

## Praying for Kairos

Some suggestions of things to pray about when praying for the Kairos weekend . . .

Pray each participant's name individually, if name 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 the participants' salvation if they don't know Christ/rededication of their lives if they have already accepted Christ as their Savior

Pray they have ears to hear the Holy Spirit

Pray they have understanding of what they hear

Pray that their walls of resistance are broken down

Pray that they understand how much God loves them

Pray that they begin developing a Christian community of support among themselves

Pray for their safety as they go back to their cells

Pray they are able to forgive and offer forgiveness

Pray that they open up with those at their tables (called their family for the weekend)

Pray that they understand and accept God's love, mercy and grace offered to them individually

Pray for mended relationships between participants and between participants and their families

Pray that they will commit to and develop a daily Bible study and personal prayer time

Pray that they accept God's gift of grace

Pray that they expose their lives, hurts, disappointments and hopes

Pray that they are open individually to counsel with clergy

Pray that the family tables bond and open up with genuine sharing during their chapel prayer times

Pray that all will accept the crosses offered them during cross ceremony on Sunday afternoon

Pray that their hearts will be touched by the love of Christ and the Christian community as they read their agape letters from the team

Pray that at open mike time all will feel open to share their true thoughts

Pray that at closing all the participants will have open hearts to share

Pray that the placemats at their tables during meals will pierce their hearts

Pray that their hearts will be touched by the posters on the walls sent by people from all over the world

Pray that on Friday they will understand themselves and their standing with God

Pray that on Saturday they will examine their relationship with Christ and with others and the role forgiveness has in these relationships

Pray that on Saturday they will give and receive forgiveness

Pray that on Saturday they will begin the process of growing in faith and community with other participants

Pray that they look forward to life in Christian community in the institution

Pray that they understand that when they walk in the love of God, they become vehicles to pass that love on to others

Pray that the participants are encouraged to relate to others in constructive ways and commit to God's control

Pray for good health, rest and physical strength

Pray for unity among team members  
Pray for wisdom for the team in their conversations with participants  
Pray the team has good listening ears  
Pray team members have genuine love for the participants  
Pray that the talks are relevant and clear in delivering Truth  
Pray for those giving talks that they are completely emptied of themselves and full of the Holy Spirit  
Pray for rest and physical strength and good health of team members  
Pray the team focus is always on Jesus  
Pray that the team members put aside their own agenda and desire only God's agenda  
Pray that the team accepts each participant as they are  
Pray that the team understands and appreciates 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 the team members serve with thankful hearts for what God has done for them and through them  
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 guests  
Pray that the team models humble servant hood  
Pray that all alarm clocks work  
Pray that the team meetings in the evenings after they leave the prison will be times of prayer and worship  
Pray that the team will be obedient to the Kairos model  
Pray that the clergy let the Holy Spirit lead them in their counsel of the participants  
Pray that the team plants seeds of love  
Pray that the team serves as anonymous servants  
Pray that all speakers are obedient to their talk outlines  
Pray that team members realize their limitations  
Pray that the team realizes they are in control of nothing – God is in control

Pray that those in the prison 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 that the counts go smoothly and quickly (these are the times during the day when the correctional officers count off the inmates to be sure that everyone is where they are supposed to be) and that there won't be any extra counts or any lockdowns  
Pray the prison staff will see the benefits of the Kairos experience to the participants and to the prison community  
Pray for a continuing good relationship between the Kairos community and the Prison officials  
Pray that the Prison Chaplain attends the weekend and supports the Prayer and Share Groups (these are small accountability groups of the incarcerated participants that meet weekly to share about their Christian walk and pray for and with each other)

Pray specifically for: the superintendent of Rockville, Julie Stout  
Assistant Superintendent, Dick Brown (in charge of security)  
Volunteer Coordinator, Rita Steed  
Correctional Officers  
Pray for all 1200 offenders housed at Rockville  
Pray for the chapel crew (setting up and handling chapel)  
Kitchen crew (preparing meals) – food done on time, plenty of food  
Music team – that they set the mood for great worship time  
Weekend Leader  
Pray also for other key leadership roles: inside coordinator, head servant, agape coordinator, music leader and kitchen leader

Pray for the victims of the 42 participating offenders  
Pray there will be no problems with the bus (transporting team in and out of prison and taking in the meals)  
Pray for the talks given during the weekend – Choices, You are Not Alone, Friends with God, The Church, Opening the Door (these talks are on Friday), Discovery, Action, A Christian (these talks are on Saturday), Footprints in the Sand, Tomorrow and Lighting the Way (talks on Sunday)  
Pray for the chapel services – including “The Wall,” and the forgiveness ceremony  
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 be an actual worship service  
Pray that everything is done in sequence during the weekend and that nothing is added  
Pray that Thursday evening will be light – hearted and friendly – the mood that will be set/modeled by the team  
Pray that the weekend will be conducted in total compliance with the Kairos excellence initiative  
Pray that all activities are conducted within the assigned time constraints  
Pray that the weekend graduates assisting as servants (past Kairos participants) remain in the background when not serving  
Pray that each participant will feel welcomed and cared for by their weekend host (each team member is assigned to greet and make frequent contact with one of the participants)  
Pray that the post 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