the Lord to send new donors and ministry partners so they can share the vision of Aspire and continue to grow as a ministry.

**DAY 6:** Pray for the new staff members, Jessica Leslie and Karena Klisares, as they transition and grow into their new roles.

**PRAY FOR OUR WORLD**

One of the largest unreached and unengaged people groups in Turkey are the Zaza people. This week, we are praying for the Zaza people and our field partners working among them. There are close to three million Zaza living in Turkey, with less than 2% evangelical Christians among them. There is no active church planting work and little resources available. Join us as we pray for the Zaza peoples. For more ways to pray, follow [@pray4zaza](https://twitter.com/pray4zaza) on Twitter.

**DAY 1:** The Zaza are split into two categories, the Northern Zaza and the Southern Zaza, each with its own distinct language. Pray for God to awaken the hearts of Zaza men and women to the truth of the gospel.

**DAY 2:** The primary religion of the Southern Zaza is Sunni Islam. There are only a handful of known believers among them. Pray for our field partner, Ryan and his team, who are actively engaging Southern Zaza people with the gospel and training the believers to do the same. Pray for God to save those who are hearing.

**DAY 3:** There are a few Southern Zaza men who have believed and who face regular persecution. Pray for our brothers who are faithfully living out and sharing the gospel. Pray for God to sustain them and provide for their every need. Pray for God to use our brothers to establish His church among the Zaza.

**DAY 4:** There are 1.5 million Northern Zaza people who are primarily Shia Muslims, but there is a small group of believers among them who need discipleship and maturing. Pray for God to grow the faith of these believers and raise up leaders and elders from among them to disciple others.

**DAY 5:** The Zaza people live in isolated areas of Eastern Turkey making them not only spiritually but also physically one of the most unreached people groups in the world. Pray for an awakening to God to happen among the Zaza peoples. Pray for more workers to go and work among the Zaza.

**DAY 6:** Pray for the Lord to soften Zaza hearts and open their eyes to their need for salvation.