

THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE – PART I
“Why Should We Pray?”
Matthew 7:7-12

Hillcrest Church is entering a season of intense praying for 30 days. The focus of the challenge is praying for the revival of Hillcrest Church so that we can impact our community for the Lord. We have many challenges to overcome in revitalizing the church, but God is good! Prayer gets God’s attention so by drawing near to God in petition we are trusting him to renew us through the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.

#1. PRAYER SHOULD FOCUSES OUR ATTENTION ON _____
MORE THAN OUR _____, vv. 7-8

- A. Prayer is asking in faith and receiving
- B. Prayer is seeking in faith and finding
- C. Prayer is knocking in faith and the door opens
- D. Prayer gets the Lord’s attention, Psalm 34:15-17
- E. Prayer brings the Lord closest to us, Psalm 34:18

#2. PRAYER FOCUSES OUR ATTENTION ON THE _____
OF GOD, vv. 9-10

- A. Nobody is more benevolent than God, vv. 9-11
- B. Nobody can meet your needs like God, Mat 6:33-34
- C. Nobody loves you more than God, Psalm 103:11
- D. Nobody can forgive sins except God, Psalm 103:12
- E. Nobody has more compassion for you than God, Psalm 103:13
- F. Nobody has more empathy for you than God, Psalm 103:14-16, Heb 4:16

#3. PRAYER SHOULD FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON GOD’S
KINGDOM _____, vv. 11-12

- A. Prayer should avoid selfish concerns, James 4:3
- B. Prayer should focus on asking for good gifts – God’s agenda

C. KINGDOM CONCERN WE SHOULD PRAY ABOUT:

- 1. Pray for the outpouring of the _____ to impart fresh life to Hillcrest church, Luke 11:13
- 2. Pray for that we would be a _____ church, Matt 28:16-20
- 3. Pray for our Spirit-empowered _____ to our community, Acts 1:8
- 4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to _____ people to Christ, John 6:65, 15:16, 16:8,
- 5. Pray for the Holy Spirit to _____ people into the image of Christ, Matthew 7:12

NOTES:

ANSWERS: God, Problems, Father-heart, Concerns, Spirit, Missional, Witness, Draw, Transformation.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What are some of your typical reactions to times of need that come into your life?
- #2. Discuss the different terminology Matthew uses for prayer: ask, seek, knock.
- #3. Why is faith essential to a solid prayer life? James 1:5-8
- #4. What can we conclude about prayer from Psalm 34:15-17?
- #5. What can we conclude about praying to God out of our brokenness and God's compassion Psalm 34:18?
- #6. What conclusions can you make about God as our Father from Psalm 103:11-18?
- #7. In what ways do people often pray selfishly? James 4:3
- #8. Why is a fresh outpouring of the Spirit important for us at Hillcrest Church?
- #9. Why is it important to be a disciple-making church in line with the Great Commission?
- #10. Why is it important to pray for a Spirit-empowered witness at Hillcrest Church?
- #11. Why is it important to ask the Holy Spirit to draw people to Christ?
- #12. Why is it important to pray for the transformation of God's people in the image of Christ? John 15:7-8

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

Where You Find

*Love, Acceptance &
Forgiveness!*

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and
saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

Psalm 34:18

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY OCTOBER 9th

Today marks the beginning of the 30-day Prayer Challenge. Pastor Bruce's message this morning is titled "Why Should We Pray?"

THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

The prayer challenge is October 9 - November 7. You are invited to participate in praying for the revitalization of Hillcrest Church by visiting our website (HillcrestRoseville.com) every day, and reading through the prayer blog supplied by pastor Bruce. Each daily blog will give you some Scripture and ways that you can pray for the church. There will also be daily posts on Face Book. I'm hoping that you will all participate in this prayer challenge.

TODAY IS PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm
Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestroseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

FACILITY UPGRADES – THE KITCHEN & UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S AREA

We are making great progress remodeling the kitchen and the upper children's area. If you want to contribute money to this effort write "building fund" in the memo of your check.

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH / FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Combined trunk-or-treat, carnival games, free snack bar event in our parking lot. Last year over 200 people came through. We need lots of help:

- **BORROWED** Searchlights, light bulb strings; long extension cords and stands for mounting lights to light the entire parking lot
- **VOLUNTEERS** to run 4 carnival game stations (basket-ball toss, corn hole and tin can pyramid toss etc.) Candy distributed as prizes.
- **VOLUNTEERS** for 8-10 Trunk-or-Treat stations—decorate your car, dress up in costume and give out candy. (The church will supply all the candy you need)
- Help before and after the event to set up and clean up.
- Donate wrapped candy to the church starting now and up to Oct 31. Drop off point by the kitchen.

Contact Kathy Brooks 96-847-8123 or sign up on clipboard (by offering box) to help.

CIRBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REQUESTS OUR HELP

A guidance counselor from the school reached out to Hillcrest and asked if we could supply mentors from our church (preferable men) to help some select students who could use a caring adult in their life. We could meet with the students at lunch time who are in desperate need of a guiding presence in their lives. If you are interested sign up at the information table.