

DRIVING DIVERSITY PRAYER GUIDE

"...on earth as in heaven..."

Pray for Perspective

Yesterday I talked to a missionary couple who shared their frustration of being in a church service a week after an unarmed Black man was shot by the police. The pastor led the congregation in praying for the police officer and the department, but failed to ask for prayer for the family mourning the loss of a loved one. This couple was saddened by this event, but how did our Father feel?

"Everyone is entitled to their own opinion" seems to be the American golden rule. For believers, this can be truly challenging. It is difficult to put aside our own thoughts and feelings and instead search for God's perspective in current events. I encourage you to read and share the blogs below which all focus on getting God's perspective.

St. Louis is America by Brandon Wilkes reminds us that what happened in Ferguson is not isolated, neither the event or the conditions that caused it and challenges us to start the conversation. Belkis explores the question Joshua once asked, "are you for us or our enemies" in *The Key to Unity*. Raydon Haskins has a challenge to us all to lay down our idols of race, patriotism, and self in *Who is our Real Enemy*.

More than anything today, the church needs God's perspective! Please pray with us this month for us all to have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts that would understand what it means for His kingdom to come and His will to be done.

Thank you for your prayers and intercessions,

Steve and Belkis Lehmann

HBCU Prayer Target: Winston Salem State University

Update:

The first few months at Winston Salem State University have been encouraging. Initially, we were met with lots of barriers but through prayer and intentional meetings, those barriers have turned into open doors. We have encountered a lot of people to help guide our relationship with the university. We have met several students who have very quickly become great friends. We are working hard, but God is certainly bringing the pieces together in a way that demonstrates His faithfulness, to us and His plan for the Piedmont Triad area. Many times, after we have made contact with students, faculty or staff, we look at each other and say, "That meeting was totally God." We currently have relationship with at least 6 students and a handful of faculty members, who are helping us navigate the procedural side of campus ministry. We are starting to look forward to next semester when we hope to meet more students, develop new leaders and strengthen our relationship with the university.



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Prayer Points

1. That we continue to meet and build relationships with students, faculty and staff.
2. That we continue to find favor in the areas of access to campus ie. parking, meeting space, and some student only common spaces.
3. That the students we have met so far deepen their relationships with the Lord. Pray with us that they would embrace discipleship and take on the challenge of becoming student leaders.
4. Lastly, please pray that the Lord will send us more laborers to join us in our efforts at WSSU, specifically African American staff.

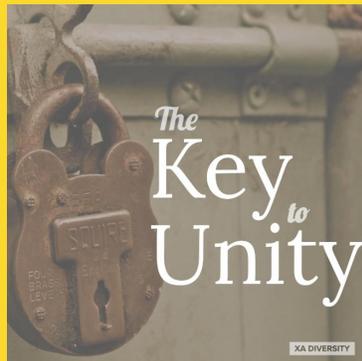
Thank you so much for your prayers!

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New Blog Posts



The recent events in St. Louis are a mirror of what is going on in our country. Racial divides have continued for years, but recent protests are calling for real conversations to start.



God is not on one side or both. True unity in the body of Christ lies in laying down our lives, picking up our crosses, and following Jesus.



As God's people, we need to reorient our lives around His purposes and His vision for His Kingdom. How can we do this specifically in light of social justice issues?

Thank you for interceding!

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