

**Southwood Day of Prayer for Expressing Grace and Advancing God's Kingdom**  
**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

*Note: This is a suggested guide for prayer to be used as you find helpful. You can pray individually, with your family, and/or with your Grace Group (no formal gathering this month due to Fall Break).*

*Please join us in dependence upon our gracious and powerful Father!*

Read Acts 4:24-31 ... *They lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'—<sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

- Pray for Spirit-filled boldness in our hearts because of the incomparable value of our eternal inheritance and the promised presence of our God with us.
  
- Pray for a deepened trust in the sovereignty of our God, who is working in and through us and other people's hearts for his own glory.
  
- Pray for our mission partners and sister church plants around the city, country, and world, who need the same boldness where they minister.