

### Prayer for Families

by Christine Hellums

#### July 1

- Lord, we pray for gentle, loving honesty and understanding. We need patience. Our family is a precious gift.
- We pray for unity. We are all different. But You call us to live in unity and love.

#### July 2

- We pray for a Christ-centered marriage. We know there are so many things, good things and bad things, vying for our attention. Please help us be laser focused on Your will. Let us take the needed time with You in prayer and listening to Your words.
- We pray for loving and forgiving hearts towards the ones who see us at our worst and best.

#### July 3

- Pray for us to seek wise, godly counsel. We need encouragement. We are doing the very best we can for our family. The devil fights us at every corner.

#### July 4/5

- We pray to not let our pasts define our future. God defines us as loved, redeemed, and forgiven. Let us cling to the truths God says. Pray we repeat God's truths over and over to ourselves and our family.

### Prayer for Our Community

by Gary Carter

#### July 6

- From the beginning, Lord, You created all things and brought order to chaos. Daily our greatest need is for You, and one way we experience You is through the order you have blessed us with. Grant, O Lord, that You will continuously provide civil authority that submits to You, and we will know Your blessings because of them.
- Thank you, Lord, that You placed us in a community of believers who desire to know and serve You. We ask from our hearts that You preserve the government of our nation, our state, and our community, and that You would incline their hearts to be obedient to Your leadership.

#### July 7

- Ours is a time of material prosperity, yet of spiritual poverty. Temptations and corruption may abound, but our prayer today is that men and women in places of leadership will seek You out and govern according to Your principles so that we may daily live in peace.

#### July 8

- When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan. (Proverbs 29:2)
- Father, protect our leaders from wickedness and the temptation that would lead them away from the just performance of their duties. Show them daily what you desire from them and give them courage and the desire to serve uprightly.

#### July 9

- O Lord, the temptations and pressures brought upon those entrusted with governance are great and cause some to stumble. We ask on their behalf that you watch over our leaders and strengthen them to lead with wisdom and integrity.

#### July 10

- Father, You know the leaders of our community face difficulties daily. Let us remember to lift them to You daily that You would supply their needs and direct their efforts on our behalf.
- Lord, bless those who serve You in places of civil authority. Grant to them wisdom and courage to do right and to resist corruption and wrongdoing. Let them be honored from having governed with honor.

#### July 11/12

- He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8) As our leaders struggle with varied interests and issues, we ask that you help them to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You.

### Prayer for our Teenagers and Families

by Matt Moore

#### July 13

- Our youth are inundated by pressures of the world, their friends, school, and other areas. Pray that the youth of Oxford and Lafayette County will seek to honor God and God alone. Pray that we as parents will be sensitive to the challenges our youth face today, encouraging them, strengthening them, and committed in prayer for them.

#### July 14

- We all want to pray for our children, and we want them to be safe and free from harm. More importantly, may we pray that when challenging times do arrive, our youth will respond by placing their dependence on God and rely on His strength and wisdom.
- Not only do youth face immeasurable challenges in Oxford, but parents of youth do as well. Pray that as the leaders of the family, we will be faithful to honor God in our decisions that relate to our family and our youth.

#### July 15

- Sometimes we feel as though we are all alone, trying to navigate parenting a youth in a vacuum. Help us to remember that we are never alone. First and foremost we have the God of the Universe to help guide us. We also have a community of brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow youth parents, who are navigating the road as well. Pray that we will reach out and help each other in the good times and not so good times.

#### July 16

- Because we are human, we are often tempted to compare our youth against other youth — either good or bad. Pray that we would not try to hold up our youth against their peers, but instead, encourage, love, and cherish the God-designed individual spirit within our youth. May we be thankful that He knit them uniquely while they were still in the womb, and they are designed to be different than their peers.

## July 17

- Parents of youth face significant struggles in their relationships with their kids. Transitioning from “child” to “youth” is hard for everyone. Transitioning from “youth” to “adult” is similarly challenging. Pray that as parents, we recognize those God-ordained transitions. May we help gently guide our children rather than restrain them from being who God designed them to be.

## July 18/19

- Once we have “finished our race” as youth parents, may we always be ready to provide a word of encouragement, a listening ear, or time on our knees for those parents coming behind us.
- As youth parents, we are still responsible for setting the spiritual example for our kids. They can smell hypocrisy a mile away. Let us live up to our word, and may our words and actions match up. If we don't value a spiritual relationship with God, neither will our youth.

## Prayers for Children and Parents

### July 20

by Dina Addy

- Pray that the children in our community would have the opportunity to hear that Jesus loves them. They may not have parents who are believers, but we pray you will place someone in their lives who can share the gospel with them.

## July 21

- Pray that children would understand that the world does not define their worth. Their heavenly Father who created them says they are precious, loved and created for a purpose. Pray that God would find ways to show them these truths.

## July 22

- Pray that God would place a hedge of protection around our children. May He guard their hearts and minds against evil influences that they may come into contact with on social media, video games and television.

## July 23

- Pray that children would be kind to one another, lift each other up instead of tearing each other down. Our society is so quick to judge and condemn, but help our kids to be different. Help our children speak words of encouragement to a child who is sad or upset. Help them to be a friend to someone who is lonely.

## July 24

- Pray that parents would guide their families in values that are faithful to God. Pray that God would open their eyes to see the truths and values that would be pleasing to Him and that would point their children into a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray that parents would find encouragement from the Lord. Parenting is hard. As parents we won't always get it right, we will make bad decisions at times, but God in His unending grace will help us. Pray that God would surround parents with Christian friends who will be a source of encouragement.

## July 25/26

- Pray that parents will see the importance of connecting themselves and their children with a body of believers. Pray that God would lead them to the church where He would have them serve and be a part of His kingdom.
- Pray for the lost parents in our community. Pray that we as believers would be a witness to them and would point them to Jesus. And pray that God would open their hearts to receive salvation.

## Prayers for the Lost

### July 27

by Beth Fitts

- Lord God, I pray for seeing eyes. Help us to see with our hearts the lost around us and to be aware of those who need Jesus.
- Jesus, I pray for our hearts to be fully centered on You, Your will, and the salvation You offer today for the lost so that we are spiritually ready to speak the gospel.

## July 28

- Father, I pray for our mouths to be full of wisdom to know when and how and with whom You would have us speak the truth of Jesus' sacrifice to save them.
- Father, I pray for My One with whom I can share the Gospel. Give them an open heart and give me an open mouth ready to share.

## July 29

- Jesus, I pray for our hearts to CHOOSE to move our feet to go — go anywhere You send us to anyone You send us to. Near and far. Help us to go with Your purpose and Your passion for the lost.

## July 30

- I pray for our ears so that, Lord, we will do as You did. That we would listen to the deep needs of the lost and truly love them.
- I pray for the ears of the lost, Father, to hear Your words of love for them and, by Your Spirit's power, to understand fully the message of salvation to them.

## July 31

- I pray for the hearts of the lost to be moved. That the Spirit would move them to surrender and commit to accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord.
- I pray for their feet and hands to move to want to understand more and to know You better. And in the knowing to surrender to doing — to serve You, to spend time with You, and to take the message to others who are lost.



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