

By **wisdom** a house is built,
and through **understanding** it is established;
through **knowledge** its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful **treasures**.

Proverbs 24:3-4

PRAYER REQUESTS

Students...

- Pray for an increased enthusiasm and passion to learn.
- Pray that our children will see themselves through Your eyes, Father, and value themselves as wonderfully made by You and for You.
- Pray that students will have greater respect for their parents and teachers.

Teachers...

- Pray that teachers will understand the importance of their role in educating students; that parents, students, and school leaders will lift them up in appreciation.

- Pray more teachers will seek Your will, Lord, for wisdom and discernment to nurture each student to develop as unique individuals.
- Pray that more teachers will walk by the Spirit and teach with greater passion, patience and love.

Parents...

- Pray that more parents will seek You first, Father, for wisdom and guidance and then trust in Your provision.
- Pray for an increase in Christian parents to be motivated to serve within the school and reflect Your light to others.

- Pray that marriages will be entrusted to You and strengthened so the values of love and respect for You, God, and others would be taught at home.

What needs do you see in your classroom and school?

How can you pray for your teachers and encourage others at your school?



SEP

OCT

We are therefore Christ's **ambassadors**, as though God were making His special appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf:

Be **reconciled** to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20



PRAYER REQUESTS

ESL *English as a second language*

Adults from over 20 countries (mostly non-Christians) are learning English. The vision of this ministry is to develop into an international community of Christians within Perimeter Church.

- There are 30 teachers and volunteers serving the more than 200 students. Pray for more teachers to join the ESL ministry.
- Pray that teachers, coordinators and youth volunteers would be encouraged to walk by the Spirit and see their vital role as ambassadors to Your kingdom.
- Pray, Father, that Your love

would grow in the hearts of the students through the ESL Bible study classes and that they will eagerly seek and worship You.

- Pray for Your protection for the health, welfare and spirit of the teachers and their families.

CORE Foundations

Classes taught through Norcross High School as an off-campus elective allowing students the opportunity to explore the claims of Christ and Christian worldview.

- Pray that lives would be dramatically changed and bold stories would be shared of how Christ works in the hearts of those who follow Him.
- Pray that You, Lord, will create a great

thirst among school leaders, teachers, parents and students to demand the expansion of this program and refresh many lives within our public schools.

- Pray for Your sovereign hand, Father, to fill the hearts of teachers with love and compassion to build trusting relationships with seeking students.
- Pray that more students would turn to You, God, for love, adoration and approval rather than be validated by peers, parents (others) or addictions.

How can you serve as Christ's ambassador in your classroom/school?

Is there someone at your school you can tell about Jesus?

Sell your possessions and give to the **poor**. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a **treasure** in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:33-34

PRAYER REQUESTS

- There are over 60,000 people in Gwinnett County living below the poverty level. Pray on behalf of those who are in need of food, shelter and medical assistance (especially as cold weather approaches) that their physical and spiritual needs be met.
- The Norcross Co-op served more than 37,000 people in 2007. With the present economic situation, many more families will need help this year. Pray that the Holy Spirit would flourish in the hearts of more Christians who would be led to lose themselves in You, Lord, and serve the poor.
- Pray for the sovereign protection of Your children, Father, living in impoverished communities. Reveal Yourself in their hearts to provide faith, hope and love despite the crime, poverty, illness, despair and unemployment that surrounds them.
- Pray for the success of Perimeter's Holiday serving as a means to provide basic needs, establish new relationships and encourage those being served as well as those serving, and remind us Lord, that Your mighty hand is in control to make every effort count.
- Pray for the wisdom of the Board of Directors at Duluth Hands of Christ, Norcross Co-op and North Gwinnett Co-op.



NOV

May Your blessings and protection be upon all of the families, volunteers and staff involved with these ministries.

For Discussion:

Do you thank God for your family, your home, your clothes, all that He provides?

Stand outside on a cold day without shoes or a coat and pray for the less fortunate.

DEC

Follow the ways of Jesus...

For you know the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became **poor**,
so that you through His poverty might become **rich**.

2 Corinthians 8:9



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray, Lord, that You will warm the hearts of believers everywhere to celebrate and share the gospel truth of the ultimate gift of Your love and provision of Jesus Christ as our Savior.
- Pray You would change the hearts of entire families to turn to You for strength to break the cycles of homelessness, poverty and domestic violence, as more than 18,000 people have no place to call home on any given night in Georgia.
- Pray for the protection of Your children at every socio-economic level as almost 1.35 million children experience homelessness sometime in their lives.
- Provide wise and loving adult influences in their lives.
- Shower Your blessings upon the selfless and compassionate staff and volunteers of Rainbow Village and Children's Restoration Network. May You provide the finances needed for the success of these ministries to glorify You.

For Discussion:

What's at the top of your Christmas list? Read Mark 10:45. Did Jesus come to give or receive?

Imagine you were hosting a birthday party for Jesus. What would you give Him as a gift?

How has God blessed you and how can you bless someone's Christmas? Challenge yourself to give Jesus' gift to the least and the lost this season.

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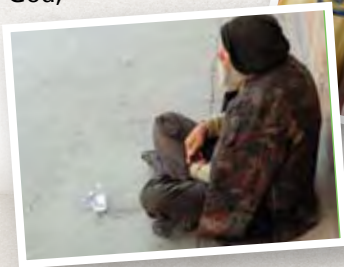
POVERTY

And so we know and rely on the **love** God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God,

and God in him.

1 John 4:16



JAN



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Father, we confess our fears and habits of clinging to our possessions in today's uncertain times. Pray that You alone will be our source of security and provision.
- Gift us this new year with Your presence in us – focus our vision to see through Your eyes and awaken our souls to love others through Your heart. Move us to care about the more than 600,000 families and 1.35 million children experiencing homelessness in our country.
- Pray Your abundant blessings on Home Repairs Ministries, Inc. for more volunteers, partnering churches, and the skills/wisdom to build Your kingdom in homes and hearts.
- With more than 20 families waiting for furnishings, that You will give us the courage and freedom to share furniture with the Movers & Shakers Ministry and provide for those in need.
- Pray that each home and family restored through these ministries is built on the foundation of Christ – the Solid Rock.

For Discussion:

What is your reaction when you see the homeless? What does Jesus say about the least? Read Matthew 25:40

As a follower of Christ, you are a home/temple for the Holy Spirit.

Physically – Is your “home” well-kept with a balanced diet, exercise and rest?

Spiritually – Does your heart reflect its Tenant to others?

FEB

Your arm is endued with **power**;

your hand is **strong**, your right hand exalted.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

love and **faithfulness** go before you.

Psalms 89:13-14

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Two to three hundred girls are victimized by commercial exploitation each month in Georgia. Many begin as runaways from abusive homes and within 48 hours 96% are caught up in the devastating darkness of human trafficking, the fastest growing criminal industry in the world.
- Pray for God's supernatural intervention in the home & for compassionate adults to intercede before these young people feel forced to run away.
- Pray for those on the front lines: law enforcement & FBI for funding, protection and success in bringing the perpetrators to justice and the victims to a place of safety.
- Pray for a public outcry that forces the commercial sexual exploitation of adolescents to remain a public policy priority for the Georgia General Assembly and for Mayor Shirley Franklin.
- Pray for those serving the victims: Wellspring Living, My Living Waters, Juvenile Justice Fund and numerous others and for necessary funds for assessment, housing and counseling.
- Pray for spiritual, emotional and physical healing for the victims and softened hearts to receive the love of God through Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the perpetrators: for swift and effective justice, that they would experience godly sorrow that leads to repentance and salvation and a desire to provide restitution.



- Pray for Street Grace, a ministry of Unite!, that God would continue to raise up and empower churches throughout the state to spread the truth, shine light into the darkness and take a stand against the horrific crime of sex trafficking.

For Discussion: God cares deeply about injustice in the world and calls on the church to take a stand.

Read Psalm 10:17-18, Isaiah 1:17 and 58:6, Micah 6:8, Matthew 23:23 and Hebrews 13:3

How do we become Christians who possess "courageous love" and allow God to use us in His cause of justice?

Learn to do right! Seek **justice**, encourage the oppressed. Defend the **cause** of the fatherless, **plead** the case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:17



MAR



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray Your blessing on the Gwinnett Detention Center for strong and trustworthy leadership.
- Pray for the engagement of more Christian men and women to be ambassadors for Christ to mentor/share their faith and love with the boys and girls in the detention center.
- Father, You alone are the Giver of life. Protect us from the pride of playing judge in determining the "choice" over life. Open our hearts and minds to embrace Your love for every human being; born and unborn, healthy and infirm, able and handicapped, young and old; as well as Your grief about the more than 50 million unborn babies in the past 36 years since Roe vs. Wade.
- Pray that President Obama would take a stand for the "right to life," appreciating the fact that a baby's family environment at birth does not determine or limit his/her potential to make a difference in the world.
- Bless Georgia Right to Life with the funding and opportunities to connect more women in unplanned pregnancy with care centers such as Beacon of Hope. Grant us all greater compassion for women and unborn lives in crisis.
- Thank You, Father, for communicating Your love, forgiveness and healing to more than 200 women through P.A.C.E. (Post-Abortion Counseling and Education) confidential groups here at Perimeter.

For Discussion:

Read Psalm 139:13-16 and Jeremiah 1:4-5.

What does God teach us about life through His Word?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4.

What does God teach us about prayer through His Word?

Read Zephaniah 3:17.

God is Sovereign, He is Love – how can you live this day differently, embracing His promise for you and His presence with you? In what ways can you share His love with others?

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Yet the LORD longs to be **gracious** to you;
he rises to show you **compassion**.

For the LORD is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

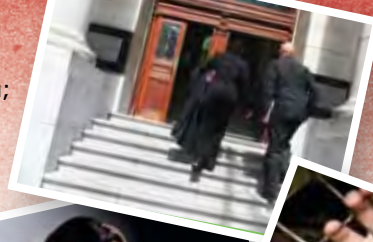
Isaiah 30:18

PRAYER REQUESTS

- World Relief is an organization which seeks to reach out to refugees. Pray, Father, for Your increased provision of entry-level job opportunities, car donations, and mentoring volunteers to be the face of Christ in their lives.
- Pray for a response to the call for more Christians to "follow You" with greater compassion toward refugees and a growing sense of responsibility to provide economic and social assistance to "neighbors" wanting a better way of life.
- Pray for the outreach of believers within and believers served by the

local police and fire departments to share their faith and the real dangers of life without Christ.

- Pray that Your Spirit will be the blanket that comforts the families of officers/firefighters. Bless them with the love, patience and understanding for the demands of a public servant's career.
- Pray for Your intervention within the Johns Creek Police Department for leaders to realize the vital role of the chaplaincy program in building unity and providing support among officers.



For Discussion:
Read Luke 10:25-37

Jesus was love in action.
Reflect on your "neighbors," the ones who live beyond your street.
In what ways do you love them?

Which role would best describe you in the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37?
Are you who you want to be?

Police officers and firefighters risk their lives daily for those in need. How can you show your appreciation for these local heroes?

Humble yourselves
before the Lord
and He will **lift** you up.
James 4:10



MAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Father, we praise You for ministries like Victoria's Friends that seek to reach the least and the lost that are caught in the adult entertainment industry. Restore the hearts of these women. Open their eyes, Father, to Your strength, protection and ability to meet their deepest needs.
- Bless those who have been drawn by You out of the darkness. Light their way with Your provision of a new life through forgiveness, grace and love; as well as accountable friendships, support, employment and housing.
- Bless them with the funds and volunteers to fill staff positions, provide more outreach baskets

and scholarships to rescue women wanting a better way of life. Protect the outreach workers and bind the devil with his weapons of fear and temptation.

- Bless A Beacon of Hope with increased church partnerships, volunteers and the funding to improve technology and professional support—meeting the needs of more pregnant women and families in crisis.
- Despite today's economic challenges, grant us all greater faith to trust in Your financial provision and be compelled to share with these ministries in need.

- Father, speak into the hearts of women. Awaken them to Your heart, Your strength and Your ability to offer an everlasting love. May she then reflect the beauty of knowing she is loved.

For Discussion:

Read John 3:16, Hosea 2:14. How does God reveal Himself to you? Look for evidence of His presence and love for you throughout the day.

Read Philippians 2:12-13. Encourage others in humility. Do you share your constant dependency on the strength of Christ for the grace, obedience and faith that lead to a changed heart?

JUN

"My name will be **great** among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun. In every place incense and **pure** offerings will be brought to **My Name**, because My Name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty. Malachi 1:11



PRAYER REQUESTS

- **"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men..." Matthew 4:19.** Praise and glory to You, Father, for the volunteers of Whirlwind Missions who walk by the Spirit – living among the least and the lost to develop relationships and share the Gospel. Pray, Father, that Your Spirit will engage more volunteers to walk in obedience.
- Father, may Your Spirit blossom among new believers. Encourage them to grow deep roots in a more intimate relationship with You. Pray for the exponential growth of their outward-facing hearts and an excitement to spread the seeds of Your Truth.
- Lord, remind the volunteers of Your promise in Psalm 91, that no harm shall come to those who seek refuge in You. Protect the families, teams, and individual volunteers from physical as well as spiritual dangers throughout their travels.
- Father, may Your blessings pour over the Whirlwind Missions programs with abundant resources and attendance: Bible-study groups, ESOL for immigrants, job-networking and training, medical outreach, and after school programs for kids.

For Discussion:

You may not be in the position to live in an apartment complex as a missionary, but what about your own neighborhood? How can you encourage friendships with the unchurched where you live, work, and play?

You are my **hiding place**,
You will **protect** me from trouble
and surround me with songs of
deliverance.

Psalms 32:7

PRAYER REQUESTS

No sin extends beyond Your mercy.
No pain too strong for Your healing
love. Father, lift up suffering women
– Your hand to their chin – and
bless them with peace through Your
compassionate offering of salvation.

- Pray, Father, that these women will follow Your lead and hear You speak tenderly. Assure them of Your unconditional love and sovereign ability to heal the wounds of the past.
- Pray for Your blessing on the Wellspring Home in the way of wise leadership,

financial assistance, clothing, furniture, and housing donations.

- Bring together communities of Your faithful servants to embrace these women and meet the critical needs of those transitioning from lives of suffering and bondage to freedom in You.
- The enemy thrives on protecting the least and the lost; but You, Lord, are greater than he who is of this world. Provide for the volunteers and staff who battle on the front lines and reach out to women in need.

- Lord, the blessings of a strong family reflect characteristics of You – love, grace, commitment, intimacy – oneness. Restore hearts to Your intent for marriage and family. May these women seek Your strength and compassion to love outside of themselves and glorify You.

For Discussion:

Read Matthew 5:3-12.

Read Romans 8:18.

