

# Driving Diversity



April Prayer Guide



Our purpose is to help Chi Alpha & the church be an accurate representation of Christ's people to the campus in its:

**sacred creation** (Acts 17:26), **diverse ethnic makeup** (Rev. 7:9), **supernatural oneness** (Gal. 3:28), **Jesus-centered unity** (John 17:21), **kingdom-ethic witness** (Mt. 5:1-15, Luke 4:18-19) and **reconciliation ministry** (2 Cor. 5: 16-21, Eph. 2:14-22).

We do this through:

1. Mobilizing the unspent\*
2. Equipping through training and resourcing
3. Helping plant at HBCU's\*\*
4. Building bridges

\*Unspent refers to ethnic minorities traditionally under-represented in missions

\*\*Historically Black College and Universities



## Monthly HBCU Prayer Target: *Xavier University of Louisiana*

Xavier University of Louisiana is a private institution that was founded in 1915. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 2,504. It is the nation's only Black and Catholic University. Xavier sends more African-Americans into medical school than any other college.

Deanna Ceasar has been reaching out to Xavier students for over four years now. Please pray for Deanna for open doors with the administration (Chi Alpha needs official recognition by the university), for staff help, and for a property across from campus to use as ministry center. All of these need serious and fervent intercession.

## Your Prayers Make a Difference

It is with a heavy heart that I sit to write today. Our world is in chaos: the death toll of 147 in Kenya, racists rants of college students in Oklahoma, and continued shootings in Ferguson, show that our country and our world are in need of serious intercession. Would you join with me and 205 other prayer warriors in crying out to God today?

Thank you for partnering with us in intercession. Our goal is to have 500 intercessors praying for diversity to be in the church "on earth as it is in heaven" (Rev 7:9). Help us reach this number by forwarding this email to like-minded people and encouraging them to join this team.

In many ways we are battling for the souls of our nation and the credibility of the church. Thanks for fighting with us.

Belkis and Steve Lehmann

## Answered Prayers

- God is hearing your prayers. Here are some results:
- Great trip to New Orleans. Many were challenged by the strong call to be God's people of the future- today.
- National Chi Alpha is investing \$6,000 this year to help cover travel expenses. This is almost half of my travel budget.
- We continue to be safe, healthy, and loving Jesus!
- Doors continue to open to share the vision of unity and love in the church.

## Specific Prayer Points

- Please pray for the following needs:
- That God would water heavily with his Spirit the seeds that were sown during Belkis' recent trip to New Orleans. God has a destiny for this city!!
- God's empowering presence and protection as Belkis takes a small team to Atlanta (April 14-17) to share the call to missions with students there.
- God's continued protection from attacks of the evil one against relationships (this is a primary result of working in racial healing)
- Launching of
- God's provision of an assistant for Belkis when we move to Florida to help carry administration load
- An increase of "caring" in the body of Christ for those who are hurting
- On going situations in the news (see below)

## In the News

### Pray for Ferguson

Ferguson has become a manifestation of the many issues our country is still dealing with in regards to race. The DOJ report revealed that we are far from done with race issues in America and that we must honestly look at ourselves. Pray for this city and true healing to come. [Read more](#)

### Racist Chant Caught on Tape

Racism is alive and well on our college campuses. Why does it not break the heart of every believer to have the word "Christian" be a part of the racist tradition of sororities and fraternities? Let us repent of any association with the origins and heritage of racism in Greek university life. [Read more](#)

### 147 Massacred in Kenya

The blatant targeting of Christians in the recent attack in Kenya is just one reason we need to pray. Pray for the families of the slain and for our own churches to care for those who are suffering and paying the ultimate price for their faith. [Read more](#)

## Resources

### Racism, the Evangelical Church...and The Idol that Divides Us

I warn you, don't read this article unless you are willing to lay it ALL before the cross. Before his battle in Jericho Joshua "comes upon a soldier with his weapon drawn and asks him whose side he's on. The man cryptically replies, "Neither. I've come as the commander of God's armies." ...God cannot be invoked to join our side. Rather, He has a plan for His planet. The question is: will we join His purposes?" [Read article](#)

### A Word to White & Black Evangelicals in America

"It's much easier to critique African Americans for suffering from fatherlessness because then one can wash his hands. If the problem is derelict dads, then there is no one else to blame. What to do? It's harder to admit that one holds a stake in a society that advantages his own family, church and community at the expense of others. When Evangelicals blithely claim that the evils that plague African America can be reduced to "fatherless homes," they excuse themselves from empathy, and therefore from humanity. [Read article](#)

### Monthly Committee Meeting

At our recent Diversity Task Force meeting, Chris Beard, lead pastor People's Church Cincinnati, shared the beautiful story of their church and their journey to true Biblical diversity. He weaves good theology through what he shares. I encourage you to take the time to watch it and pray for your local congregation as you watch. Pray that God leads your church through to Biblical responses. [Watch video](#)