



November 12, 2017

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Praise God for the forgiveness He offer us through faith in Jesus Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring us conviction regarding sin in our lives. Pray for God to help us all live confidently in His forgiveness. Pray we as a Faith Family would be marked by our hope in God in the midst of this sinful world in which we live.

PRAY FOR OUR CITY

Today is Orphan Sunday. Churches around the globe are joining together in prayer for orphans and raising awareness of the worldwide orphan crisis. We want to join them in prayer and celebrate how Jesus has moved in His churches to care for orphans. Locally, we are praying for our families, agencies, institutions, and ministries who are helping care for orphans. We are also praying for Immanuel Church and Pastor Andy Adkison.

DAY 1: Pray for our adoptive families at Brook Hills – for those who have been in the journey for a while, for those who are just beginning the journey, those who are awaiting a match or birth, and those who are beginning the bonding process.

DAY 2: Pray for our foster families who are standing in the gap for children during a time of crisis in their lives. Ask the Father to strengthen them and to give them wisdom and compassion for the children He brings into their homes.

DAY 3: Pray for our adopted and foster children, that they will quickly feel and respond to the love of Christ exhibited through their new families. Pray they will come to know Christ and will experience healing in their souls.

DAY 4: Pray for the many Birmingham agencies and ministry partners that support foster and adoptive families, including Brook Hills WRAP Ministry, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes, Lifeline Children's Services, Alabama DHR, APAC, Grace House, King's Home, The Forgotten Initiative, and Altar84.

DAY 5: Pray for wisdom for judges, attorneys, and all court personnel as they serve families walking through long and emotional court proceedings. Pray also for all service providers (CASA, probation officers, rehabilitative and mental health professionals) who assist parents and children in being reunited as a strong family unit.

DAY 6: Pray for the Lord to continue to stir the hearts of His church to care for orphans. Pray for many more to become adoptive or foster parents and for the church to surround and support every adoptive and foster family within their body.

PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

On Orphan Sunday, churches in our community and in our world focus their prayers on the worldwide orphan crisis. There are approximately 153 million orphaned children in the world. (This number excludes institutionalized children, children on the streets, and children who are at risk, neglected, or abused.) Of these children, only .5% will have the opportunity for international adoption. This means our care for the orphan has to extend beyond adoption. This is why Brook Hills partners with Lifeline Unadopted to care specifically for a network of 17 orphanages in Liberia. Through this partnership and the REAP program, we are able to help care for older orphans and develop opportunities for them to hear the gospel, learn life skills, develop career awareness, and receive education that will sustain them and offer a healthy transition into productive adulthood. For more information about Lifeline UnAdopted visit unadopted.org.

DAY 1: Thank God for the students who will attend the REAP program this year. Pray for God to open their hearts to the gospel so they can be saved.

DAY 2: In a few weeks another group will graduate from the REAP program with a life skill. Praise God for these graduates and for their hard work and diligence to learn a new skill. Pray for these young men and women, many of whom will age out of the orphanages soon, to feel confident in their future because of Christ.

DAY 3: One of UnAdopted's goal at the camp is to equip students with skills needed to transition into productive adulthood. Pray for camp attendees to be eager to learn, persistent to grow in knowledge, and disciplined to persevere as they refine the skills they have learned.

DAY 4: The Liberian church is strong and growing. Pray for the church to persevere by God's grace and to be obedient to serve their neighbor and share the gospel with those without the hope of Christ. Pray for the Liberian church to see their role in caring for the orphans who live in their community.

DAY 5: Liberia has suffered greatly from generations of war, famine, and poverty. As a result there are many orphans living in Liberia. Pray for the orphanage leaders as they care for and raise the children God has entrusted to them. Pray for REAP to be a blessing to these caregivers as they see students grow and develop.

DAY 6: Pray for the leadership at Lifeline UnAdopted, Destiny, the camp Director, and the REAP camp staff to rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance as they lead.