Missions partner of the Month: Don and Esther Parsons work with Missions Eurasia, as their American liaisons. They travel between the US and Europe working with Ukrainian refugees and training national pastors representing fifteen different Eurasian countries.

- Please pray about the war in Ukraine. The church under occupation is facing great persecution. The church in free Ukraine is weary from the pain struggle and loss. Pray for a swift and just end to the war.
- Please pray for an upcoming summit and roundtable of church leaders in Europe. They will be meeting to discuss how to take the gospel to unchurched people in their countries.
- Please pray for the ministry in Poland to Ukrainian refugees. Pray for the resources to help those displaced by the war. Pray that the love of Christ would reach these people.

Local church partner of the Month: Grace Chapel, Waterford

- Please pray that God would help them as they reach out to the community and that evangelism will be an area of growth.
- Please pray that individuals in the church would pursue spiritual growth and maturity and that they would see themselves as disciples of Jesus.
- Praise—Ryan Roach, their new pastor reports that there has been a great spirit in the church and he is grateful for that.

Birthdays in November

Please take time to pray for these people on their birthdays.

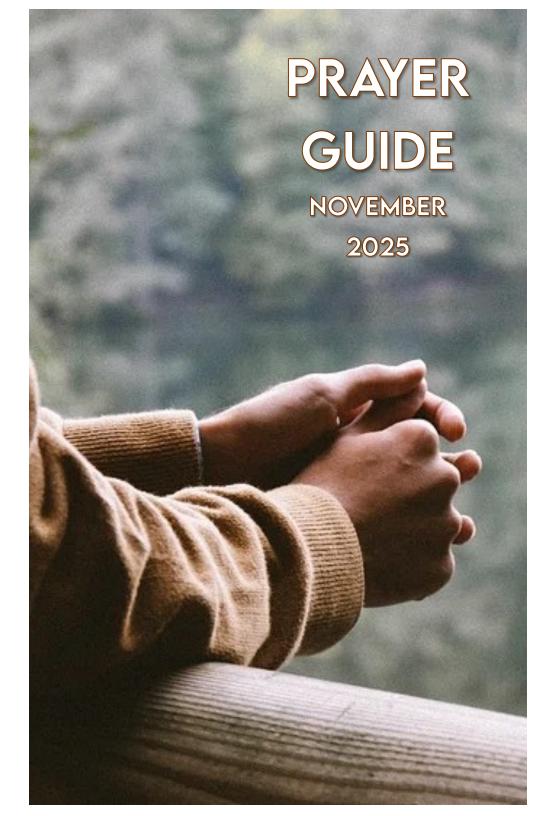
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| Nichole Daly (5) | Nathan Ziegelbaur (15) | Cynthia Reagen (23) |
| Enrique Castillo (6) | Sarah Knuth (19) | Chris Knuth (25) |
| Isaiah Knuth (13) | Gloria Hamilton (20) | Mark Shipman (26) |
| Hazel Crosley (14) | MaKenna Tilley (20) | Harvey Andersen (29) |
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This month's Prayer Encounter

Thursday, November 20, in "Bethlehem." We will meet in the gym, and pray specifically for this outreach event.

*Please let us know of prayer requests or answers to prayers that we can communicate with the church family.

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Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

(read daily or weekly and meditate)

- 5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
- 9 "This, then, is how you should pray:
- "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
- 10 your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- 11 Give us today our daily bread.
- 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

| Reflections: | | | |
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Prayers of Gratitude

All prayer is response. We recognize what God is doing in our hearts, in our situation, in the people around us, and in the world around us. Too often we pray without first taking time to look for God; we just start in on our own. The Lord's prayer encourages us to worship before we make requests.

A simple form of worship is gratitude. Every bit of good that we experience in our lives is a gift from God. He is both good and benevolent by nature; he cannot act in any other way.

During this month of Thanksgiving, why not make it your practice to thank God for a few things at the start of every prayer!

Dear Lord.

I want to pause and say thank You—not just in the big moments, but in the ordinary ones, too. Thank You for the food I eat, the air I breathe, and the quiet moments of joy that make up my day. Teach me to recognize Your work in the small things and to respond with genuine thanks. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The needs of the Church:

Individuals

- DJ Kroll—She has been fighting cancer since the spring of '23 and it has continued to spread. Pray for a miracle.
- Nate Ziegelbaur and Jordan Boling—These two young men have finished their education and are looking for jobs in their fields.
- Colleen Davis—Please pray for her and her family as she faces the challenges of ALS. She has been placed into hospice care.
- Lee Woods—(stepfather of Nick Pennell) He recently received a stem cell replacement to treat his leukemia. Please pray it is effective.
- The family of Ed Thorne—While we rejoice with Ed who is now home in heaven, we also want to pray for his family and friends in their time of loss.

Corporate

- Please pray for the families in our church. Pray that God would give us grace to commit to strong marriages and to wise parenting. Pray that our kids will have hearts that are fully committed to Jesus.
- Please pray for our outreach efforts locally. We want to reach people in our community who need Jesus. Jesus tells us to pray for workers in his field—please ask God to use you to be a witness to someone in your sphere of influence.
- Please pray that each of us would grow in following Christ, pursuing community, showing compassion, practicing contribution and developing character. Pray that growth would be our passion.
- Please pray that we would see an increase in the number of those participating in corporate prayer.
- Praise—Our October offerings have shown an uptick. Please continue to pray that God would use us all to help reach our financial needs.
- Praise—We recently heard a report from Camp L'Arcada in Spain. Over 700 teens attended, about two dozen trusted Christ, and another 70 teens are involved in regular discipleship groups.

Ministry Focus: Walk Through Bethlehem

We are working hard to get ready for this outreach event, but we also want to make sure we are taking time to pray for God's blessings.

Volunteers —please pray that God would provide all of the volunteers needed for the construction of the village, for filling out the cast of villagers, and for filling behind-the-scenes roles.

Guests—please pray that God would help us in getting the word out to our community, that he would give us boldness to invite friends and neighbors to attend (or be a part), and that others would hear the word and join us.

Responses - please pray that God would use our efforts to reach people for Christ and for our church.