

RESOLVE TO PRAY

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)

This January we want to take serious God's command for us as His people to pray and seek Him on our own behalf and on the behalf of our families, our communities, our church, our country and the world.

Will you join us and RESOLVE TO PRAY?

Week of January 1—"Myself and My Family": Ask the Lord to give you a burden for salvation of other people this year. Ask the Lord to make you a willing volunteer to tell others about Jesus. Ask the Lord to show you how you and your family can make a difference in the lives of the people you come into contact with each and every day.

Create a list of your family members (as extensive as you want to go) to pray for each day. Especially highlight those who are unchurched or lost.

Week of January 8—"My Community and Friends": Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to have open spiritual conversations with your friends, co-workers and other people in the community. Ask the Lord to remove your fear and to give you boldness during these opportunities.

Create a list of 5 friends, co-workers, etc. whom you want an opportunity to share Jesus Christ. Pray for them daily and begin to look for ways you can minister to and create opportunities to share.

Week of January 15—"My Church": Beginning in February through Easter we are going to have a church-wide emphasis on sharing Jesus Christ with others. During this time we will be teaching on the importance and urgency of the Gospel and equipping you to better share Jesus Christ when opportunities come your way. We will also have several planned opportunities to minister to and reach into our communities that we will be encouraging your participation. Begin this week praying for your openness and eagerness to being equipped to share Jesus Christ with our community. Pray daily for your pastors, staff, small group leaders and other church leaders daily.

Week of January 22—"My Country and Its People": Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6 each morning this week. Let it be a reminder to pray for our country, its people and its leaders. Make a list of national, state and local leaders God has put on your heart to lift up in prayer. Pray daily for the reconciliation of our country along racial, cultural and political divides that can only be restored by faith and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Pray for God to multiply the work of the church in our country, raising up leaders, missionaries and church planters.

Week of January 29—"My World and Its Peoples": Read Acts 1:8 and Romans 10:14-15 each morning this week. We have been called by God to share Jesus Christ not just in our homes, our communities and in our country but to "the ends of the earth". Pray that God would raise up and send laborers for His Gospel throughout the world. Pray that our church would continue to seek and partner with missionaries and ministries that are reaching those who are unreached and unengaged. Pray for what level of involvement God would want you to have in reaching the world for Jesus Christ.

February 5—March 12 we will be teaching and equipping the entire church to put action to these prayers, but you don't have to wait until then. Begin now reaching your families, your communities, your country and your world for Jesus Christ. On Saturday, March 4 we will be having a church-wide Serve the City day when everyone can participate in being sent out throughout the Big Bend area to serve and bless our community.