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Over **8 MILLION** people in our state  
need to experience new life through Jesus.

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help reach them.**

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# MISSION ILLINOIS WEEK OF PRAYER

# SEPTEMBER 14 - 21



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## DAY 1: REVITALIZED CHURCHES

Many Illinois churches need to experience renewed vitality to deliver the light of Jesus to their neighborhoods. **Pray** for discouraged churches to discover a new future through the IBSA Health Team's church revitalization efforts.

- ▶ **Watch** Metropolis bi-vocational pastor **Clay Blankenbaker's** church revitalization story.

## DAY 2: CAMP MINISTRIES

Lake Sallateeska and Streator Baptist Camps serve as special places where children and students hear God's word and commit their lives to following Jesus. **Pray** that young Illinoisans would continue to hear God's call and to grow into godly leaders for their churches.

## DAY 3: CHICAGOLAND

With over 9.6 million people, Chicago and its surrounding suburbs is the third largest metropolitan area in the U.S., and an enormous mission field. **Pray** for God's strength and more partners for IBSA's 150+ cooperating churches in Chicagoland as they labor to spread hope in this challenging metropolis.

- ▶ **Watch** Chicago pastor **Maurice Gaiter's** story of sharing Jesus with his tough Austin neighborhood.

## DAY 4: NEW CHURCHES

Planting new churches is an essential part of reaching Illinois' cities and rural areas. Every year, IBSA helps plant 10-20 new churches across the state, reaching people without a gospel preaching church nearby. **Pray** for God to open doors for more churches in under-reached locations and for IBSA Church Planting as they recruit, train, and support new churches and planters.

## DAY 5: COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Over 400,000 students study on Illinois college and university campuses. **Pray** that God would connect campus ministries with students who are seeking true answers to their deepest questions, finding their purpose in following Jesus.

- ▶ **Watch** the story of how God is working through **Nick Volkening** to reach and grow university students like **Logan Barrus** in Champaign-Urbana.

## DAY 6: RENEWED EVANGELISM

More than 8 million Illinoisans do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. **Pray** for renewed passion to reach lost neighbors, friends, and family with the hope of Jesus, and pray for IBSA's Mission Team as they help catalyze churches to reach their communities.

## DAY 7: GROWING LEADERS

Vibrant churches need new leaders to rise up and use their gifts to serve. IBSA's Growth Team helps churches strengthen existing leaders and train new men and women for ministry. **Pray** for God to raise up new leaders in churches, to use their gifts to grow faithful followers of Jesus, with integrity and skill.

- ▶ **Watch** the story of how Jacksonville world traveler **Jennifer Smith**, is investing in her Illinois mission field through Disaster Relief and women's ministries.

## DAY 8: COMPASSION MINISTRIES

Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief ministries, food distributions, and IBSA service projects show the love of Christ in tangible ways, opening doors for the gospel to people in need. **Pray** for energy and opportunities to share about Jesus for church volunteers who serve our Illinois neighbors experiencing times of natural disaster.