



# 2019 PRAYER TEAM



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## Prayer is a vital part of transferring the gospel to the next generation!

The gospel not only provides for the possibility of prayer (Eph 2:18), but prayer itself is a vital means that empowers the transfer of the gospel to others (2 Thess 3:1)! It is indeed encouraging that this is something that we can each do. We can collectively ensure the gospel handoff to the next generation goes well... by our earnest prayers for them.

**The LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer. Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.**

*Psalms 102:16-18*

### WHAT IS PLANNED

This year a special effort is being made to surround all aspects of the NEXT conference with prayer. Special prayer will be made before, during, and after the conference. In particular, two teams are being formed for focused intercession:

#### Off-Site Team

This team involves individuals and/or small groups (maybe even an entire church giving a portion of a Sunday to prayer for NEXT... perhaps May 24th?) who will be praying before, during, and after the conference but will not be participating in the prayer ministry in Baltimore (either because they are unable to attend the conference or because they are attending but will be participating in the teaching sessions).

#### On-Site Team

This team involves individuals or groups from churches who will come to the conference to pray in the prayer room during the conference meetings. We will be having concerts of prayer & intercession for the NEXT sessions. Some have already indicated that they are coming to NEXT just to pray in the prayer room. Sovereign Grace has graciously offered to pay the registration fee for those serving in this capacity.

We are not requiring time commitments for joining either of these prayer teams. Some will pray daily for these needs. Others will pray weekly. Some will devote much time and others will devote less. All we ask is that everyone joining a prayer team commit to praying for NEXT. Some will be able to drive to the conference & pray during one or more of the sessions on a given day (Sat to Tuesday). Others will be on site to pray during the entire 4 days.

- **Prayer before the conference will cover approximately 6 weeks (mid April to end of May)**
- **Prayer during the conference will cover May 23rd (Sat) to May 26th (Tue)**
- **Prayer after the conference will be approximately one month (to the end of June)**

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And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

*Isaiah 59:21*

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

Starting in the 3rd week of April, short weekly emails will be sent out to all those who sign up for either the Off-Site or On-Site intercession team. These emails will involve concise teaching on how the gospel informs our praying, as well as specific requests and answers to prayer as they happen.

We will also be producing a short Scripture-saturated prayer manual to help the intercessors with their praying. For Off-Site intercessors we will produce an online version (PDF) and for those praying On-Site we will produce a paper version.

During the conference, daily prayer reports will be sent (sometimes several times a day) to the Off-Site prayer team to keep them in the loop of prayer needs.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Prayerfully consider joining one of the prayer teams **yourself** (if you are able).
- Prayerfully approach **people of prayer** in your church and ask them to consider joining one of the prayer teams.
- Consider challenging some of your **small groups** to accept this prayer challenge until the end of June (giving 10-15 minutes of each meeting to praying for this).
- Consider challenging some of the **parents** of those who will be attending to pray individually or to form a special prayer group for NEXT over the next 10 weeks.

When you have several people mobilized for this prayer initiative, have them send their email addresses to us so we can create a NEXT Prayer Team Database for prayer updates and so we can more effectively plan for and serve those participating. Please send names & email addresses to [Next@sovgracemin.org](mailto:Next@sovgracemin.org)

## Thank you for calling God's people to prayer!

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*



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