



July 6th-14th

St. Louis, Missouri: Over 300,000 people live in St. Louis city, while the Greater St. Louis area boasts a population of 3 million. Between 10-15% claim to be Evangelical Christians, while over half claim no religion at all.

## ST. LOUIS MISSION TRIP PRAYER GUIDE:

### **Thursday, July 6th:**

(Today the team will be traveling to Potosi, Missouri (just outside of St. Louis), to stay with Pastor Andrew's parents.)

*But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. Psalm 3:3*

- ☀ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray for safety as they travel from Woodward to Potosi. Pray that, as they travel, God would continue to prepare their hearts and minds for the ministry ahead.
- ☀ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray for the staff of Global Encounter Ministries as they finalize their preparations for the several mission teams that will be a part of the St. Louis Project this next week.
- ☀ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray that families in this city would have their eyes opened to the glorious gospel of Christ and that churches in the St. Louis area would see many new believers daily added to their numbers.

### **Friday, July 7th:**

(Today the team will be checking into their lodging site and will meet with the other mission teams for worship.)

*And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6*

- ☀ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray that God will continue to build in our team a growing love for those to whom they will minister in St. Louis and that they would grow in their love for others throughout the week.
- ☀ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray for the worship teams and speakers that will serve in the evening worship services tonight and throughout the week, that they would earnestly and fervently point the hearts and minds of the mission teams toward the glorious attributes and deeds of Jesus Christ.
- ☀ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray for the salvation of young people in St. Louis and that the churches there would have vibrant and active campus ministries that seek to reach and disciple these students.



## **Saturday, July 8th:**

(Today the mission teams will be participating in missions training during the day, capped off by a concert of prayer beginning at 8:15pm.)

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9*

- ☼ **Pray for the TEAM:** As the team trains today, pray that God would open their eyes even more to the calling He has given all believers to proclaim His glorious excellencies and that their hearts would be filled with joy and anticipation at this calling.
- ☼ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray for the several leaders who will be training the mission teams today, that they would handle well the word of God.
- ☼ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray that church pastors and leaders in St. Louis would seek to understand their urban culture and would engage with this culture in creative and biblical ways.

## **Sunday, July 9th:**

(After morning church services, the mission team will head out to their ministry site to work on preparing for the week's ministry. This includes prayer walking their site [Ivory Perry Park], passing out promotional flyers in local neighborhoods, establishing van routes, and preparing materials for the following day.)

*But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. Jeremiah 29:7*

- ☼ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray for the hearts of the team as they encounter their ministry site for the first time. Pray that God would help them to trust Him to work in and through them this week.
- ☼ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray that God would give the team wisdom and discernment as they prepare for the week's ministry. Pray also that they would enjoy favor with the families in the neighborhoods surrounding the park and that many children would be allowed to attend the Backyard Bible Club.
- ☼ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray that St. Louis will have gospel-centered churches that pray earnestly and continuously for the city in which they minister.

## **Monday, July 10th:**

(Today is the first day of in-the-field ministry. The team will lead in a Backyard Bible Club at Ivory Perry Park in the morning [Bible story will be about God's creation] and then canvas local neighborhoods in the afternoon. They will close the evening with a worship service along with other mission teams at their lodging site.)

*And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." Isaiah 12:4-5*

- ☼ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray that God would fill the team with joy and excitement for who He is and what He has done and that this joy would overflow into their ministry with others.
- ☼ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray that the van routes work well and that many children are able to attend the Backyard Bible Club. Pray the team handles well the hiccups that often come with the first day of ministry.
- ☼ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray for the Christians in St. Louis to be need-meeting and to love their neighbors well.

## **Tuesday, July 11th:**

(Today the team will continue the Backyard Bible Club in the morning [Bible story will be about sin and the Fall] and will head to the St. Louis arch in the afternoon for some good fellowship time with each other.)

*At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

*Colossians 4:3-4*

- ☼ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray that the team will be continuously aware of all the open doors God gives them this week (and after) to proclaim the truth of the gospel to others.
- ☼ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray for those teaching the Bible story today, that they will be able to explain the sin problem that we all have. Pray also that the team will continue building good relationships with the kids.
- ☼ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray that gospel-centered churches in St. Louis will replicate themselves by planting new churches in different areas of the city.

## **Wednesday, July 12th:**

(Today the team will continue the Backyard Bible Club in the morning [Bible story will be about the Incarnation] and then canvas local neighborhoods in the afternoon. They will close the evening with a worship service along with other mission teams at their lodging site.)

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Hebrews 12:1-3*

- ☀ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray for encouragement for the team, that they would finish the week strong and not lose heart in the ministry.
- ☀ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray for those leading music, art, recreation, etc., this week, that they would be well-prepared and that they would have opportunities to connect their activities back to the gospel.
- ☀ **Pray for the CITY:** U.S. cities have large international communities, so pray that St. Louis churches would have wisdom and discernment regarding how best to include and engage these communities.

## **Thursday, July 13th:**

(Today is the last day of Backyard Bible Club [Bible story will be about the cross and resurrection], after which the team will prepare for a Parents' Night at the park. After Parents' Night, the team will head back to their lodging site for a late night worship service.)

*...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. Ephesians 6:18-20*

- ☀ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray that the team will continue to grow in their love for each other and that they will show patience to each other and bear with one another well.
- ☀ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Pray for many parents to attend the Parents' Night and for many hearts to be changed through the speaking of God's word. Pray for the pastor who will share the gospel during this time, that he handles well the word of God, and pray for the team as they minister to the families who come.
- ☀ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray for the many pastors in St. Louis, that God would open their eyes to effective strategies for reaching the lost in their city.

## **Friday, July 14th:**

(After a morning worship time, the team will be driving back to Woodward.)

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20*

- ☀ **Pray for the TEAM:** Pray God would give the team a great love for His word and for prayer and that He would enable them to see these as necessities in living out the Great Commission to which He has called us. Pray also for safety as they travel home.
- ☀ **Pray for the MINISTRY:** Praise God for all that He has done in and through our team this week. Pray that the team will continue ministering to others for the gospel here in Woodward.
- ☀ **Pray for the CITY:** Pray for God to raise up many more gospel-centered churches in St. Louis, churches that disciple believers, are on mission to reach the lost, love each other well, and seek to meet the needs of their communities.



*"The history of revivals shows the vital importance of corporate, prevailing, visionary intercessory prayer for the city and the body of Christ."*

\* Tim Keller