Calvary Prayer Guide
For Week of Prayer and Fasting: June 8-14, 2025

*Calvary's Session is calling for a **Week of Prayer and Fasting** June 8-14, as we move forward into our next 50 years as a church, asking the Lord to work in and through Vacation Bible School this week to reach another generation in our neighborhood and community with the gospel.*

Our goal is that at least two people will pray and fast each day of the week.

A helpful tool for understanding the purpose of a day of prayer and fasting can be found at http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/fasting-for-beginners, written by David Mathis in an excerpt from his book *Habits of Grace*.

To assist you with your day of prayer and fasting, we have provided a guide you can use to lead you throughout the day with particular emphasis on our part in God's mission to reach the generations through His church.

Each season, below, could correspond with a particular hour of the day, so that we might seek His face throughout the day. For example, you could start with Season 1 at 8 AM, followed by Season 2 at 9 AM and so on. If you miss an hour (i.e. 10 AM), you would just pick up with the next Season (3) the next hour (11 AM).

● SEASON #1 - Pray for God to be glorified in this generation and the next through VBS.

Ephesians 3:20–21 - 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

● SEASON #2 - Pray that we would invite our neighbors and friends, particularly children, in this community to walk out of darkness and follow Jesus, the light of the world!

John 8:12 - 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

● SEASON #3 - Pray the Lord would remove all barriers to children hearing about and experiencing about the love of God in Christ through VBS.

Mark 10:13–16 - 13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

● SEASON #4 - Pray the Lord would <u>draw children</u> from the neighborhood to VBS, including *Autumn Chase, Laurel Oaks, Madison Glen, Winthrop Drive, Stonecrest Apartments, and Hampton Oaks*, and pray for a great gospel harvest.

Matthew 9:35–38 - 35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

● SEASON #5 - Pray for <u>unity</u> for the VBS team, as they prepare to <u>show</u> and <u>share</u> the <u>love of Christ</u> with this community and particularly the rising generation.

John 17:20–23 - 20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

● SEASON #6 - Pray for those who will teach during VBS to <u>faithfully proclaim</u> the Gospel of God's <u>mighty acts</u> through Christ.

Psalm 145:4 - 4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9. 4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

● SEASON #7 - Pray that the children who participate at VBS will <u>hear</u> the <u>Lord</u> through His gospel, and <u>embrace Christ</u> through <u>faith</u>.

Isaiah 54:13–14 - 13 All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. 14 In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

● SEASON #8 - Pray that we would experience the <u>joy</u> of children <u>coming to faith</u> in Jesus and be strengthened in their <u>walk</u> with Jesus.

3 John 1:4- 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.