

**VILLAGE CHURCH OF GURNEE
PRAYER GUIDE
MARCH, 2017**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Pray for Kid Trek Family Night (March 15). Pray for a good turnout, especially those kids, parents, friends who do not know Jesus. Pray that Tim Hannig's speaking of the gospel message will be clear and strong.
- Pray for Vacation Bible School recruitment which has already begun. There is a need for actors, teachers, shepherds and artists.
- Pray for a special time of play and connection for our 4th and 5th graders and their parents (March 24). Our hope is parents of kids entering "the tough" years and their children will connect with one another, develop friendships with one another, and draw strength from one another.

EARLY LEARNING VILLAGE

(Our Pre-School Ministry)

- Praise God for a smooth beginning to our 2017-2018 school year registration!
- Several of our teachers have close loved ones who are struggling with mental and/or physical health issues. Pray that God would strongly make His presence felt, and that he would bless those families with his peace, strength and healing.
- As the weather warms, and we begin taking our classes outside to play on the playground -- and concrete, pray that God would walk/run/climb/jump beside our little ones and keep them safe!
- Pray for our teachers and assistants as they consider what their plans are for the 2017-2018 school year

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Pray for our small groups, that good relationships would continue to develop.
- Pray for great impact as we study through James 4 & 5 on Sunday nights.

- Pray for our leaders as they pour into our students each week; pray for their energy, focus and insight.
- Pray for the preparations for two special events coming up next month: our spring break trip to Chicago and our spring outreach night.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Pray for small groups to build deeper bonds of friendship.
- Pray for wisdom in dealing with difficult students.
- Pray for our leaders in ministry positions, as it is about half way through the semester, to stay energized and moving forward.
- Pray for leaders to step up in the ministry to help lead Sunday morning ministry.
- Pray for the March 14th outreach event...that students will get the chance to talk about the gospel with their friends through a fun event.

YOUTH MISSIONS

- Praise God that the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser went well, and that over \$20,000 was given!
- Pray for the Youth Mission Retreat (March 17 & 18) that our teams grow closer together, and that our day of service will go well at Conference Point in Lake Geneva.

ADULT MINISTRIES

- Pray for the Lord's direction in finding a new Adult Ministries Administrative Assistant.
- Pray for continued growth in our spring small groups as well as leader recruitment for summer groups.
- Pray for three new Groups Coaches for our expanding "groups" ministry.

- Pray for our two new Sunday morning groups (ABFs) that they will get off to a strong start, and that the already existing ABFs will also flourish.
- Pray for our Marriage Ministry. After 50 couples participated in our marriage workshop last month, three new marriage small groups have been formed; several couples have entered marriage mentoring relationships. Pray that good marriages will grow stronger, and troubled marriages will be helped.

MEN'S MINISTRY

- Pray that there will be good follow up and continued connection from the Men's Breakfast on March 4.
- Pray that the men in our regular Bible study groups will draw near to Christ in the context of a community of men.
- Pray for the Men's Leadership Team as they direct and plan this ministry. Pray that the team will be able to develop ways to reach men on the fringe—and draw men into community through serving opportunities.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Pray for continued wisdom and guidance for the women's leadership team.
- Pray for preparations for women's retreat (May 5-7). Pray for Debbie Hensleigh, women's retreat speaker, as she prepares her talks.
- Pray for formation of new women's small groups. Pray for authentic support and spiritual growth within our small group communities.
- Pray for our single moms and our ministry to them.
- Pray for wisdom and support and endurance for the single moms. Pray for Serena Alleman as she leads this group.
- Pray for a strong finish in the final months of the MOMS and Recharge ministry.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

- Pray for Pastor Jason as he settles in to the flow, the work, and the relationships of full time ministry again.
- Pray for the Worship Ministry Team as we grow in our understanding of purpose and vision for worship and worship leadership.
- Pray for our church family to grow with an increasing awareness and belief in the presence of our Lord in our gathered worship times.
- Pray for our teaching pastors as they prepare and deliver messages from 1 Peter.
- Pray for our preparations for Good Friday and Easter services next month.

WELCOME MINISTRIES

- Pray that new attenders at Village Church will connect quickly with others and that these connections will help each person follow Jesus more. Pray that each new guest will be recognized, connected with and made to feel welcomed.

SAFETY MINISTRY

- Pray for the Safety Trainings meetings held this month. Pray for God's protection over Village Church staff and attenders.

FINANCE MINISTRIES

- Pray that God would stir the hearts of our people to give faithfully and generously to the regular church budget that funds our ministry operations and missions.
- Praise God for the ways in which our people have responded to designated giving opportunities, such as Debt Retirement, Congregational Care, and Youth Missions!

FACILITIES MINISTRIES

- Pray that God would give wisdom to those making decisions about the care and upkeep of our buildings and grounds; that we would move forward with addressing priority needs at the best possible time. Praise God for the facilities He has provided for ministry use – and for the team of people that keeps those facilities in good working order!

OFFICE MINISTRIES

- Pray that God would strengthen and refresh team members who are experiencing weariness as we've sought to navigate different situations and challenges in leadership this year. Praise God for His promises to renew the strength of those who wait upon Him!

LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- Pray for the rise of the evangelistic temperature of our congregation—that more and more of our people will become actively engaged in praying for, socializing with, serving, and sharing their story and God's story with the lost in their network of relationships.
- Pray that the Lord would help us be faithful to pray for people who we can be inviting to Good Friday/Easter services, and that all our guests would be drawn closer to the Lord through their time in these services!
- Pray that the Lord will give our leaders insight into how to motivate, equip, and mobilize our congregation to more effectively “reach.”
- Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will bring about in our church a noticeable increase in the number of commitments to follow Jesus and the number of water baptisms in every age group.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

- Pray for the health, marriages, family life, and ministries of all of the missionaries we support.
- Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world who have to endure significant suffering and persecution because of their faith in Jesus.

