

## **Citizen Heights 21 Days of Prayer – Fall 2019**

### **Day 1:**

Hebrews 10:24-25 The Message (MSG)

22-25 So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

Pray for our Sunday gatherings, that Citizen Heights would be a place that encourages people from any walk of life to come and join God's family, and this community. That as a people, we'd live lives that include, inspire and edify those around us. Pray that when we gather together, we worship Jesus and lift His name high! Pray for encouraging words and God-honoring conversations...that through our words and actions, we'd draw one another to Jesus with love and edification! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

### **Day 2:**

Matthew 18:20 The Message (MSG)

18-20 "Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

Pray for faith in the word of God, that our prayers are powerful and effective...and that Jesus is listening and answering! Let's pray for salvation and peace and that as we believe together, our Father will go into action. Pray for God's presence in our personal lives, and as we gather together on Sundays, and that the power of the Holy Spirit would be evident. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

### **Day 3:**

1 Corinthians 14:26 The Passion Translation (TPT)

26 Beloved friends, what does all this imply? When you conduct your meetings, you should always let everything be done to build up the church family. Whether you share a song of praise, a teaching, a divine revelation, or a tongue and interpretation, let each one contribute what strengthens others.

Pray our Sundays would build people! Pray for a spirit and atmosphere of unity in every area of our lives. That we as the people of Citizen Heights would grow in unity and strengthen one another! Pray that each member of our community will contribute with the focus on worshipping Jesus. Pray that our spiritual gifts are used wisely, and with no other purpose than to edify and lift-up the name of Jesus! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

#### **Day 4:**

Hebrews 2:1 The Passion Translation (TPT)

2 This is why it is so crucial that we be all the more engaged and attentive to the truths that we have heard so that we do not drift off course.

Pray that Sunday's would develop a further hunger for God's Word and truth. That as we gather, we would all be connected in His truth. Pray for a spirit of accountability, through love and that our gatherings would be places of strength, healing and forgiveness. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

#### **Day 5:**

Acts 2:42 The Message (MSG)

41-42 That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Pray that Sundays would become our way of life...and how we do life together! Pray that through teaching, prayer and fellowship we would live as God's family, Pray that there would be a personal hunger and desire for God's community and a commitment to it. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

#### **Day 6:**

Psalms 133:1 The Passion Translation (TPT)

1 How truly wonderful and delightful to see brothers and sisters living together in sweet unity!

Pray Sundays would be marked with unity within the Church, both local and global. Pray that our gatherings would bring us closer to each other and that we would experience the blessing of a community that lives in unity. Pray that unity would be both the theme and the result of our gathering together! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

#### **Day 7:**

1 Peter 3:8 The Passion Translation (TPT)

8 Now, this is the goal: to live in harmony with one another and demonstrate affectionate love, sympathy, and kindness toward other believers. Let humility describe who you are as you dearly love one another.

Pray that through our personal lives, and in our Sunday gatherings, we would create an environment of love, sympathy and kindness. Pray that we would come together humbly, building each other up. Pray that this would be attractive to others and more people would be drawn to Citizen Heights to experience this love. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 8:**

Isaiah 40:31 New International Version (NIV)

31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Pray specifically for our Sunday Experiences. Pray the Holy Spirit would be present and the messages and gathering together would inspire hope and build the Church in strength. Pray that Jesus would revive hearts! Pray for those who've given up, to be helped up, and for God to bring strength to every area of our lives personally and as a church. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 9:**

1 Corinthians 14:33 The Passion Translation (TPT)

33 For God is the God of harmony, not confusion, as is the pattern in all the churches of God's holy believers.

Pray for a spirit of harmony and peace that starts in our Sunday Experiences and goes with us throughout our week. Pray that we would be purveyors of peace, as Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Pray that we would stand out, in a world that's full of confusion, as lights that shine brightly and bring clarity. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 10:**

Ephesians 5:19 The Passion Translation (TPT)

19 And your hearts will overflow with a joyful song to the Lord Jehovah. Keep speaking to each other with words of Scripture, singing the Psalms with praises and spontaneous songs given by the Spirit!

Pray for our times of worship, that our praise would make His name glorious! Pray that our worship time would bless and lift-up the name of Jesus, have a healing anointing and be a time when we would grow closer in our relationships with God! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 11:**

1 Peter 1:5 The Message (MSG)

3-5 What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

Pray our Sunday gatherings would bring a deeper understanding and appreciation of this brand-new life we have through Jesus. Pray that our Sundays would be filled with a sense of gratitude...for how God has blessed us and for the sacrifice of Jesus. Pray that our time together would remind us that we do and will 'have it all- life healed and whole!' Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

## **Day 12:**

Matthew 16:19 The Message (MSG)

19 “And that’s not all. You will have complete and free access to God’s kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.”

Pray that our Sunday gatherings would reflect God’s Kingdom and power. Pray that we would gain understanding about those things and powers we have access to through the Holy Spirit...and about those things we need to leave behind. Pray that we would see and hear the testimonies of God’s answers to our praise, worship and prayers! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

## **Day 13:**

Romans 12:4-5 The Passion Translation (TPT)

4 In the human body there are many parts and organs, each with a unique function. 5 And so it is in the body of Christ. For though we are many, we’ve all been mingled into one body in Christ. This means that we are all vitally joined to one another, with each contributing to the others.

Ephesians 4:16 The Passion Translation

16 For his “body” has been formed in his image and is closely joined together and constantly connected as one. And every member has been given divine gifts to contribute to the growth of all; and as these gifts operate effectively throughout the whole body, we are built up and made perfect in love.

Pray that we would each find our place to contribute to the kingdom of God, through our local community at Citizen Heights. Pray that as we develop and utilize our skills and gifts, that it blesses our community, and our lives personally. Pray that we would operate as a dynamic, unselfish, and generous team, with a spirit of service and excellence. Pray that our collective efforts would represent the body of Christ to be what Jesus envisioned and instructed! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

## **Day 14:**

Ephesians 4:11-13 The Passion Translation (TPT)

11 And he has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets, and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers. 12 And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers to do their own works of ministry, and as they do this they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ. 13 These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness in the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed in the abundance of Christ.

Pray that a spirit of grace would permeate our Sundays. That we would operate distinctly, yet in concert and with grace, within our respective gifts. Pray that the result of finding our personal calling would bring nurture, care and preparation to people. Pray that God would bring in those necessary to fill gaps and needs. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 15:**

Acts 2:46 The Passion Translation (TPT)

46 Daily they met together in the temple courts and in one another's homes to celebrate communion. They shared meals together with joyful hearts and tender humility.

Pray for our Citizen Groups that are launching today and throughout the week! Pray that this next Citizen Group semester serves the needs of our community, and we see many get involved. Pray for a welcoming spirit, creating space for relationships to be developed. Pray that Citizen Groups and gatherings would be another amazing opportunity for us to do life together! Pray for all of our Citizen Group Leaders, as they serve and care for us. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 16:**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 The Message (MSG)

9-11 God didn't set us up for an angry rejection but for salvation by our Master, Jesus Christ. He died for us, a death that triggered life. Whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead, we're alive with him! So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.

Pray that everyone would find a place in a Citizen Groups and gatherings. Pray that much like a family in the natural everyone would feel part of the church family and Body of Christ. Pray for the number "none"...that none should perish, none excluded and none left behind! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 17:**

1 Corinthians 14:33 The Passion Translation (TPT)

33 For God is the God of harmony, not confusion, as is the pattern in all the churches of God's holy believers.

Pray Citizen Heights would be a place of harmony and unity! Pray that what happens on Sunday continues and grows throughout the week, as we grow in God and grow together in community. Pray the Holy Spirit is present in all of our gatherings revealing and convicting any spirit of divisiveness. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

**Day 18:**

Matthew 18:20 The Passion Translation (TPT)

20 For wherever two or three come together in honor of my name, I am right there with them!"

Pray the Holy Spirit to move in our Sunday gatherings! That there would be evidence of the Holy Spirit: healing, protection, answered prayers, abundance, restoration, signs and wonders and salvation! Pray for testimonies of God's love and goodness to come from our meetings! Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

## **Day 19:**

Hebrews 10:24-25 The Passion Translation (TPT)

24 Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. 25 This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.

Pray that Sundays would become a habit...a way of life! Pray that we would make gathering together a priority because we need each other! Pray that there would be a spirit of expectation and anticipation as we do life together. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

## **Day 20:**

Hebrews 12:1 The Passion Translation (TPT)

12 As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So, we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us.

Pray that our Sunday gatherings would be places of healing and protection...that all who attend would find a place for prayer and support. Pray that attacks from the enemy of our souls would be repelled and we would overcome sin as we run this race that God intended for each of us. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.

## **Day 21:**

*1 Timothy 2:1-3* I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior..."

Hebrews 13:17 Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Jeremiah 3:15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.

Pray for Pastors Michael and Heather, our staff, our pastoral team, our Citizen Group Leaders and those who lead us so well! As they serve Citizen Heights let's pray they will be strengthened, energized and protected. That they would hear from God and clearly communicate God's Word and God's plans, as we move forward together. Pray that Citizen Heights would be a light in the city and a church built on the solid rock of Jesus and the Gospel. Pray for people to accept Jesus, find community, join the Team and find their place in serving others every Sunday.