

FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER March-April 2014



“Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” Rom 8:34

Father, I pray for My bride (Rev 21:9) whom I love (Jn 13:1), My people (1 Pt 2:9-10), as they approach yet another Easter season. First and foremost, I ask that My men (Jn 15:16), who claim to be strong followers (Mk 14:29) but have become distracted (Mk 4:18-19) and lost their first love for Me (Rev 2:4-5), would remember from where they have fallen (Jn 21:15-17), and repent and follow Me closely once again (Jn 21:19,22). Let them no longer remain insipidly luke warm (Rev 3:16), pursuing things of little value (Mt 6:19-21), but rather be consumed with zeal for You and Your glory (Jn 2:17) and committed to knowing You (Jn 17:3). Bring them once again to the foot of the cross and let them reflect on the empty tomb where they can experience afresh and anew My grace (Jn 1:14-

17), Your kind forgiveness (Lk 23:34) and the Spirit’s power (Act 1:8). O Father, I plead for My men. They have grown tired and fallen asleep (Mt 26:40-45). Wake them up! Enflame their souls (Mt 22:37)! Focus their minds (Mt 16:23)! Soften their hearts (Mk 8:17)! Toughen their bodies (Mt 5:29)! Make them selfless servants (Mk 10:43-45), enduring evangelists (Acts 1:8), dedicated disciplers (Mt 28:18-20) and faithful finishers (Mt 24:13) until I return. Grant them a hunger for Your truth (Jn 1:14, 14:6, 17:19), a passion for persistent prayer (Lk 11:1-13) and a deep, abiding faith (Jn 15:1-12) in Me (Jn 11:25-26) rather than in themselves (Mt 11:29). O Father, as My men reflect on My death and celebrate My resurrection (Lk 24:25-34) this season, may My Lordship in their lives be the natural outcome (Rom 14:9). Give them a glimpse of Our glory (Jn 17:4-5, 22-24) along with an assurance of the Spirit (Jn 16:13-14). Accomplish this prayer for Your glory!

Ministry Prayer Requests:

MEN’S FORUMS Pray that God would continue to use our theme of G:Love to inspire men to respond to God’s hand in their lives (glove). Pray that men would invite, bring and follow up their friends by sharing their story of what Christ has done in their lives. Pray for wisdom whether to have another round of “Q&A” forums this Spring to follow-up our fruitful time in February.

DISCIPLESHIP Pray for the 50 men involved in GRIP, that they would continue to grow strong by obediently living out their ‘action points’ which God has put on their heart. Pray for multiplication of leaders and ‘chains’ of discipleship.

OUTREACH Praise for the good turnout at the Father’s forum hosted by Eddie Crosby on **March 8th**. Pray for the follow-up of the many unbelievers. Pray that all those associated with FLM will be captivated by Jesus and increasingly see the lost with His eyes.

DAYBREAK CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER Pray for responsive hearts to the Gospel of the young men whom God sends our way to counsel, encourage and lead to His Son. Pray for funds for Daybreak to someday soon hire their first full time Director of Men.

FLM MISSION TRIPS Focused Living will sponsor two cross cultural mission trips this summer. The trip to Guatemala will happen **July 12-19**. This team (~20 people) will be lead by Bill Manley and Derek Gowdy. The trip to Belize is **June 7-14**. Fred Altman (leader), Perry Bowers, David Andes, Drew Hooker, Eddie Crosby and Wally Kizer make up the team. We will be working with several churches in the ‘Burial Grounds’ section of Belize City reaching out to the men of this city. Our hope is that our trip will be a catalyst to this local church in furthering their outreach to men. Pray for both teams as they make preparations for this trip.

CALENDAR ITEMS FOR PRAYER

March 29, April 1 Life Team Training (Perry and Janet facilitate a ministry that reflects God’s value on all life.)

April 4-5 Men’s Advance

April 7, May 5, June 2 GRIP gatherings

April 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 Core men meet with “owners” of each forum

Personal Prayer Requests:

BOWERS FAMILY

Perry – Praise for what God is showing me thus far about His delight in me and my delight in doing His will. May this reality affect me in my deepest places!

Janet – That God will love my neighbors through me and draw their hearts to Him. That God will continue to confirm some things He is teaching me about how to love certain individuals well and where He wants me to focus.

Joy and Eddie – They've been asking God to help them reach out to their neighbors with the Gospel . Their next door neighbor just asked Eddie to go camping with him and the boys! Cool! Their own kids are starting to ask more questions about communion, etc. so pray for God to work as they teach and disciple their own children!

Megan and Marc – Praising God for helping them persevere through a LONG cold snowy winter. Spring IS coming and they're excited that Logan will be baptized April 13. Thankful to God for His provision of a competitive research fellowship for Marc this summer. Pray for wisdom regarding home buying decisions. Pray for energy during this most demanding doctoral semester.

ANDES FAMILY

David and Katherine – We ask for continued help from above to make prayer as a couple our rich delight. Pray for wisdom to tweak our morning routine so we can send out the whole family into the world with everything they need for the day (even the puppy☺). Pray also for our vigilance in “planting a tree today” when it comes to preparing Austin and Cameron for independence.

Austin (15) – Praise for Austin’s adjustment to having a dog in the house. He is cautiously affectionate ☺. Pray for Wisdom for us as we consider life after the insurance covered therapy ends in June. Praise for the older teenage and early 20’s guys who have been so faithful and accommodating toward Austin. May they be richly blessed!

Cameron’s (11) – Pray in Proverb 18:24 “*there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*” Pray that Cameron would be that friend to a few others and that he would experience this himself. Pray that Cameron would embrace the after school routine without grumbling and complaining (i.e. homework, exercise, violin, dog).