

# GATEWAY KIDS PRAY

As we enter a new season here at Gateway, we sense the importance of coming together as a body to be united in spirit and purpose. Tonight we'll move throughout the campus and listen and ask God to move and work in us and through us. Thank you for participating in this labor of prayer.

## SINGLE MOMS IN NEED

Single mom's have the hardest jobs, one that never seems to end. Most work tirelessly to provide food, clothing and shelter and then come home to the most important work, being "mom."

### **Pray for single moms:**

*Talk to your parents about single moms. If you have a single mom, give her a hug and tell her what a great job she's doing. If you know any single moms, talk to your parents about what you think would be the hardest about being the only parent. In what ways could you help out?*

- Pray that God would richly bless single moms for the unending work they thoughtfully do.
- Pray for single mom families where money is very tight that they have opportunities to provide for their family that don't require too much time away from being home with the kids.
- Pray for single moms to have to manage very busy schedules to be able to maximize the time they have together as a family.
- Pray that single moms will truly rely on God to help them and that they wouldn't feel alone.

## ADDICTIONS

An addiction is where a person has an uncontrollable bad habit. Even though this person may want to quit or break this habit, they usually can't by themselves. Most addictions usually include alcohol, smoking, gambling, drugs or others. Addictions hurt both the person addicted as well as those around him/her.

### **Pray for those who are addicted:**

*Talk to your parents about those you may know who have addictions and pray the following points for them. If you don't know anyone, pray for those in our church and community who have addictions.*

- Pray that those who are addicted realize that they need help.
- Pray that those who want help, find someone to help them.
- Pray that God will send people to help those who are addicted.
- Pray that God will break addictions for those who want freedom.

## REFUGEES

A person who leaves their country (often with their entire families) because it is no longer safe for them to live in their own homeland usually because of their race, their religion or their different ideas about their government.

### **Pray for refugees:**

*Talk to your parents about how it would feel if you had to leave your home, family and friends to move to a different land where you didn't even speak the same language simply because your skin was a different color or you believed something different.*

- Pray that the refugee families would adapt to their new life here in Austin.
- Pray that the family will quickly learn English.
- Pray that the refugee parents will find jobs.
- Pray that refugee children will make friends.
- Pray that they will find the hope and peace that comes from knowing God.

## POVERTY

Poverty is when a person or family has little to no money, food or housing. One in ten people in Austin live in poverty.

### **Pray for poverty:**

*Talk to your parents about what it would be like to not have a home, a bed to sleep in or enough food to eat. Do you know anyone in like this that you can pray for? If you don't know anyone, pray for the homeless you often see on street corners.*

- Pray that those in poverty will have enough food, water and shelter.
- Pray that parents would find jobs to support their families.
- Pray for God to protect their health.
- Pray for families in poverty to see God as their provider.
- Ask God to show you how you can help with those in poverty.

## AT-RISK YOUTH

At-risk youth are teenagers or children who have an addiction, live in poverty, are already parents, are no longer going to school, are homeless, have broken the law and have gone to jail or have serious trouble learning. Thousands of at-risk youth live in our community and even attend Gateway.

### **Pray for at-risk youth:**

*Talk to your parents about a teenager you know that might be "at-risk." Of the risks listed above, what would be the hardest to overcome as a child or teenager and why? Who is an "at-risk youth" you want to begin praying for regularly?*

- Pray that God will help them overcome the hard situations they are in.
- Pray that God will send more people to at-risk youth to love them and tell them about the love of Christ.
- Pray that they would see God as their friend and that he wants to help them.
- Pray that more at-risk youth would come to Gateway and find love and friendship here.

## FAMILY

Gateway loves families. Many families are hurting and have serious needs and we as a church want to pray for and take care of families in our church and community.

### **Pray for families:**

*Talk to your parents about things you can pray for your own family. What needs does your family have that God can provide for? In addition, who are some other families that you can pray for that have needs?*

- Pray for specific needs in your own family.
- Pray for specific needs in families you know.
- Pray for families in crisis (families going through divorce, loss of job or loss of a family member).
- Pray for parents to trust God to help them lead their family in a way that honors God.
- Pray for kids to trust God to help them honor their parents.
- Pray that families would take steps to become strong, healthy and loving.

## GLOBAL

God has given us a task. Matthew 28:19 says "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Gateway has a part in all of this. Acts 1:8 says, "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." That means it is our job to spread his word to our community, our region and to our world.

### **Pray for families:**

*alk to your parents about how you might represent Jesus in your community? How might you do this or help do this in your region or world?*

- Pray for those who live on your street or are a classmate in school who don't know Christ and opportunities to be a witness to them.
- Pray for our city and Gateway's efforts to spread the love of Jesus to those who don't know him.
- Pray for those around the world who don't know know Jesus and that God will send people to share his love with them.
- Pray for Gateway's efforts in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico and India and that they would have a part in people coming to know Jesus.

## ARTS

God is the great creator and he has placed his creative ability in us. Austin is known as a city of creative people who create beautiful art.

### **Pray for artists:**

*Talk to your parents about the artist you've encountered as a family, perhaps the live bands at your favorite restaurant, actors in the theater productions you've attended as well as your art and music teachers. In what way have you seen their art as something that is pleasing to God?*

- Pray that through a friendship with God, they'd experience creativity like never before.
- Pray for artists that have been drawn to Gateway, that they would experience God and know that He loves them.
- Pray that Gateway artists would represent the love of God the Austin's arts community.

## EDUCATION

From elementary schools to colleges, schools shape and mold students; preparing them for the rest of their lives. However, schools sometimes teach values and character to their students and it's not always God honoring.

### **Pray for education:**

*Talk to your parents about your school experience. Where have you seen God honored in your school or classroom? Where have you seen opposition to what you believe about God? How do you feel about that?*

- Pray for our elementary, middle, high schools and universities, that they would offer excellent education and prepare students for life.
- Pray for our teachers, principals, school boards and professors. Pray that they would make decisions about education that honor God.
- Pray for godly influences within our schools (clubs, teachers, organizations and students) that help students follow Christ.

## COLLEGE

Students come from all over the country and world to study in Austin. This is an incredible opportunity for our church to share God's love with thousands of young students right in Gateway's backyard.

### **Pray for college students:**

*Ask your parents about their college experience. Were they following Christ then? If not, how would things be different from them if they had found God while in college? Talk about the importance of following Christ at this important time of life.*

- Pray that college students studying in Austin have an opportunity to learn about God's love for them.
- Pray for the thousands of students coming from other countries where they know nothing or very little about Jesus. Pray that someone will share Christ with them.
- Pray for Gateway's small groups on our college campuses, that they would grow and more students would connect with God as a result.

## GOVERNMENT

Although our leaders are not perfect, we live in a wonderful country where we are free to believe in Jesus and worship God without fear that someone will try to stop us. Our government is run by people we elect, but we must not forget that they need our prayers.

### **Pray for our government:**

*Ask your parents this question, "If you were a government official, how would you want someone to pray for you?" Now pray that prayer together for our president, congressmen (people who make laws) and judges.*

- Pray that our president make wise decisions that honor God. Also pray that he have wise men and women to advise him.
- Pray that our senators and representatives would whole-heartedly serve the people that elected them and write good laws.
- Pray that more who serve in our local, state and national governments would come to know Jesus.
- Pray for safety for our soldiers and public servants (police, fire, etc) who risk their lives both here and in foreign lands.

## **AUSTIN GEOGRAPHIES**

God loves each part of Austin and he wants to rule in the hearts of those who call Austin their home. Jesus wants to be known in each geography!

**Pray for each geography:**

**Northwest Geography**

**Central Geography**

**Cedar Park/Leader Geography**

**Round Rock Geography**

**South Austin Geography**

*Ask your parents about each geography. Try to imagine a place or people you know from each geography (if you don't live there). Have your parents help you think of a place you know or people you know from there. Think about those places and those people when you pray.*

- Pray for any needs you actually know about for this geography.
- Pray for the people who live and work in this geography to come to know and trust Christ.
- Pray for churches in this area, that they would be successful in sharing Jesus with their neighbors.
- Pray Gatewayers in this area, that they would represent Jesus well to their friends and co-workers.

## **INTERNET**

You may not know it, but Gateway is also on the Internet. Every week hundreds of people attend Gateway by watching services live from their computer screens from all around the world. Many of these people now belong to Gateway like you do even though they've never stepped foot in our doors.

**Pray for our Internet campus:**

*Talk to your parents about going to church over the Internet. What do you think about it? What would it be like to live somewhere where it was hard to find a good church so you have to attend one through your computer?*

- Pray that people who are far from God might find Gateway's Internet campus and learn about God's love.
- Pray that people who attend the Internet campus who are alone would find good friendships with others through the Internet campus.
- Pray for new Christ-followers in other countries that are growing in their faith through the Internet campus.
- Pray for Vince, our Internet Campus Pastor and his volunteers to have an even bigger impact than they do now.