College Church

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PRAYER GUIDE

OCTOBER 2026

1 **PRAY FOR: Senior Pastor Josh Moody**, Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor **Carolyn Litfin**—our coming Advent series on the Lord's Prayer; **friends and neighbors** to invite to College Church; people to come to know Jesus. **Matt** and **Lisa Befus**, **Mesa Global**, Costa Rica—the full recovery of **Greg Burgers**, a Mesa Global professor at ESEPA Costa Rica who suffered a broken neck September 5; the smooth onboarding of a **Salvadoran pastor** to help facilitate relationships with partner ministries throughout Central America and the Caribbean; their daughter **Natalia**, who is studying in New Zealand for the fall semester; praise God for the opportunity to meet with ministry partners and leaders in Cuba.

2 **PRAY FOR: the 20s ministry** fall retreat this weekend; a good time of connecting with each other and with God over his Word. **Women's Ministries**—thank God for the night of worship and reflection on Thursday; women to practice daily rhythms that foster intimacy with Jesus. **The Men's Prayer Walk** this evening at Seven Gables Park; God to be work in our church and community.

3 **PRAY FOR:** Middle School (KMs) **Pastor Dan Hiben**, Admin. Asst. **Trish Main** and adult volunteers—the middle schoolers and leaders on their fall retreat through Sunday. **Jeff** and **Jane Pelz**, IVCF, U.S.-based—refreshment for Jane on her sabbatical; energy for Jeff in the new school year (year 18 at COD and year three at Waubonsee Community College); outreach to new students on both campuses and divine appointments; praise God thar the endowment matching funds for Jane's work in Asia are coming together; the Global Link Region's new director, **Deron**, and a merger; the Lord to be at work in the

communication, norms and systems that would best serve the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

4 **PRAY FOR:** Ministry Director for Children **Cheryce Berg**, Ministry Associates for Children's Ministries **Ruth Haumersen**, **Sarah Herr** and **Karin Tuurie**, Admin. Assts. for Children's Ministries **Suzanne Shirley**, **Liz Stahler** and **Kristen Sutter**—the Following Jesus class for fourth and fifth-graders each Tuesday this month; kids to grow in their understanding of what it means to be and grow as a Christian; the monthly grade-level gatherings for parents; meaningful connections and practical encouragement for those who attend; the missionaries who will visit classrooms during the Missions Festival; seeds to be planted in the hearts of children who might grow up to serve on the mission field. **Joshua** and **Kara Dunckel**, ReachGlobal, Hungary—rain for Hungary; many to be equipped and encouraged through this fall's ministry gatherings; Joshua's foot to continue to heal after a recent scooter accident; thank God for the generous support and encouragement he has provided this year.

5 **PRAY FOR:** Midweek Morning Children's Program Supt. **Suzanna Dickson**, Midweek Evening Girls Program Supt. **Michelle Granados** and Midweek Evening Boys Program Supt. **Terry Van Someren** and leaders—the children whose only connection to church is the evening club programs to discover Jesus. **Cory** and **Kristiana Miller**, GEM, Europe—passing results on their German B1 language exam to meet the permanent residency application requirement; the renewal of Kristiana's passport not to interfere with their visa renewal application.

6 **PRAY FOR: Victor** and **Leslie Trautwein**, Seed to Sower, Dominican Republic—more one- and two-year workers to come and help as team hosts, sports staff or teachers; a successful transition of prayer and financial partners (including child sponsors) to Seed to Sower; praise God that their national staff has grown, and about 20% of whom were formerly at-risk kids in their programs. **Africa International University**, Nairobi, Kenya. **Ongoing health needs**: Brian Bauer, Tony Belgio, Sirene Christman, Carmen DeGroot, Shawn DeMoss, Lisa Eckert, Barbara Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sara Jo Gogots, Stann Leff, Kerry Pfund, Gary Schmitt, Megan Stough, Nancy Tally, Gunnar Terhune, Paul Van Der Molen, David Wiggins, Rich Wilson; missionary health needs: Jim and Nan Green (retired), Lynette Hatcher, Ray Leaf (retired), Muriel Stilwell (retired), Julie T, Bob Wenninger (retired)

7 **PRAY FOR:** Nursery Supt. **Jordan Hawkins**, Preschool Bible School Supt. **Laura Swoboda** and Preschool Children's Church Supt. **Karyn Hecht** and volunteers—young families to make church a priority; these little ones and the volunteers to stay healthy as the seasons change. **Daniel** and **Charis** (pseudonyms)—Charis as she attends an OFM leadership retreat October 28-30; Daniel as he connects with the global community involved in praying for the people group in NE Asia; his upcoming presentation at GMHC in Louisville on November 13; Daniel as he facilitates a session of Christian Global Health in Perspectives on November 17; their son Luke to grow as a youth group leader in his Friday night fellowship.

8 **PRAY FOR: Todd** and **Sue Kelly**, FWG, U.S.-based—a smooth transition for their new staff member; the Lord to provide for his financial needs; the Lord to give them wisdom in evaluating a new training opportunity in Cambodia and developing financial and ministry partnerships for the work; his Spirit and wisdom to serve him well. **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and those who volunteer in the stores and help with donation pick-ups.

9 **PRAY FOR:** Elementary Bible School Supt. **Maria Post**, Elementary Children's Church Supt. **Nancy Chase**—thank God for volunteers who love to teach about Jesus, and students who are eager to learn. **John** and **Esther**, IGSL, Philippines—students and teachers, and staff and faculty to experience personal and relational transformation and spiritual renewal that would influence their families, their communities and even back to their countries and beyond; those in the highest positions in government, that justice and peace would be allowed to flourish in more places, and that God's people would be able to worship without fear.

10 **PRAY FOR:** the **Multi-Nations Fellowship** this afternoon; good connections as people from all nations and cultures gather; **Josh** and **Brittany**, U.S.-based—seekers who are opening Scripture for the first time; wisdom as they build tools for this complex environment; protection and encouragement for believers facing pressure.

11 **PRAY FOR: Rick** and **Janice McKinley**, MAI, U.S.-based—expanded ministry opportunities this year in Southeast Asia; the 2,000 youth soccer players and their families who will be ministered to through their youth team coaches this fall; praise God for the bold witness of several high school and collegiate athletes this summer on their 13 sports missions trips in six different countries.

12 **PRAY FOR:** those attending the **Word Conference** today; **Pastor Moody** and **Dr. Jonathan Griffiths** as they teach on constructing a biblical faith in an age of deconstruction. **Joan** (missions associate), Asia—full recovery from her travels this summer and a resumption of her ministries.

13 **PRAY FOR:** Church Recording Secretary **Carol Schick**. Events Manager **Angie Schroeder** and event coordinators. **Caleb** and **Marisa Duttweiler**, East Mountain, South Africa—the East Mountain alumni to stay connected with others who have completed their leadership development program for encouragement and opportunities to spread the hope and joy of Christ; their current residents/students to make the most of their lessons, relationships and spaces to reflect these last months; fundraising efforts to build a residency house to accommodate more students.

14 **PRAY FOR:** High School **Pastor Baxter Helm**, Admin. Assist. **Pam Ferrill** and the high school ministry associates—thank God for students who are excited to share the good news with their peers who don't know Jesus. **Tim Sattler**, FWG, U.S.-based—national pastors who are leading exposition workshops in their countries and beyond their borders; the finances they need for ministry; praise God for the continued growth and strength of ministry partners, pastors and church leaders involved with Fellowship of the Word Global.

15 **PRAY FOR: Jim** and **Kathy Hansen**, SIM, U.S.—thank God that enrollment is at near capacity this year at the Ethnos360 Bible Institute; their teaching and discipleship to produce spiritual growth in their students; the needed kitchen staff; strength and blessing on those who serve; Kathy as she works hard to love and care for the special needs students at the elementary school; strength and wisdom as she serves them.

16 **PRAY FOR: Giles** and **Debbie Davis**, SEND, Spain—the church retreat in Barcelona, this weekend; Giles as he teaches on discipleship and intergenerational; the Lord to move mightily among the congregation to take practical steps forward in this all-important area for Spain; Debbie as she meets with the leaders of their denomination this weekend with the goal of finding trustworthy leaders from the next generation that she can train to take her place; God's provision and direction as they head back to the U.S. for a six-month home service; visits to current supporters; the need to raise additional support for another five-year term.

17 **PRAY FOR: Bob** and **Becky Faber**, SV, Bulgaria. **Judy Blumhofer**, Give Hope 2 Kids, Honduras—her family and ministry to share Christ's love with abandon and shine brightly for him; praise God that her son Angel's adoption is finalized, with the smoothest court process imaginable; Angel's passport and visa so he can travel with her; the last few items the medical college needs to supply Judy to come quickly now that they've granted her licensure.

18 **PRAY FOR:** Today is **Local Outreach Sunday** as the 2026 Missions and Community Outreach Festival begins; **Matt Anthony** as he speaks today on the festival theme, "Thy Kingdom Come;" good conversations with our community partners who will be at church today. The **Signs of Love** game time this afternoon; thank God for this ministry that is building bridges between the deaf and hearing communities.

19 **PRAY FOR: Pastor of Worship and Music Brandon Chism**, Ministry Associates for Music **Debbie Hollinger**, **Ruth Gregornik**, **H.E. Singley** and **Robin Wiper**, Admin. Asst. for Music **Emma Cooksey**, adult choir, children's choir and God's Children Sing (Sunday evening music program) and director **Sarah Herr**—the music team and choirs as they plan for the Advent season.

20 **PRAY FOR: Phil** and **Ann Baur**, Pioneers, U.S.—God to guide Pioneers as it pursues engagement with an additional 250 unreached people groups over the next 10 years; the existing church-planting teams to identify unreached people groups near them—geographically, culturally or linguistically—to whom he would have them reach out; Spirit-led relationships, open doors, courageous obedience and new movements of discipleship among these peoples; Phil and Ann as they look to the next season of ministry; wisdom to discern his directional timing for this stage of their lives.

21 **PRAY FOR: Home-bound** and **care centers**: Vivian Borrink, Liz Cook, John Dykstra, Patty Edmonds, Mary Hamm, Carolyn Hass, Cordon Kerns, Wayne King, Bernie Kling, Marcia McCrary, Carol Nickerson, Evey Setran, Bob Wenninger, Wayne Widder. Service & Engagement Committee—the members and regular attenders of College Church to find a place to use their gifts to build up the body of Christ. Accounting Manager **Dan Bauer** and accountants **Cindy Schuerman** and **Beate Carlson**.

22 **PRAY FOR:** Council of Elders Chair **Randy Jahns** and Vice-Chair **Mark Bradley** and Secretary **Dave Setran**—godly wisdom for each elder

as you pray for the Council the next few days. Front Door Ministry team—thank God for these friendly volunteers who welcome worshipers each Sunday. **Anita Deyneka**, (missions associate), ME, U.S.-based—wisdom and good health with her busy fall hosting guests; help to arrange both gatherings and travel in the U.S. on behalf of Ukraine; funding and other resources to help supply chicken coops and greenhouses for the winter for Ukrainians living in besieged areas inside or near areas of Russian-occupied eastern Ukraine for food supply as its bitterly cold winter approaches.

23 **PRAY FOR:** Thank God for elders **David Bea**, **Brad Hiben** and **Steve Ivester**. The Caring Network banquet this evening to increase awareness and action to support life. New Theological College, Uttarakhand, India.

24 **PRAY FOR:** Thank God for elders **Heinrich Johnsen**, **Anson Johnson** and **J.J. Jones**. Tyrannus Bible College, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.

25 **PRAY FOR: Global Missions Sunday** today; College Church missionary **Jeremy Otten** as he preaches on Mathew 6:9-13; the visiting missionaries as they speak in the Adult Communities, student ministries and Kids' Harbor classes.

26 **PRAY FOR:** Thank God for elders **Glenn Kosirog**, **Jeff Oslund** and **Dave Tweeten**. **Kyle Bradley**, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic—this sabbatical season through December 3 to bring renewed faith, strengthened family relationships, meaningful rest, and clarity for the next season of life and ministry.

27 **PRAY FOR: John** and **Vivi Wickberg**, WBT, U.S.-based—the Paratext team meeting in London, October 5-9; this time together to help in their plans for supporting Paratext 9 and completing the first release of Paratext 10; Vivi as she teaches ESL to a new class; the students to work well together; Vivi to form good relationships with them.

28 **PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss**: Kathy Arciaga, Margret Becker, family of Ruth Comfield, Dennis Ehrman, Elaine Garrett, Phil Gorski, Sue Haas, Tim Hollinger, Wayne King, Rachel Kondraschow, Barb Nussbaum, Tom Nussbaum, Phil Nussbaum, Liz Oster, Debbie Skidgel, Shauna Thorson.

29 **PRAY FOR: Jeremy** and **Christy Otten**, WV, Belgium—God to provide several churches and individuals to begin supporting them financially; Christy to make the space for language learning; wisdom for her about licensing issues; financial provision for Olive Tree; God to bless their house projects as they make

their home a welcoming space for all who enter it.

30 **PRAY FOR: President Donald Trump**, **Vice-President J.D. Vance** and the administration. The U.S. Senate and Senators **Tammy Duckworth** and **Dick Durbin**. The U.S. House of Representatives, **Speaker Mike Johnson** and Representatives **Sean Casten** (Dist. 6), **Bill Foster** (Dist. 11) and **Lauren Underwood** (Dist. 14).

31 **PRAY FOR:** Good weather for **Grounds Day** this morning; volunteers as they do fall clean-up around the grounds.

MISSION ACRONYMS:

FWG—Fellowship of the Word Global

GEM—Greater Europe Mission

IGSL—IGSL

IVCF—InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

KA—Kids Alive

MAI—Missionary Athletes International

ME—Mission Eurasia

SV—Salt Ventures

WBT—Wycliffe Bible Translators

WV—World Venture

PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:
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