



## Things that need prayer during a Kairos weekend

*Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. - Hebrews 13:3*

Most of the participants of this Kairos experience will have been locked away for years in an environment where they feel no love. Many of them knew no love before they arrived in prison. God has not forgotten them, he has just been waiting for a group of Christians to come together to show them what his love is about. This comes through the physical presence of a small group that is going into the prison to share with them directly, but just as important, it comes through the prayer from God's servants outside. The word Kairos means "God's special time." The time you spend in prayer is truly God's special time. The list below provides you with some ideas that you can pray for, but if God leads your prayers in a different direction, then by all means, follow His Spirit.

- Pray for all the participants by name, if their names are available.
- Pray that the participants' stress and anxiety will be reduced and their comfort levels will increase as the weekend goes on.
- Pray for each participant's salvation if they don't know Christ/rededication of their lives if they have already accepted Christ as their Savior.
- Pray each participant has ears to hear the Holy Spirit.
- Pray the participants have understanding of what they hear.
- Pray that the participants' walls of resistance are broken down.
- Pray that the participants understand how much God loves them.
- Pray that the participants begin developing a Christian community of support among themselves.
- Pray for safety as the participants go back to their cells.
- Pray the participants are able to forgive and offer forgiveness.
- Pray that the participants open up with those at their tables (a table of participants and team are called family for the weekend.)
- Pray that the participants understand and accept God's love, mercy and grace offered to them individually.
- Pray for mending relationships between participants and between participants and their families.
- Pray for unity among team members.
- Pray for wisdom in conversations of the team members.
- Pray the team members will have good listening ears.
- Pray each team member has genuine love for the participants.
- Pray that the talks are relevant and clear in delivering Truth.
- Pray for those giving talks they are completely emptied of themselves and full of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for rest and physical strength and good health for each team member.
- Pray for the focus of each team member will always be on Jesus.
- Pray that the team members put aside their own agenda and desire only God's agenda.
- Pray that the team members accept each participant are they are.
- Pray that the team members understand and appreciate God's love, mercy, and grace for them individually and for the rest of the Body of Christ.
- Pray that the weekend schedule goes smoothly.
- Pray that the team models vulnerability.
- Pray that the team listens to the participants.
- Pray that the team has a sacrificial attitude throughout the weekend.
- Pray that team members serve with thankful hearts for what God has done for them and through them.



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- Pray that the team's loyalty is to Christ not their denominational differences.
- Pray that all team members follow the rules of the prison in which they are guest.
- Pray that the team models humble servanthood.
- Pray that the participants will commit to and develop a daily Bible study and personal prayer time.
- Pray that the team members realize their limitations.
- Pray that the team members realize they are in control of nothing--God is in control.
- Pray that those offenders not attending the Kairos weekend will see God's love in action for them through the gifts of cookies and the actions and attitudes of those incarcerated who do attend.
- Pray for Assistant Superintendent (in charge of security.)
- Pray for Chaplain.
- Pray for Volunteer Coordinator.
- Pray for the Warden, correctional officers, and all the staff.
- Pray for all residents housed in the prison.
- Pray for the chapel crew as they set up and handle chapel.
- Pray for the kitchen crew (preparing the meals) that the food will be done on time and that there is plenty of food.
- Pray for the music team that they set the mood for great worship times.
- Pray for the weekend leader.
- Pray also for other key leadership roles that they make good decisions and complete they roles on time and without complications (inside coordinator, head servant, agape coordinator, head music, chapel coordinator, kitchen leader.)
- Pray for the victims of the 42 participating offenders.
- Pray that there are no problems with the bus transporting the team in and out of prison and taking meals into the prison.
- Pray for the talks given during the weekend.
- Pray for chapel services.
- Pray that the community that attends the closing will be supportive of the participants.
- Pray that those who are on the prayer chain will remember to pray.
- Pray that the closing will be an actual worship service.
- Pray that everything is done in sequence during the weekend and that nothing is added or left out.
- Pray that Thursday evening will be light-hearted and friendly---the mood that will be set/modeled by the team.
- Pray that they weekend will be conducted within the assigned time limits.
- Pray that the weekend graduates assisting as servants (these are offenders who have formerly attended an entire Kairos weekend) remain in the background when they are not serving.
- Pray that each participant will feel welcomed and cared for by their weekend host (one team member is assigned to greet and make frequent contacts with one of the participants.)
- Pray that the poster party will be a fun and affirming time for the participants.
- Pray for the talk of encouragement given by a previous Kairos weekend graduate is energetic, encouraging and effective.