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june 2017

# PRAYER

guide

## june | prayer thoughts

**This month spend some time in thoughtful reflection before each of your prayer times. You can use this helpful guide to walk you through your prayer time; it's called the "ACTS prayer" and it goes like this:**

**A-Adoration:** Spend this part of your prayer praising God for who He is, not what He's done (this will come later), but simply who He is. Meditate on these verses:

*There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.  
Psalm 86:8*

*Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.  
Psalm 34:8*

**C-Confession:** Spend this section of your prayer confessing your failures and wanderings to God. Meditate on these verses:

*But if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
1 John 1:9*

*For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away...  
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sins.  
Psalm 32:3a; 5*

**T-Thanksgiving:** Spend this part thanking God for what He has done through the Gospel and in your life. Meditate on this verse:

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
Psalm 95:2-3*

**S-Supplication:** Spend the final part of your prayer time in the prayer guide praying for your requests and others. Meditate on this passage:

*You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*



**>> Jr High Summer Bible Study**

- + Pray for students to grow a heart to read God's word
- + Pray that students will bring their unsaved friends
- + Pray for strong relationships to be built between leaders and students



**>> Connecting with God teaching series**

- + Pray for our people to grow in a greater understanding of how to connect with God
- + Pray for the motivation to connect with God on a daily basis
- + Pray for us to see and experience the presence of God in our work, school, neighborhoods, homes, etc
- + Pray for our congregational meeting on June 25 as we explore future plans for the church



**ELDER** | Kent Kramer (wife: Kim)  
**DEACON** | Doug Bear (wife: Amy)  
**DEACONESS** | Nancy Boelkes (husband: Rob)

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Millers>



>> **Mark & Katy Miller**

The Millers serve in Asia. They will be returning on home assignment in June and you likely will see them at JEFC this summer and fall. They are currently learning language and focusing on church planting in Asia.

Pray that:

- + home assignment in the USA will be fruitful and restful.
- + our transitions for Taylor. He graduated from high school in May and will be transitioning back to life in the states and his next steps in life.
- + we would be able to find a van/car to use while we are home for 7 months or so
- + we will gain Chinese friendships in the states to continue advancement in the mandarin language

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<< **Radius International**

Radius is a training center that provides a practical application to learn the principles that will make church planters effective and keep them on the field until the task is completed. Johnston E Free has many current and future missionaries training at Radius International ([radiusinternational.org](http://radiusinternational.org)).

Prayer requests:

- + Pray that the current building project is finished before the students arrive in July.
- + Praise God for the funds to buy campus 2 and about half of what we need to build it. Pray for the rest of the funds to build campus 2
- + Pray that our alumni can stay in the communities long enough to see a health church planted. Visa issues, etc.



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### <<Ministry Focus: Elder Team

- + Pray for Todd Okesson and his family as the church considers having him join the Elder Team
- + Pray for our Elders to remain steadfast in prayer, to be faithful in their jobs, and to lead their families well
- + Pray for wisdom as our Elders consider opportunities for the Gospel and lead our body forward
- + Pray for our Elders to live in grace and truth as they make decisions and sometimes deal with difficult situations

**PATTY & DENNY BOLE** | Pray for **Denny's** continued battle with cancer.

**JOE & JANE EATON** | Pray for **Jane** who is going through chronic ovarian cancer.

**DAVID FLUG** | Pray for **Mark Paup** who underwent a kidney transplant in April.

**TERRY WEBER** | Pray for my 1st cousin's husband, **Bob Schultz** (55) who has stage 3 colon cancer, enlarged spleen, fluid around his heart and major heart issues.

**JANINE CARLSON** | Prayers for friend, **Kathy**, who has cancer - for healing and peace.

**JEFF & AMY KRITENBRINK** | Please pray for Jeff's dad, **Roger**, who was diagnosed with lung cancer. Continue to pray for **Nathan**, a 6th grader who has brain cancer.

**RON & SHARON LEHMAN** | Ron's nephew, **Donnie**, is in hospice and is terminal. He is saved. Pray for comfort.



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**GARY & JENICE BARTON** | Continued prayers for our unsaved family members.

**AINA BROWN** | My parents, **Arnold** and **Elfrida**, both in their 80s with declining health.

**RON & JOAN REINDERS** | Pray for our 3 sons and thier families. Pray that their hearts would soften towards Christ.

**MONTE & SHERRI HESS** | Please pray for salvation for our adult kids: Nick, Cierra, Brooke, Sam & Tiffany, Meghan and Alex. Spiritual growth for Jill & Maddie.

**CRAIG DALLMAN** | Son, **Levi Dallman**, is in the US Army serving in Korea. Pray for his salvation.

**JACK & MARY DAVIS** | Please pray for Mary's nephew, **Austin**, and all those in the military.

**FELICIA MIEDEMA** | Pray for **David Miedema**, as he transitions from military to civilian life, for decisions about work and school.

**SCHOLTEN FAMILY** | Pray for **Zach Scholten** in the Marine Reserves here in Des Moines.



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**JORDAN & ANNA ZIMMERMAN** | Career/Job situation for Jordan.

**RACHEL CARLSON** | Trust in the Lord and His ability to provide for my upcoming trip to Guatemala. Also for strength & safety while in the country.

**LANZ FAMILY** | Continued health. Daily gratefulness and praise. BFF's mother passed away. Pray for comfort and healing during this hard time.

**RYAN LENIHAN** | Please pray for guidance and wisdom for planning for Deaf Missions - specifically for health insurance, work, and bills.

**TOMMY ANTHONY** | India mission trip, for fundraising & safety traveling





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