

CAMBRIDGEPORT BAPTIST CHURCH

2019 AUGUST PRAYER GUIDE

Thank you for agreeing to pray during our August prayer initiative. The word “august” means inspiring, awe, admiration, or reverence; majestic; imposing. What a perfect month to pray! Our goal is to bring the church before the Lord as we begin another school year together in September. More than anything, we need the presence and power of God in our lives individually and corporately to fulfill our purpose as God’s image bearers, as the Body of Christ on earth.

In Luke’s gospel we find this teaching of Jesus:

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:9-13)

May the Lord hear our prayers and pour out his Spirit on us at CBC!

The following is a guide for you to pray for CBC. Ideally you’ll find another person to pray with you. I suggest praying many short prayers, going back and forth until the two of you are prayed out. You can expect to pray together around 30 to 60 minutes; it is not expected that you will cover everything. Allow the Spirit to guide your intercession, praying for things that come to mind.

We will follow the familiar **ACTS** acronym: **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, and **S**upplication.

5-10 minutes of adoration and praise.

You could sing a hymn (using your phone to look one up) or read aloud a Psalm. Psalms 95-100 and 145-150 are particularly focused on praise.

5-10 minutes of confession.

Spend a few minutes reading Daniel 9. Notice how Daniel begins his prayer with a confession of God’s greatness and Israel’s sins before asking for God’s help and deliverance. We are not worthy of God’s favor but hopeful of his mercy.

10-15 minutes of thanksgiving.

Think about the many ways that God has blessed and prospered CBC. Thank him for generations of faith. Thank him for campus connections. Thank him for the privilege of ministering to people from all over the world. Thank him for the faithfulness of the

congregation in service, giving, and ministry. Thank him for our building and location. Thank him for those who came before us. Thank him for those yet to come.

15-30 minutes of supplication.

Here are some areas to cover:

- Congregation: Holy Spirit (see Luke 11 above); salvation of loved ones; physical, emotional, and mental health; employment/finances; ministry opportunities; relationships; etc.
- Discipleship: adults (Pastors Dan and Shtem), youth (Pastor Shtem, youth leaders, and Rahel), and children (Rahel and Sema)
- Staff: Pastor Dan, Pastor Shtem, Rahel, Karen, and Myriah
- Elders: Audrey Berry, Lisa Carr, Paul Carter, Pastor Dan, Melaku Zewde
- Campus ministry: International Sunday School class at CBC (Michael Dean; David and Joy Miller, Szuyu and Peiyu); MIT English and Bible classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Michael Dean, David Miller, Pastor Dan); Baptist Campus Fellowship (Michael Dean); monthly international family outreach (Rahel)
- Harvest Food and Clothing Pantry (Pastor Dan and Dianne Rice)
- Church ministries: greeting (Dot Wemett), hospitality (Kathy Szatkowski), worship (Karl and Nathan), sound, media, security, finance (Mark Mullikin), property (Laura Van Hise), etc.