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## PRAYER GUIDE

A FOUR-WEEK PRAYER JOURNEY IN PREPARATION FOR CCNC '26



COLSON CENTER  
National Conference



“PRAISE IS DUE TO YOU, O GOD, IN ZION, AND TO YOU SHALL VOWS BE PERFORMED. O YOU WHO HEAR PRAYER, TO YOU SHALL ALL FLESH COME.”

-PSALM 65: 1-2

**T**he people of God have the privilege to come before the God of the universe in humility through prayer. God is gracious to give His people many reasons to pray: Because He hears us (1 John 5:14), cares for us (1 Peter 3:12), provides for us (Hebrews 4:16, James 1:5-8), and forgives us (1 John 1:9)—just to name a few.

Prayer is also life-changing. I know because the Lord changed my life over the eight years that Mrs. Omega Buckner—a homebound, 89-year-old widow who loved Jesus—prayed for me. When I met her, I was a teenage knucklehead church kid with no interest in following Jesus. The last time I saw her, my life looked completely different. I was following the Lord, and I credit that transformation in part to the Lord’s work through Mrs. Buckner’s persistent prayer.

Because God calls us to pray, and because He’s proven His faithfulness to hear and answer our prayers, I am eager to invite you to join the Colson Center on a month-long prayer journey leading up to the 2026 Colson Center National Conference. As we prepare to grapple with the cultural moment in which God has placed us and be strengthened to step into our calling as Christians, I want us to commit this time to the Lord and ask for His will to be done through CCNC and beyond.

So, would you join us in prayer over the next four weeks? This guide will walk you week-by-week through prayers related to the key ingredients of a courageous faith: Hope, Truth, Identity, and Calling. Our team has included a selection of prayer requests for each week leading up to the conference. You can decide how you want to pray through them each week.

I’m eager to pray with you and see how the Lord works in us.

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” - James 5:16b

In Christ,



**John Stonestreet**  
President, Colson Center



WEEK 1: MAY 4-8, 2026

# HOPE

Christians are people of hope because Christ is risen, Christ is Lord, Christ is making all things new, and God has called us to this time and place for a purpose.

## CORE SCRIPTURE

### 1 Corinthians 15:19-22

"If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

## ATTRIBUTE OF GOD TO MEDITATE ON

# FAITHFULNESS

## SONG RECOMMENDATION

### **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

Songwriters: Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa

## PRAYER POINTS

### Monday, May 4

Ask God to strengthen His people with renewed hope and confidence in the grandeur of the Gospel.

### Tuesday, May 5

Pray for church leaders attending the Church Leadership Summit in advance of CCNC '26, that if they are weary, God will supply them with fresh hope for the work He has called them to do.

### Wednesday, May 6

Pray for Os Guinness, Carl Trueman, and John Stonestreet, speakers at the Church Leadership Summit. Ask that God would use their ministry to equip church leadership with a courageous faith for this cultural moment.

### Thursday, May 7

Pray that those who see Christ's Lordship as a merely personal matter will come to know and believe that Christ is Lord of all. Pray that they would be equipped to live out their faith in their callings in all spheres of life.

### Friday, May 8

Pray for friends, family members, colleagues, and classmates who feel hopeless because they are separated from God by sin. Pray that God would use those in attendance to be agents of reconciliation.



WEEK 2: MAY 11-15, 2026

# TRUTH

Christianity is not merely true for Christians. It is the Truth about reality, for all people at all times.

## CORE SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 46:8-10**

“Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.’”

## ATTRIBUTE OF GOD TO MEDITATE ON

# RIGHTEOUSNESS

## SONG RECOMMENDATION

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Songwriter: Reginald Heber (1823)

## PRAYER POINTS

**Monday, May 11**

Pray for those who have a truncated view of God’s Story (sin and salvation), that they will come to understand all four chapters of that Story—Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration.

**Tuesday, May 12**

Pray for several of our speakers, Cliff Knechtle, Randall Niles, and Abdu Murray, that they would continue to proclaim Truth faithfully in a cultural moment that devalues Truth.

**Wednesday, May 13**

Pray for the Colson Center team as they prepare final details for the event, that they would be strengthened and encouraged in their work.

**Thursday, May 14**

Pray for marketplace leaders at CCNC in the Business Track, that they will see how their work overlaps with God’s work of ongoing restoration and lead their employees in light of the Truth.

**Friday, May 15**

Pray for those who don’t yet know Christ in our neighborhoods and families, that they will “know the truth, and the truth will set [them] free” (John 8:32).



WEEK 3: MAY 18-22, 2026

# IDENTITY

Human identity is determined by our Creator and understood in relationship to everything He made.

## CORE SCRIPTURE

**1 John 3:2**

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

## ATTRIBUTE OF GOD TO MEDITATE ON

# LOVE

## SONG RECOMMENDATION

**I Am Not My Own**

Songwriters: Skye Peterson, Ben Shive,  
Bryan Fowler, Tom Anderson

## PRAYER POINTS

**Monday, May 18**

Pray that CCNC attendees would return to their homes and communities and see every person they encounter as valuable because they are made in the image of God.

**Tuesday, May 19**

Pray for Chloe Cole, Dr. Christina Francis, Roland Warren and Dr. Jennifer Patterson, speakers at CCNC '26, as each of them labors to uphold the Truth about human identity in a chaotic culture.

**Wednesday, May 20**

Pray that CCNC will be marked by undistracted, face-to-face connections with fellow image bearers.

**Thursday, May 21**

Pray for teachers, counselors, and ministers who engage with people who are confused about their gender and sexuality. Pray that God will use CCNC to equip them to guide others toward their God-given identity.

**Friday, May 22**

Ask God to continue giving the Colson Center, our Board, and our audience courage to speak the truth about identity in a culture that says identity is self-determined.



WEEK 4: MAY 25-29, 2026

# CALLING

We aren't here just to exist or survive. We're called. We were uniquely gifted to bear God's image in this time and where we've been placed by Him.

## CORE SCRIPTURE

### 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation."

## ATTRIBUTE OF GOD TO MEDITATE ON

# SOVEREIGNTY

## SONG RECOMMENDATION

### **Take My Life and Let it Be**

Songwriter: Frances Ridley Havergal

## PRAYER POINTS

### Monday, May 25

Pray that every aspect of CCNC will consider carefully how they can promote and celebrate what's good as they return home.

### Tuesday, May 26

Pray that God would strengthen this year's class of over 1,600 Colson Fellows-in-Training for courage to live out their faith with boldness.

### Wednesday, May 27

Pray for S. Michael Craven, Dr. Bill Brown, Dr. Carl Trueman, and Dr. Glenn Sunshine, all speakers at CCNC '26, that God would continue to use their ministries to equip Christians around the world in their callings.

### Thursday, May 28

Pray for those who are blinded by "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4), and for those who "call evil good and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20)—that God will open their eyes, grant them repentance, and transform them into people who resist evil and promote good.

### Friday, May 29

Pray that CCNC attendees will return home to bring restoration to their families, homes, churches, and communities in practical ways.



“We praise Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thine mercies, that our hearts may be exceedingly thankful, and that we show forth our praise not only with our lips but in our lives, by the giving up of ourselves to thy service and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. To whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.”

-BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, 1928 EDITION

# JOINING US AT CCNC '26



## TONY SOUDER

CEO and Founder, Pray For Me Campaign

Onsite at CCNC'26, Tony Souder of the *Pray For Me Campaign* will lead us in prayer at our opening and closing sessions. We're honored for him to join us in this capacity, and we encourage you to explore the *Pray For Me Campaign*. It exists to create a web of intergenerational relationships for young people, using prayer as the connecting point and the catalyst for passing on the Christian faith to the younger generations. Learn more at [prayformecampaign.com](https://prayformecampaign.com).

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