PRAYER

Building Momentum

40 Days of Seeking God Together

Building Momentum:
A Brentwood Baptist Resource

This prayer guide was crafted by the ministers and staff of Brentwood Baptist to unite our church family in focused, purposeful prayer.

Each day's entry guides you through four movements: grounding yourself in Scripture and devotional reflection, entering into personal prayer, lifting up partners and churches in our local community, and praying for global missions. Through these daily rhythms, we'll join together in seeking God's heart for our lives, our community in Middle Tennessee, and His work around the world.

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Campus Prayer Goal

This year, I am committing to pray for

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for my church

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Church Family,

2025 marked a turning point for our church as we learned together to make prayer our priority, not our last resort. As a result, we saw God move in many mighty ways!

We prayed for the lost and searching and saw record numbers of professions of faith and baptisms across many of our campuses. We hosted Vacation Bible School at every campus for the first time and saw gospel breakthroughs in each community. We hosted our Global Worker Gathering, and not only did we hear incredible stories from 45 families about how the Spirit is moving worldwide to draw people to Jesus, but we also now have a new wave of future missionaries being developed to take the gospel to the nations. Our mission partners recorded over 2.7 million gospel conversations, and our church multiplication network added national partners for the first time. Apart from Christ, we can do nothing (John 15:5), so the only reason for these praises and many more is that God's people obediently prayed, and God delighted to move.

We launched into last year with a 40 Day Prayer Guide that served as a catalyst for creating a culture of greater prayer in our church. As we look ahead to 2026, we firmly believe that it is essential to begin this year united in prayer once again. Remember that the number "40" is significant in the Bible, often associated with spiritual transformation and breakthrough.

This year's theme is "MOMENTUM" as we see our five-year vision gaining energy and focus. We are asking God for continued breakthroughs as we seek to share the gospel with millions who have yet to hear, as we meet community needs by the thousands in the name of Christ, and as we continue to build a network of one hundred healthy disciple-making churches.

Let's pray together for greater dependence, greater faith, and greater things to come in 2026 and beyond!

You are loved and you are sent!

Pastor Jay

Our mission is to engage the whole person with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ anywhere, anytime, with anybody.

WEEK ONE

Day One:
Jesus Calls Peter

Matthew 4:18–22

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him."
Matthew 4:19–20

When Jesus called Peter, He didn't hand him a five-year growth plan. He simply said, "Follow Me." No explanation. No guarantee. Just an invitation. Peter, an ordinary fisherman, dropped his nets immediately. That moment of obedience changed everything.

Momentum in our faith doesn't begin when we understand everything God is doing; it begins when we obey what we already know He is asking. Obedience is often the spark that ignites movement. Peter didn't know he would walk on water, preach to thousands, or help build the early church. He just knew Jesus was worth trusting.

It's tempting to wait until the timing feels right or the plan feels clear. But Jesus rarely calls us into comfort; He calls us into trust. When we respond with simple, immediate obedience, God builds the momentum that carries us into His purpose.

Maybe today, Jesus is whispering something small but clear to you: "forgive," "go," "trust," "let go." Don't wait for the perfect conditions. Drop your nets. Follow Him. Momentum always begins with a step of obedience.

Day One: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, show me what "net" You are asking me to drop today. Give me courage to release what holds me back and faith to follow You in obedience. Help me trust Your leading even when the path ahead is uncertain, knowing that every step of obedience draws me closer to Your purpose. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Oak Cottage for Women

The Oak Cottage for Women in Franklin, Tennessee, provides housing, life skills training, and support to formerly incarcerated women, helping them transition back into society with purpose and hope. Founded by Judy Felts, this six-month, gospel-centered program offers a safe environment where women can rebuild their lives and grow in Christ.

- Pray for Judy Felts, asking God to grant her wisdom, compassion, and endurance as she leads this ministry.
- Pray for the women at Oak Cottage to deepen in their knowledge and love for the Lord as they walk in new life.
- Ask God to give these women strength and courage as they reconnect with family and friends and share Christ's love in those relationships.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Coulson & May *

Coulson and May serve as Oasis Rest Home hosts in an ancient biblical city, providing a safe haven for global workers and Christian leaders to experience physical, spiritual, and emotional renewal. Through debriefing, spiritual direction, biblical pastoral care, and hospitality, they help guests process difficult seasons and return to ministry refreshed.

- Pray for the Oasis Rest Home, asking God to strengthen Coulson and May to host global workers well and create a true place of rest.
- Ask God to bless their involvement in the local international English fellowship, that their service in greeting, prayer, teaching, and worship would build up the body of Christ.
- Pray for open doors in their community to share God's truth and love, and for provision of an eight-passenger vehicle to transport guests to and from the airport as needed.

**Note: Names have been changed for safety.*

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Day Two:
Leaving the Nets Behind

Luke 5:1–11

> "And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking."
> Luke 5:5–6

Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Exhausted and frustrated, the last thing he wanted to hear was, "Put out into the deep water." But Jesus said it, and Peter obeyed. What followed was a catch so great that his nets began to break. In that moment, Peter realized who stood before him: not just a teacher, but the Lord. What did he do next? He left everything behind: boats, nets, fish, all of it, to follow Jesus.

Surrender doesn't always make sense. It often comes after we've done everything our way and realized it still isn't enough. Jesus meets us there, not to shame us but to invite us into something greater. Movement in the kingdom always begins where self-reliance ends.

When Peter let go of what he knew, he stepped into who he was made to become. The same is true for us. The very things we cling to for control, such as our plans, comfort, and identity, can be what holds us back from real transformation.

Day Two: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, reveal the "nets" I'm still gripping tightly. Give me faith to release control and trust that what You have ahead is far greater than what I leave behind. Teach me to surrender daily so that I may follow You fully and walk in the life You've called me to. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Narrow Gate

Narrow Gate in Middle Tennessee is a discipleship and life-on-life ministry where young men ages 18–25 step away from distractions to pursue God and His calling. For over 20 years, Narrow Gate has welcomed young men from many backgrounds, helping them discover identity in Christ, learn Scripture, and gain practical skills that can be used for future work and ministry.

- Pray for the young men currently in the program to persevere through the hard inner work of discipleship and to grow in obedience to Christ.
- Ask God to give graduating participants diligence and discernment as they return to a world that will challenge their faith.
- Pray for the Narrow Gate team to have wisdom, joy, and provision as they equip the next generation of disciple makers.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Winston & Emmy

Winston and Emmy serve as global workers in Zimbabwe, focusing on church planting and operating a coffee shop to support their outreach. Their goal is to foster meaningful relationships within their community that lead to spiritual growth, while also finding joy and favor in their ministry as they walk alongside their community.

- Pray for a faithful core group to be strengthened for the church plant and to grow in unity and maturity.
- Ask God to relieve the intense suffering of the Zimbabwean people, providing comfort, provision, and gospel hope.
- Pray that their coffee shop and community relationships would lead to ongoing gospel conversations and multiplication across Zimbabwe.

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Day Three:
Peter's Failure

Luke 22:54–62

Fear has a way of silencing our witness. As a new believer in college, I remember balking at an opportunity to share my faith for fear of being rejected by my peers. I didn't want to be labeled as the "weird Jesus guy." Like Peter in the courtyard, we often feel that same pull to distance ourselves from Jesus when following him might cost us something. In a world that's often skeptical, or even hostile, toward the gospel, fear can make us hesitate to speak up, identify as followers of Jesus, or share our faith openly in the public square. That fear whispers, "What will they think of me?" or "Think of what you might lose."

> "And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly."
> Luke 22:61–62

But God has not called us to live lives ruled by fear. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment" (1 Tim 1:7). The Spirit of God emboldens us to live with conviction and love with compassion, even in a culture that pushes back.

Peter's story reminds us that fear does not have to get the final word in our story. The Spirit of God fills us as believers, enabling us to speak truth in love, to stand firm with humility, and to shine the light of Christ in a dark world. The Apostle Paul asked the church in Ephesus to pray for him saying, "Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel" (Eph 6:19). Let that be your prayer; that God would give you the courage and words to boldly proclaim the good news. Fear stalls momentum, but faith in Jesus propels it forward.

Day Three: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Lord, fill me with your spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. When fear temps to silence my faith, give me courage to identify with you and share your truth with grace and boldness.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: DeafGo

DeafGo is a ministry committed to equipping and sending Deaf believers to reach the unreached Deaf peoples of the world. Of the estimated 150–250 million Deaf people globally, only 2% know Jesus Christ—meaning an overwhelming 98% are missing out on the blessing of eternal life with Him. DeafGo seeks to change that by providing biblical resources, theological training, and church-planting initiatives in sign language, partnering with churches to raise up leaders who can share the gospel in their own heart language and culture.

- Pray that Deaf believers would be empowered to share the gospel boldly so that more Deaf people around the world might come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Ask God to provide the resources, partnerships, and training needed to equip more Deaf leaders and missionaries to plant churches, translate Scripture, and make disciples among the Deaf—one of the largest unreached and unengaged people groups in the world.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Warren & Alexandra*

Warren and Alexandra serve among a specific people group scattered throughout the Middle East, faithfully sharing the gospel and discipling believers in a region that deeply needs the hope of Jesus Christ. Their ministry focuses on language learning, relationship building, and strengthening a growing church to fulfill the Great Commission.

- Pray for the community they serve to be receptive to the gospel and for the Lord to move powerfully through their witness.
- Ask God to bless their progress in language learning and to strengthen the local church as it grows in faith and maturity.
- Pray for the health and well-being of their family, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, as they serve in a challenging environment.

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Day Four:
Peter's Restoration

John 21:15–19

"He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
John 21:17

Just days earlier, fear had silenced Peter. Standing before Jesus and a crowd of people, when given the opportunity to identify with Him, Peter denied Him, shouting, "I don't know Him" (John 18:15–27). Now, standing face to face with the risen Jesus he had previously denied, Peter does not receive condemnation; instead, our Lord offers him restoration. Three times he denied Jesus, and three times Jesus offered him the chance to affirm his love. Each time Jesus asks, "Do you love Me?" He isn't rebuking Peter, He's redeeming him. Jesus is rebuilding what fear broke.

God's mission does not end with our failure. In His grace and mercy, God meets us where we've fallen. He restores and rebuilds us. Jesus doesn't just forgive Peter; He gives him a job to do: "Feed My sheep" (v.17). One of my seminary professors, Dan Doriani, once said, "Jesus forgives us and appoints us." This passage reminds the church that the same grace that saves us also sends us.

In a post-Christian world, where it's easy to retreat or disqualify ourselves because of past mistakes, Jesus reminds us that His grace is greater than our guilt. He restores us and calls us, not to sit on the sidelines, but to step back into the starting lineup, back into the mission of caring for people and proclaiming the good news. Momentum is rekindled when grace restores what fear stalled. The invitation extended to Peter remains the same for us today: "Follow Me" and "Feed My sheep."

Day Four: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Lord, thank You for meeting my failures with forgiveness and calling me forward in Your mission. Restore my confidence in Your grace and renew my love for You so that I may faithfully follow You and feed Your sheep.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Real Life Church Sango
Real Life Church Sango in Clarksville, Tennessee, is a church partner working toward the vision of establishing 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. With a mission to catalyze a disciple-making movement from Sango to the world, Real Life envisions families and generations growing in faith, harmony, and a commitment to serve and stand for justice.

- Pray for Real Life Church Sango to shine as a light in the community, drawing people to the hope and transformation found in Jesus.
- Ask God to bless and expand their disciple-making mission from Sango to the nations for His glory.
- Pray for Pastor Freddy T. Wyatt and the leadership team to lead with strength, unity, and wisdom as they serve their community.

Prayer for The Nations: Living Hope Community Centre
Living Hope Community Centre operates alongside King of Kings Baptist Church in South Africa, serving those affected by poverty and disease. Through healthcare, substance abuse recovery, life skills education, and community support, Living Hope impacts over 100,000 individuals each year, bringing hope and resilience to families and communities.

- Pray for healthcare staff to offer compassionate care that empowers individuals and families.
- Ask God to bless the substance abuse recovery program so participants find freedom and restoration.
- Pray for the agricultural training initiatives to equip and empower individuals to overcome poverty.

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Day Five:
The Spirit Empowers Movement
Acts 2:1–4

God's people have always been on mission, from Abraham's call to bless the nations to Jesus' commissioning His disciples to make more disciples. In Acts 2, in the moment we call Pentecost, that mission is freshly empowered and expanded by the Spirit. Jesus promised in Acts 1, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you." That promise became a reality when the Spirit descended, filled, and empowered God's people to move from fear and failure into living bold, faith-filled lives. This moment marks a turning point in redemptive history, reminding us that momentum in God's kingdom doesn't come from human strength, marketing strategies, or even skilled communicators; it comes from the Spirit. The wind and fire we see in Acts 2 symbolize God's presence and power now dwelling, not in a temple behind a veil, but within His people.

The same Spirit that filled Peter and the disciples now fills every believer to live sent lives. And we are not left to carry God's mission on our own. As Christopher J. H. Wright puts it, "It is not so much the case that God has a mission for His church in the world as that God has a church for His mission in the world... the church was made for mission." The Spirit equips ordinary people to live out an extraordinary calling as everyday missionaries: proclaiming the gospel, loving our neighbors, serving the poor, feeding the hungry, and embodying the kingdom of God in everyday life. The mission continues not because of our ability, but because of God's presence among His people.

> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
> Acts 2:1–4

Day Five: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Holy Spirit, fill me with Your power. Give me boldness to speak the name of Jesus and compassion to love my neighbors well. Keep our church moving forward in Your mission.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: The Rising Church
The Rising Church, founded in 2019 by David and Samantha Layne, is a Brentwood Baptist church partner dedicated to equipping believers to grow in faith and become disciple makers. In 2024, they merged with Lincoya Hills Baptist Church, uniting their communities with a shared mission to see lives transformed through Christ.

- Pray for continued growth and unity within The Rising Church so the congregation flourishes and reaches more people for Christ in Middle Tennessee and beyond.
- Ask God to give Pastor David Layne, his wife Samantha, and the leadership team wisdom and strength as they lead and equip the church.
- Pray for the church's mission to reach, raise, and send disciples, impacting lives and equipping believers to fulfill their callings.

Prayer for The Nations: The Abiding Church | Los Angeles, California
The Abiding Church is a new and growing church plant in Los Angeles, founded by Pastor Trenton Mueller, a former Brentwood staff member. Rooted in God's Word and the call to abide in Christ, The Abiding reaches a diverse community of people seeking belonging and hope in one of America's most spiritually hungry cities.

- Pray for Pastor Trenton and his family as they lead this young congregation. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom, and joy in the challenges of urban church planting. Pray that The Abiding will see open doors for gospel conversations across Los Angeles and become a beacon of hope that bears lasting fruit.
- Also, pray for deep discipleship and spiritual growth within the church, that both new and longtime believers may mature in faith, find true belonging, and serve their city with compassion and the transforming power of God's Word.

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Day Six:
Peter Preaches Boldly

Acts 2:14–41

"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."
Acts 2:36–39

The same Peter who denied Jesus in a courtyard now stands before thousands and boldly proclaims the gospel. What changed between his denial and this moment? The Holy Spirit.

Earlier in Acts 2, the Spirit descended at Pentecost, filling and transforming God's people in a way that shocked onlookers. Some mocked, others questioned, but Peter didn't shy away. Instead, he stepped forward to proclaim the truth of what God was doing. He explained what had just happened, pointing to Joel's prophecy: this was exactly what God had promised. His people would be filled with the Spirit and testify to who He is. Why? So "that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom 10:13).

Peter shared the gospel story, telling everyone what Jesus had done: He came according to prophecy, proved Himself divine through miracles, was killed, and raised back to life. Jesus truly is the Messiah, the Son of God!

When the crowd heard this, they were confronted with the truth and asked, "What shall we do?" Peter's answer was clear: "Repent and be baptized." That day, three thousand people responded (vv.37–41).

The invitation to salvation remains open to those who once rejected Jesus, to those who feel far off, and to all who call on His name. Momentum doesn't multiply through perfect people but through Spirit-filled believers who boldly proclaim what God has done. Peter's witness sparked a movement that day, and the same Spirit empowers us to continue it today.

Day Six: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Lord, show me where you are calling me to boldly proclaim what you have done. Give me boldness to share the gospel with clarity and conviction with those in my life who need to hear that your promise is for them, too. Fill me with your Spirit so I may witness to the resurrection power of Jesus and see your kingdom multiply.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Brentwood Baptist Disaster Response Team & Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief
The Disaster Response Ministry of Brentwood Baptist Church, in partnership with Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief, brings practical assistance and hope to communities affected by crises. Locally and beyond, these teams respond to disasters by providing debris removal, temporary roofing, and home rebuilding, all while sharing the love of Jesus.

- Pray for God's protection, strength, and wisdom for volunteers as they work in challenging conditions.
- Ask God to inspire readiness among Brentwood Baptist members, equipping them to respond "anytime" with compassion and courage.
- Pray that each volunteer interaction would open doors for gospel conversations, drawing people closer to Christ through the love they encounter.
- Pray for the church's mission to reach, raise, and send disciples, impacting lives and equipping believers to fulfill their callings.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Worker | Forrest
Forrest serves as a global worker in Paris, France, engaging people with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ. Through partnerships with national organizations and his local church, Église Connexion, Forrest shares the truth of Jesus in a culturally relevant way, using guided tours to connect with those exploring faith.

- Pray for God's Spirit to soften the hearts of Parisians and open them to the gospel message.
- Ask God to bless Église Connexion as they grow in discipleship and love for their community.
- Pray that Forrest's guided tours create opportunities for meaningful gospel conversations across Paris.

Notes

Day Seven:
God Finishes What He Starts

Philippians 1:6

> "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
> Philippians 1:6

Paul is writing from prison to the Philippian church, reflecting on the beauty, humility, and supremacy of Christ. These qualities, he says, must be at the very center of the church's unity and witness to the world. Even in chains, Paul gives thanks for their partnership in the gospel, explaining that their faithfulness and prayers give him deep joy and hope. In his thanksgiving, he writes, "He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (v.6).

That "day of Christ Jesus" is the great day of the Lord, when King Jesus returns and believers are raised in glorified bodies like His. But in the meantime, life must be lived in pursuit of Him.

Paul emphasizes sanctification, the ongoing process through which believers are formed into the image of Christ. We do not become Christ Himself; rather, we become more like Him, living and thinking as He did. And here is the key: we cannot do this on our own. The world promises success through effort, knowledge, and habits, but Paul reminds us that "He will carry it on to completion."

Our sanctification, like our salvation, is an act of God's grace. We are called to surrender, allowing Christ to transform us by His Spirit. The more we yield to His power, the more we reflect His likeness and fulfill our purpose in His kingdom.

Day Seven: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Approach prayer today in complete humility. Forget what you think you know about the kingdom and pray that God gives you wisdom for living the kingdom life, for discipleship, charity, and community. Ask, seek, and knock on the door of the kingdom, and God will give you wisdom.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Tennessee Alliance for Kids
Tennessee Alliance for Kids (TAK) serves children impacted by foster care by providing essential items, comfort, and support, especially for youth aging out of the system. TAK bridges the gap between the Department of Children's Services and community supporters to bring hope and stability to vulnerable children.

- Pray for the children and youth served by TAK to feel valued, supported, and loved as they receive care.
- Ask God to bless TAK's partnerships with social workers and community organizations to strengthen compassionate support.
- Pray for young adults aging out of foster care to find mentorship, resources, and community through TAK.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Matthew & Rebekah Caye
Matthew and Rebekah Caye serve in Nairobi, Kenya, with BlueSky Ministries, equipping young adults with the gospel through discipleship and leadership development. Their ministry includes summer camps, Bible studies, and storytelling designed to connect youth with the transforming message of Christ.

- Pray for young adults in Nairobi to prioritize studying the Bible together and develop a passion for discipleship.
- Ask God to cultivate healthy team dynamics and for their summer staff and campers to have redemptive encounters with the Lord.

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WEEK TWO

Day Eight:
Chosen For a Purpose

1 Peter 1:1–12

Peter wrote this letter to the churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) around A.D. 62 to encourage believers facing growing persecution.

These early Christians were secure in their "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" inheritance as co-heirs with Christ (v.4). They didn't fear persecution; in fact, they rejoiced in it, because they knew that suffering refines faith, resulting in "praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (vv.6–8).

This "living hope" is the confident expectation of future blessing grounded in the promises of Scripture (v.3). It's the assurance that one day, we will see Jesus face-to-face and share in His glory.

Just as Peter encouraged believers to stay faithful in trials, we're reminded of that same call today. Momentum builds as saints are sanctified, and with that often comes opposition. So, as followers of Christ, we must ask ourselves: How do we define our identity? The apostle John frequently referred to himself as "the one Jesus loved." Is your identity rooted so deeply in Jesus that you're willing to be bold, stand firm, and endure adversity for His name?

As God's chosen people, we're called to respond not with fear, but with faith, to stand firm in the hope we profess. Will we be bold in our witness? Will we proclaim the whole gospel of Jesus Christ, anywhere, anytime, with anybody?

> "In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
> 1 Peter 1:6–7

Day Eight: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Ask Jesus to remind you that you are chosen for a purpose and placed in this moment to make His name known. Pray for courage to stand firm in your identity and let the momentum of sanctification move you to fearlessly live out the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: South Haven Arabic Baptist Church
South Haven Arabic Baptist Church, led by Pastor Gasim Domkog, serves Nashville's Arabic-speaking community by sharing the gospel and providing a welcoming church home. Since its founding in 2021, the church has grown into a vibrant congregation offering worship, Sunday school, and fellowship for families and individuals seeking connection in Christ.

- Pray for Pastor Gasim Domkog and the church leaders to have wisdom, strength, and encouragement in ministry.
- Ask God to bless and protect their transportation ministry as it helps families stay connected to the church.
- Pray for continued growth and outreach so South Haven Arabic Baptist Church shines as a beacon of gospel hope for Arabic-speaking families in Nashville.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Mac & Grace
Mac and Grace serve with The Point Church in Vancouver, British Columbia, engaging a diverse community of international students at Simon Fraser University. Their ministry focuses on building relationships, discipling students, and encouraging evangelism through the local church.

- Pray for spiritual growth within The Point Church so members deepen their understanding of belonging to Christ and His mission.
- Ask God to give Mac and Grace wisdom and boldness as they share the gospel and disciple students.
- Pray for international students to encounter Jesus through community and carry the gospel as witnesses around the world.

Notes

Day Nine:

Be Holy in All You Do

1 Peter 1:13–25

> "...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
> 1 Peter 1:15–16

When Peter says, "Be holy in all you do" (v.15), I'll be honest; that sounds like a tall order. Holiness? In all I do? Even when I step on a Lego in the dark with my bare foot, and words come to mind that definitely aren't in the hymn book? That kind of holy feels out of reach some days.

But here's the good news: holiness isn't something we earn by being good or holding it all together. It's something we receive because of what Jesus has already done for us. Peter reminds us that we were redeemed from our old, empty way of life by the precious blood of Christ. That's the only thing that makes us holy as He is holy: not our perfect record, not our quiet-time streak, not even our best intentions. Only Jesus. His holiness becomes ours when we belong to Him.

So what does that look like in real life? It's choosing gentleness when frustration rises. It's keeping a kind word ready instead of a sharp one. It's forgiving when you'd rather hold on to the hurt. Holiness shows up in those ordinary moments when we pause long enough to let the Spirit shape our responses. It's about continually bringing your heart before Him in surrender, asking Him to search you and sanctify you.

The same power that saved you is the power that's shaping you every day. So take a deep breath, thank God for His grace, and remember, you are already set apart because of the blood that bought you.

Day Nine: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Lord, thank You for redeeming me from an empty way of life and calling me into something fuller and better. Help me live out the holiness You've already given me through Jesus. When the hard moments come, even the Lego-on-the-floor kind, teach me to respond with Your grace and patience. Keep my heart soft before You, and keep shaping me, one surrendered, holy moment at a time. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Grove Hill Church

Grove Hill Church in Chapel Hill, Tennessee, led by Pastor Ridley Barron, serves the growing region of southern Middle Tennessee by sharing the whole gospel and inspiring lasting faith. This church is committed to reaching its community and equipping believers to live as everyday missionaries.

- Pray for Pastor Ridley Barron and the church leadership to lead with wisdom, strength, and vision.
- Pray for unity and growth within the congregation so Grove Hill becomes a place where people encounter Christ's love.
- Ask God to expand the church's outreach so they continue impacting Chapel Hill and beyond with the gospel.

Prayer for The Nations: Nick & Lillian

Nick and Lillian serve in Southeast Asia, training local believers for church-based ministry through theological education and mentorship. Nick teaches Greek and biblical studies while serving with Gospel City Church KL, helping equip future leaders to serve faithfully.

- Pray for their family to grow together in love for God and one another as they serve.
- Ask God to bless their students' seminary studies and prepare them for effective gospel ministry.
- Pray that their partnership with Gospel City Church KL bears lasting fruit for the kingdom of God.

Notes

Day Ten:
Living Stones, a Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2:1–10

I've always loved how steady a stone feels in your hand. It's solid, dependable, and it doesn't change with the weather. That's why we use stones to mark graves: they stand through rain, wind, and time itself. But stones don't breathe. They don't move or grow.

So, when Peter calls us "living stones" (v.5), it's a beautiful and unexpected image. God takes what's cold and lifeless and fills it with His Spirit. When we come to Jesus, the Living Stone, He gives us His life and begins building something that lasts: a spiritual house where His presence dwells.

And it's not just about me and Jesus; it's about us, the family of God, being built together. Each one of us has a place in what He's creating. Jesus is the cornerstone, the One who sets the direction and keeps everything steady. It amazes me how He fits us together: different shapes, different stories, different personalities, and still makes us one family in Him. Only God can do that.

Ephesians 2:22 says we are "being built together for a dwelling place of God's Spirit." That means your life isn't a monument to what used to be; you're a living testimony of what Christ is doing right now. You're strong because He steadies you, and alive because His Spirit fills you.

So today, remember that you're part of something lasting and alive. Let Him shape you, place you, and build you into the spiritual house He desires.

> "As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
> 1 Peter 2:4–5

Day Ten: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Lord Jesus, thank You for making me alive in You. You are the Living Stone, and You're building something far greater than I can see. Shape me, steady me, and help me stay connected to others who love You. Let my life reflect Your strength and Your Spirit today. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Reborn Community Church

Reborn Community Church in Chicago is a long-time partner of Brentwood Baptist, committed to transforming lives by equipping believers, pastors, and leaders to make disciples who plant the gospel in their city. Led by Pastor Jamie Thompson, this ministry reaches communities in need of both hope and restoration.

- Pray for Reborn Community Church as they reach the lost and serve the city of Chicago with the gospel.
- Ask God to bless the Reborn Handyman School as it meets physical needs and opens doors for spiritual transformation.
- Pray for the development of the Urban Pastoral and Leadership Residency Program to raise up new pastors and leaders for urban communities.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Aaron & Misty

Aaron and Misty serve with their children in Southeast Asia, working to plant churches among the Deaf and equip believers for ministry. As their work expands globally, they continue to disciple Deaf communities and support their family through seasons of transition.

- Pray for their children as they adjust to new transitions; one returning to life in the U.S. and the other beginning high school.
- Ask God to grant Aaron and Misty wisdom and discernment as they disciple Deaf believers and expand their global ministry.
- Pray for continued growth and fruitfulness among the Deaf churches they help plant.

Notes

Day Eleven:
Living Faithfully Under Authority
1 Peter 2:11–25

"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people."
1 Peter 2:13–15

As God's people, we're called to live differently, even when it's not easy. Peter encourages us to live honorable lives among those who don't share our faith, showing humility instead of pride and faithfulness instead of frustration. The way we respond to everyday challenges can reveal more about Jesus than a hundred sermons ever could.

I think about that old children's song, "This Little Light of Mine." We love to sing it big and bright, but the truth is, our light often shines best against the backdrop of a world that doesn't reflect Christ. Stars shine all day long, but you only see them when the night sky settles in. In the same way, when the world around us grows darker, or when those in authority don't act with integrity or grace, that's when the light of Christ in us becomes most visible. It might be when you choose respect even when you're mistreated, when you keep your peace instead of joining in criticism, or when you serve faithfully without being noticed. That's how the world sees what a life ruled by Christ really looks like.

Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Every act of grace, every patient word, every time you hold your tongue when you could have snapped, all point back to Him. Living faithfully under authority means trusting that God is still in charge, even when the people or systems around us fall short.

So take a moment today to open your hands and whisper, "Lord, I trust You." Let that trust settle deep in your heart. He sees your quiet faithfulness, and it speaks louder than you think.

Day Eleven: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, help me live with integrity and joy, even when things feel unfair or frustrating. Teach me to trust that You are still in control. Let my light shine in ways that draw people closer to You. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Redemption Haitian Fellowship
Redemption Haitian Fellowship, led by Pastor Jonas Pierre in La Vergne, Tennessee, partners with Brentwood Baptist in the vision to see 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. Guided by the mission to "rise up and build up" while seeking God's kingdom, the church offers a welcoming community where individuals can find hope, purpose, and belonging in Christ.

- Pray for Pastor Jonas Pierre and the leadership team to lead with wisdom, strength, and guidance from God.
- Pray for growth in the congregation so those seeking hope and purpose find a spiritual home at Redemption Haitian Fellowship.
- Ask God to open doors for meaningful gospel conversations in the La Vergne community, drawing many to experience His love and salvation.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Brandon & Daphne
Brandon and Daphne serve with Living Hope in South Africa, focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and economic empowerment. They mentor staff, lead outreach efforts, and share the love of Christ with their community as they help others find physical healing and spiritual renewal.

- Pray for divine appointments and open doors for gospel conversations so God leads Brandon and Daphne to people of peace ready to receive and share His love.
- Pray for Brandon and Daphne to serve with confidence and courage, empowered by God in their mission.

Notes

Day Twelve:

Christlike Conduct at Home

1 Peter 3:1–12

> "Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing."
> 1 Peter 3:8–9

Many of us have heard it said that our first witness to the world is in how we steward our homes, marriages, and children, and today's passage makes that truth tangible and literal. In these twelve verses, Peter presents a God-centered view of the home that could transform our world. The way we are called to live is radical and requires dedication. Peter even goes so far as to suggest that if husbands do not love their wives in a godly way, their "prayers will be hindered" (v.9). It should be no surprise that the way we love people impacts our prayer lives. Still, it seems especially true within the home and in our marriage and family relationships. For wives, Peter points out that their faithful witness may win nonbelievers over "without a word" (vv.1–2). How incredible! People are watching our marriages; if we want to have momentum in leading our neighbors, neighborhoods, and the nations, it has to start in our homes.

In verses 8–12, Peter applies this truth to everyone, married or unmarried. He reminds believers that our responsibility is to "not pay back evil for evil" but instead to "seek peace and pursue it" (Ps 34:12–16). Imagine what it would look like in our communities if this were true in our homes. What if our marriages, households, and friendships were not defined by impatience, revenge, or argument but by a pure and Christlike love that reflects the gospel to everyone around us?

Day Twelve: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, make my home and relationships a reflection of Your peace and love. Teach me to seek harmony and humility in every interaction so that my life points others to You, without even a word. Whether married or unmarried, help me to cultivate godliness and grace in my home, allowing Your Spirit to bring flourishing and witness to those around me.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Napa Valley Life Church

Napa Valley Life Church in Napa, California, is one of Brentwood Baptist's renewal partners, walking alongside one another to bring healthier churches everywhere. Pastor Eric Van Patton and his family are guiding the congregation into a new season of growth and renewal.

- Pray for Eric and Lydia and the rest of their family as they readjust to life in California and to a new church home.
- Pray for their members to grow and become disciples who multiply disciples.
- Pray for their members as they share Jesus with the lost and searching in their community

Prayer for The Nations: Mission Eurasia

Mission Eurasia is dedicated to training and equipping young Christian leaders for effective ministry across Russia and the surrounding countries of Eurasia. With over 180 people groups and a challenging landscape shaped by historical and political factors, there is a significant need for the gospel and for spiritual awakening in this region.

- Pray for an end to Russia's aggression against Ukraine so the war ceases and peace is restored.
- Lift up the School Without Walls students and leaders as they share the gospel amid persecution, asking God to help them reach people in areas difficult for Westerners to access.

Notes

Day Thirteen:

Suffering with Hope

1 Peter 3:13–22

> "Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled..."
> 1 Peter 3:13–14

Have you ever felt like you've done everything right in a situation, but people still point out the flaws in what you did? This is what Christians were experiencing in Peter's time; while doing what was good, there were times when they also had to "suffer for righteousness" (v.14). Whether this was actual persecution built into their society or simply neighbors critical of their Christian lifestyle is unclear, but the response Peter offers is abundantly clear: "Regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (v.15).

When we look to the sufferings of Jesus, which were far greater than anything we will ever experience, it gives us perspective and hope. Remembering that Jesus endured the cross for my sin humbles me and helps me respond with grace. All of this, in a strange way, also blesses us, for Peter tells us that it is better to suffer for doing God's will than to suffer for anything else.

The confidence that Jesus gives us to suffer boldly, however, should not lead to pride or arrogance, since that would only make those who accuse us more justified in their actions. Instead, Peter lays out a much more Christlike (and probably harder) way to handle opposition, with "gentleness and reverence," so that we can keep a clear conscience (v.16). Instead of focusing on being "right" as we set an example of conduct in our community, we should behave with gentleness, so that God's character wins out in the end, ultimately pointing people to Christ, who empowers us to do so.

Day Thirteen: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Is there someone in your circle, a friend, family member, neighbor, or coworker, who is critical of your Christian walk and convictions? Write down their name. Over the next few days and weeks, as we continue to pray, ask God to bless that person and to give you opportunities to show them love with gentleness and reverence through your character.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: GraceWorks Ministries

GraceWorks Ministries is committed to addressing poverty in Williamson County by providing essential resources like food, clothing, housing support, and financial assistance. GraceWorks has outgrown its space and is praying for a new location with more room to serve families in need.

- Pray for continued resources and support to meet the growing needs in Williamson County, enabling GraceWorks to serve each family with compassion.
- Ask God to raise up dedicated volunteers to sustain and strengthen GraceWorks' programs and services.
- Pray for strength and encouragement for the staff and leadership, equipping them to make a lasting impact on the lives they serve.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Steven & Kaori

Steven and Kaori serve in Southeast Asia, planting churches among the Deaf and building gospel-centered communities across the region. Their ministry focuses on reaching Deaf individuals with the good news of Jesus, discipling new believers, and strengthening Deaf churches in Asia.

- Pray for God to lead Steven and Kaori to Deaf individuals who are ready to encounter the gospel.
- Ask God to grow healthy, believing communities among the Deaf and expand the reach of the gospel across Southeast Asia and Japan.
- Pray for health, energy, and a deep sense of God's presence as Steven and Kaori continue serving faithfully in challenging seasons.

Notes

Day Fourteen:

Living for God's Will

1 Peter 4:1–6

> "...so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God."
> 1 Peter 4:2

It can be easy to be swept up in whatever fad or style is popular in the world around us. Whether it's a new clothing trend (the 90's are back!) or a cultural expectation ("I have to own a house before a certain age"), following the world's expectations can be exhausting and even spiritually unhealthy.

Peter addresses this in his letter to the early church: After we become Christians, we should no longer prioritize what the world prioritizes but should "live the remaining time in the flesh no longer for human desires, but for God's will" (v.2). We've spent enough time doing what the world tells us to do, and verse five lays out what those things might be: unrestrained behavior, evil desires, drunkenness, and idolatry, as well as other kinds of "wild living."

Our goal in living a life centered on God's will should not be to appear better than others. Peter makes it clear that these actions will be noticed by our neighbors and communities, leaving them "surprised" and holding them accountable to God for their way of living (v.5). Simply put, when we stand firm on God's values over the world's values, it strengthens our spiritual maturity and bears witness to those around us. In an age of social media, the 24/7 news cycle, and constant opinions, when we stand firm on tried-and-true biblical wisdom, it stands out. Let's be known for standing out on God's behalf, knowing that no passing fad can offer the true joy found in God's wisdom and Word.

Day Fourteen: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: It's been said that you can tell what someone values by looking at their calendar and bank statement. Take a moment to reflect on those two things; what are you spending time on that isn't fully aligned with God's will? What are you spending money on that allows the world to influence your life? Take a few minutes to give these things over to God. Pray through them. Maybe cancel that subscription you don't need. Ask for wisdom to live within God's will instead.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: International Leadership Coalition (ILC)
The International Leadership Coalition (ILC) equips and supports international ministers in Tennessee, providing a 15-month Ministry Training Program led by Pastor Fady Al-Hagal. Built on four core pillars: Minister, Message, Mission, and Ministry, the program develops servant leaders, deepens biblical knowledge, and empowers effective mission work.

- Pray for Pastor Fady Al-Hagal and the ILC board, asking God for wisdom, strength, and guidance as they lead and support church-planting efforts.
- Ask God to bless the ILC with resources and opportunities for growth, bringing about many salvations and baptisms.
- Pray for those trained through the ILC to become courageous leaders and disciple-makers in their communities.
- Pray for strength and encouragement for the staff and leadership, equipping them to make a lasting impact on the lives they serve.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Kelly & Janice
Kelly and Janice are actively involved in church planting and developing discipleship materials in Germany while fostering collaboration among local churches. They are committed to sharing the gospel and training new global workers as they navigate the challenges of ministry.

- Pray for Janice and Kelly as they both have had major health issues recently. Please pray for continued health, strength, endurance, and peace for them and their family.
- Ask God to raise up leaders and disciples in the churches they help plant so their efforts bear fruit and transform lives in the community.

Notes

WEEK THREE

Day Fifteen:
Living for The End with Love & Service

1 Peter 4:7–11

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."
1 Peter 4:8

When someone asks, "What inspires you to help other people?" there are many possible answers. Many of us might say we're motivated to help those in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, or churches. But in today's passage, Peter gives a more unexpected reason: we should be inspired to care for and love others because "the end of all things is near" (v.7). We shouldn't view the end of the world and Jesus' return as something to fear or as a reason to stand on a soapbox and shout at others; instead, it should inspire us to live for what truly lasts while we are on this earth. We know that only one thing carries into the next life: our service to God's kingdom and His people.

When we live knowing that the end is coming, it puts life in perspective and reminds us how small our problems are in light of eternity. As the old saying goes, no one on their deathbed wishes they had spent more time in the office; Peter would say we'll wish we had spent more time serving others. This mindset empowers us to love one another constantly, to be hospitable toward each other, and to use our God-given gifts and resources to serve others (vv.8–11). The end is near! Jesus is coming soon! Don't be afraid; be alert and sober-minded in prayer and steadfast in love for others (vv.7–8).

Day Fifteen: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: What in the world today causes you fear, uncertainty about the economy, conflict, or something else? How might "living for the end" help calm that fear? Take a few minutes today to pray that God would use those worries to draw you closer to Him and to lead you to serve and bless others. How might God use the gifts He has given you for His kingdom?

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Whitsitt Elementary School
Located in the Woodbine neighborhood, Whitsitt Elementary serves a diverse student body, including many international students. The Church at Woodbine partners with the school to offer care and encouragement to students, families, and staff as they adjust to life in the U.S.

- Pray for Whitsitt families as they adjust to a new life in the U.S., asking God to provide them with peace, stability, and a supportive community.
- Ask God to bless and strengthen Whitsitt's teachers and staff, giving them compassion, wisdom, and resources to serve their students well.
- Pray for the partnership between Whitsitt Elementary and The Church at Woodbine to bring encouragement and support to the school community.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | David & Laura
David and Laura have been serving with the International Mission Board for over 30 years, focusing on outreach in Edinburgh, Scotland. They equip local believers to share their faith, lead Serve 365 to facilitate visas for Christian workers in the UK, and oversee a Leadership Development Network across Europe.

- Pray that local Christians in Edinburgh will grow in boldness and commitment as they share their faith with those around them.
- Ask God to soften hearts in Edinburgh and Scotland, opening doors for many to hear and embrace the gospel message.

Notes

Day Sixteen:
Rejoicing in Suffering

1 Peter 4:12–19

> "But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you."
> 1 Peter 4:13–14

What does it mean to be a Christian? Many might say it means going to church, following certain values, or celebrating Christmas and Easter. The word Christian, however, literally means "little Christ," so it should come as no surprise that Peter told believers they would often have to "share in the sufferings of Christ" (v.13).

If we are to learn from Christ's example, it is natural, in Peter's eyes, that we would suffer. Perhaps even more surprisingly, Peter told them to rejoice when they shared in these moments. Whether they were ridiculed by others, under threat from the Evil One, or suffering for the name of Jesus Christ, this "fiery ordeal" was a test confirming that the Spirit of God truly rested on them (v.14).

Can you imagine what it would be like if we all viewed suffering in this way? What if we viewed challenging moments as tests and opportunities, rather than obstacles to push through? Some of the most transformative moments in Scripture occur during seasons of testing and hardship, such as David's persecution by Saul, Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and the early church's oppression by the rulers of their day.

When we think about gaining momentum in our spiritual lives, the hard truth is this: the times of greatest growth often come through the times of greatest testing. As we begin this year as a church, what if we viewed roadblocks in ministry as opportunities to grow into what God has for us? God will use these moments if we pause and listen.

Day Sixteen: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Is there an area in your life where you feel you are being tested? Whether it's outside criticism or a personal struggle, Peter makes it clear that God will use these moments to grow us. To begin that growth, pray verse 16 from today's reading over your situation: "If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God."

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Department of Children's Services (DCS)
The Department of Children's Services (DCS) provides essential care and protection for vulnerable children and families across Tennessee. These dedicated workers often navigate difficult circumstances as they make placement decisions, provide stability, and ensure that every child experiences safety and hope.

- Pray for DCS workers for God's protection, guidance, and wisdom in every placement decision they make.
- Ask God to strengthen and encourage DCS staff as they navigate the emotional demands of their work.
- Pray for children in DCS care to experience safety, comfort, and hope as they wait for family stability.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Chase & Leslie*
Chase and Leslie are global workers serving in a region closed to the gospel, discipling believers and introducing others to Jesus. Their ministry requires discernment, courage, and creativity as they live out the message of Christ in a challenging cultural environment.

- Pray for more workers to be sent to this region to support the gospel mission and disciple new believers.
- Ask God to grant Chase and Leslie boldness in sharing their faith and wisdom in every conversation.

**Note: Names have been changed for safety.*

Notes

Day Seventeen:
Shepherding with Humility

1 Peter 5:1–4

> "...shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. "
> 1 Peter 5:2–3

What comes to mind when you think about a pastor? For too many people, the idea carries a connotation of anger, deceit, or manipulation. Many of us know a pastor who has fallen because of moral failure or has used the pulpit for personal gain. Because pastors point people to Jesus, when they fail, the beauty of the gospel can become obscured in the pulpit.

However, in 1 Peter 5:1–4 we see a clear picture of what a pastor is supposed to be: a man who watches over his congregation with humility, love, and gladness. He isn't a man who cares about making money but is truly concerned with making disciples. The pastor of a church sets the example for what it means to follow Jesus. This is demonstrated not only in how he preaches but, more importantly, in the character he displays through how he leads his family and lives with integrity. A pastor wakes up each day knowing that one day he will give an account for how he has led his flock.

Jesus Christ is the true "chief Shepherd," who is coming back one day for His bride. He loves His church so much that He gave His life for her. Until that day comes, pastors, LIFE Group leaders, volunteers, and every person who makes up one of our campuses are called to love one another with Christlike humility.

Day Seventeen: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Satan is on the prowl to take pastors out of the ministry. Pray for your pastor today. At some point, send him an email or text message and let him know that you love him, support him, and will continue to lift him and his family up to Jesus.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Welcome Home Ministries
Welcome Home Ministries provides pathways to healing and freedom through addiction recovery support, mental health counseling, and recovery housing. By meeting both physical and spiritual needs, this ministry helps individuals find wholeness and restoration in Christ.

- Pray for those in Welcome Home Ministries' care to encounter Christ's love, experience healing, and be transformed by the gospel.
- Ask God to bless the recovery housing with stability, community, and hope, giving residents a foundation for new life.
- Pray for provision and resources to sustain the ministry as it meets the spiritual and practical needs of those it serves.

Prayer for The Nations: Every Girl Counts
Every Girl Counts has been transforming lives since 2016 by breaking the cycle of poverty through secondary education for girls in Nairobi, Kenya. By partnering with local schools and providing life-skills training, they are equipping girls and their families for a brighter, Christ-centered future.

- Pray for favor and strong partnerships with local schools and leaders so their collaboration magnifies gospel impact.
- Ask God to empower the girls they serve with wisdom and perseverance as they pursue education and develop life skills.

Notes

Day Eighteen:
Stand Firm, Resist the Enemy

1 Peter 5:5–11

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world."
1 Peter 5:8–9

Do you know that you have an enemy? No, I don't mean the rival football team to your favorite college program. I certainly don't mean the supervisor you can't get along with! Today's passage is clear: Your enemy is Satan himself. He is cunning and patient, actively seeking your destruction. That's why Peter encourages us to "be sober-minded, be alert." It's important to recognize our weaknesses and vulnerabilities—the very areas Satan seeks to exploit to harm our character and integrity.

If Satan is prowling around like a roaring lion, are you watching for him (v.8)? Most lions attack their prey when their potential meal is alone. Do you have a band of brothers or sisters surrounding you with accountability, encouragement, and motivation to keep resisting Satan's attacks in your life? In the same way that we wouldn't ignore a lion running loose in our home, let's not allow Satan to gain a foothold in our lives.

Right now, as you read this, believers worldwide are standing firm in their faith amid persecution and spiritual opposition. Their perseverance reminds us that we're part of a global story of God's victory over darkness. Let their faith inspire you to live with courage, resolve, and a deep desire to honor God in all that you do. Satan must flee from a life like that.

Day Eighteen: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Take a few moments to pray and ask the Lord to search your heart and life. What areas of weakness or struggle do you need to confess to Him, knowing that confession brings the power of God? Pray for the strength to flee and resist Satan's schemes in your life.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Cul2Vate

Cul2Vate, a nonprofit in Middle Tennessee, addresses both physical and spiritual hunger by "Growing Food and Growing People." Rooted in Matthew 25:35, Cul2Vate grows produce for food-insecure communities and provides job training and discipleship opportunities for individuals seeking a fresh start.

- Pray for an abundant harvest, that Cul2Vate's produce would nourish those in need across Middle Tennessee.
- Ask God to bless the Cul2vators with growth in both job skills and faith as they learn and work.
- Pray for each Cul2vator's spiritual growth to encounter God's love and transformation as they cultivate the land.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Nick & Lisa

Nick serves as the president of Deaf Pathway Global, a ministry dedicated to translating Scripture into the 300+ sign languages of the world so that Deaf believers can read, lead, and share God's Word in their heart language. Lisa oversees mission work among the Deaf across Africa, leading teams that evangelize, disciple, and plant indigenous Deaf churches throughout the continent.

- Pray for more workers to be sent to share the hope of Jesus with the Deaf; many are waiting to hear His name, but few have gone to tell them.
- Ask God to strengthen Deaf churches and leaders who are growing weary, that they would rely on His power and remain steadfast in faith.
- Lift up Deaf Pathway Global, asking for partners who share their vision and for continued unity and flourishing in Nick and Lisa's family.

Notes

Day Nineteen:
The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18–20

> "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
> Matthew 28:19–20

Have you ever wondered, "Why am I here?" Many people know that God loves them, but so many struggle to understand what that means in their day-to-day lives. For some, their work feels like the source of their significance; the reason they are here on earth. For others, it's their family. However, when we look at Matthew 28:18–20, we see one of the primary reasons we are here on earth: We are called to know God and make Him known. Your job, your family, your hobbies; all of these are not the reason you are here. They are the avenues through which you live out your calling. In other words, your family members are your most important disciples, and your coworkers and friends are gospel opportunities to make Christ known as you do life together.

When we have clarity on why we are here, we can focus on how to spend our time, talents, and treasures. God has given you a great task: to make His name known in your life. How are you doing with that? As we move into 2026, turn this year into a disciple-making year, committing to making Jesus famous. You have a church family cheering you on, an abundance of resources equipping you, and most importantly, the Holy Spirit, who will illuminate your path and give you everything you need to become a disciple-maker in 2026.

Jesus promises to be "with you always, to the end of the age" (v.20). This means there is never a moment when you walk alone. Jesus is cheering you on as you go and make disciples in His name. You aren't alone. Live for the right things, and you'll discover blessings that endure. You are loved, and you are sent!

Day Nineteen: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Ask the Lord to reveal people in your life who need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to bring someone who will disciple you as you grow in your walk with Him. Pray for courage and clarity as you follow Jesus throughout your week.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Sudanese Fellowship
Sudanese Fellowship, led by Pastor Gai Luom, serves the Sudanese community in Middle Tennessee by providing a space for spiritual growth, unity, and mutual support. As part of the International Leadership Coalition, they share the gospel and build community among families seeking hope far from home.

- Pray for Pastor Gai Luom and his leadership team to lead with wisdom, strength, and guidance as they shepherd their congregation.
- Ask God to bless their outreach so that many in the Sudanese community are drawn to the hope and salvation found in Jesus.
- Pray for growth and unity within the fellowship, so that everyone who attends experiences belonging and encouragement in Christ.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Nathan & Lynna
After many short-term journeys across Europe, partnering with believers in more than a dozen countries and investing in the next generation of missionaries, Nathan and Lynna are moving to Europe. They're eager to learn a new language, plant gospel seeds, and trust that God will use this season to bear lasting fruit for His glory and their good.

- Pray for the Mells to be led by the Spirit and not by human wisdom in every decision, and for their marriage and health to remain strong as they prepare to move.
- Join them in praying daily at 10:02 for God to raise up the next generation of laborers for the gospel in Europe, that many would be sent and sustained in this work.
- Ask God to provide for all their needs, to give them wisdom as they dream of life as a family on mission, and to help them learn the language quickly so they can communicate the hope of Jesus clearly.

Notes

Day Twenty:
You will be My Witnesses

Acts 1:8

> "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
> Acts 1:8

You were once afraid to jump into the deep end of the pool. (Or maybe you still are.)

I've helped many people learn to swim, and no one is fearless the first time. Some overcome their fear in minutes, others take all summer, but the feeling is the same—standing at the edge, unsure if they can trust what's waiting below.

When I taught my own kids, their fear changed when they saw me in the water. Knowing their dad was there gave them confidence to jump. With each leap, they trusted more until they could jump freely on their own.

In the same way, many believers feel afraid when they hear Jesus' call to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (v.8). Surely that call is for someone else, right?

Acts 1:8 gives us two powerful truths.

First, God calls us to more than sitting on the sidelines. We are not meant to watch from the pool chairs; we are invited into the water. He intends to use each of us to share His story.

Second, we are never called to go alone. God is in the water with us, empowering and guiding us through His Holy Spirit.

It may be scary to jump at first, but trust grows with every leap.

Day Twenty: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Don't ask God if you're called to be a witness; instead, ask who He is calling you to witness to. Ask God to give you confidence in the power, support, and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you take a faithful leap into His will for your life.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: His Holy Hill
His Holy Hill, led by Pastor Mo Obayomi in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, partners with Brentwood Baptist in the vision to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. With a diverse and prayer-driven congregation, His Holy Hill is committed to worship, discipleship, and unity in Christ.

- Pray for Pastor Mo and the leadership team to lead with wisdom, strength, and encouragement in their mission.
- Ask God to foster unity among the diverse body of believers at His Holy Hill, drawing members closer to Him and one another.
- Pray for the church to be a catalyst for gospel transformation throughout Murfreesboro.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Matthew & Julia
Matthew and Julia coordinate outreach programs in Southeastern Europe, sharing Christ's love through therapy, sports, and community health initiatives. They lead two house-church groups and celebrate new believers coming to faith through their ministry.

- Pray for individuals close to making faith decisions to fully embrace the gospel and follow Jesus.
- Ask God to give Matthew and Julia wisdom and discernment as they plan next steps and expand their outreach.
- Pray for additional team members to join their work so the gospel continues to multiply through their ministry.

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Day Twenty One:
God's Power Fuels His Church

Ephesians 3:20–21

> "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."
> Ephesians 3:30–21

Most of the time I've thought about this passage, my focus has been on the promise of God's ability to exceed whatever I ask for in prayer. I've also been drawn to the phrase about His power working in us.

Today, though, I'm realizing that this verse doesn't end with what God does for me, it ends with God receiving glory. The part I'm usually focused on is Paul's description of God in this verse. That description is still good, true, and instructive. God can and does answer our prayers in ways beyond what we can imagine, and His power is at work in us. Those are great promises!

But the main point of the verse is Paul's call for us to give God the glory He deserves through both the church and Christ Jesus forever. Just as Christ's life and work glorify the Father, Christ's church (us) is also called to bring the Father glory. We get to participate in the same task and purpose as Jesus!

How do we do this?

We glorify God by trusting His power to do more than we ask or think and by joining His ongoing work through the church for all generations.

Day Twenty One: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, help me shift my prayers from "What can You do for me?" to "How can I glorify You as part of Your church?" Jesus, thank You for inviting me into Your mission. Help me to follow Your example and bring You glory. Holy Spirit, work powerfully in our church so that every generation brings glory to Your name.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Real Life Ft. Campbell

Real Life Ft. Campbell, led by Pastor Erik Maloy in Clarksville, Tennessee, is a new church plant focused on reaching military families and their neighbors with the gospel. With a mission to "Love God, Love People, Make Disciples, and Plant Churches," the church aims to equip soldiers, veterans, and families to live out their faith wherever they go.

- Pray for Pastor Erik Maloy, Associate Pastor Richard Christian, and the leadership team, asking God for wisdom, strength, and vision as they lead this new church.
- Ask God to enable Real Life Ft. Campbell to effectively reach military families, veterans, and local residents, drawing them to Christ.
- Pray that their disciple-making efforts would multiply, impacting Clarksville and beyond with the gospel's transformative power.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Kevin & Casey

Kevin and Casey are dedicated to planting churches among the Deaf community in Southeast Asia. Their ministry focuses on building relationships, developing leaders, and fostering community among Deaf individuals while sharing the gospel of Christ.

- Pray for Kevin and Casey to establish a strong Christian community among the Deaf and to connect with new believers for discipleship.
- Ask God to grant boldness and perseverance to Deaf believers as they share their faith and reach others.
- Pray for protection and fruitfulness in their ministry as they bring light to communities with limited access to the gospel.

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Day Twenty Two:
Prayer Shapes Momentum

Matthew 6:5–14

> "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."
> Matthew 6:6

In this passage, Jesus gives two examples of how not to pray before offering a simple but powerful model for prayer.

First, He warns against praying like certain religious leaders who prayed to be seen by others. Their words might have been eloquent, but their goal was to gain attention, not commune with God.

Second, He cautions against praying like the pagans, who believed that the right combination of words or effort would earn divine favor. Their prayers were transactional, focused on results rather than relationship.

Instead, Jesus teaches us to pray by first giving God glory and then seeking His will before bringing our needs.

When we begin by giving God glory, saying "Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy," we guard our hearts from pride and self-focus. Prayer is not about us; it is about Him.

When we submit to His will, praying "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we guard against the error of treating prayer as a means of control.

The rest of the prayer acknowledges our real needs because God cares for them, yet it keeps our hearts rightly aligned. When we honor God first and seek His will, our prayers move in step with His purpose, and true spiritual momentum begins.

Day Twenty Two: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy. Thank You for allowing me to approach You through the work of Jesus. Thank You for caring for me. Father, before I ask for anything, shape my heart to desire Your plan more than my own. Help me to see Your kingdom on earth and Your will in my life.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Begin Anew

Begin Anew is a ministry providing hope and education to adults seeking a fresh start through personal, professional, and spiritual growth. By offering mentorship, leadership development, and community support, Begin Anew helps individuals discover purpose and become agents of change in their families and neighborhoods.

- Pray for God to raise up new mentors, leaders, and coaches to inspire and guide Begin Anew's students toward a successful fresh start.
- Ask God to help Begin Anew's students experience His love, know their worth, and find purpose in impacting future generations.
- Pray for each of the four Begin Anew locations to thrive as places of learning, encouragement, and community.

Prayer for The Nations: Transformation Nepal

Transformation Nepal is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reaching marginalized and underprivileged communities through holistic development rooted in the gospel. Founded in 2005, it focuses on education, sustainable livelihoods, disaster management, healthcare, and advocacy to promote human dignity and justice.

- Pray for lasting change in the lives of those served by Transformation Nepal.
- Ask God for wisdom and strength for the staff and volunteers as they work in diverse and challenging communities.

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Day Twenty Three:
Scripture Grounds Momentum

2 Timothy 3:16–17

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16–17

Have you ever felt a moment of inspiration? Maybe it came while admiring creation or hearing a piece of music that stirred your heart. I remember standing at the base of the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska, when I heard what sounded like thunder, followed by cracking, as a massive sheet of ice broke off and crashed into the water. I stood there in awe.

It reminded me of Genesis 1, where God spoke the world into existence, creatio ex nihilo, out of nothing. And again in Genesis 2, when He breathed life into Adam's nostrils after forming him from the dust.

In 2 Timothy 3:16–17, we see that all Scripture is "God-breathed." Just as His Word created the world and His breath gave life, Scripture originates from Him and carries His divine power. The Word of God does not just describe creation; it brings life and transformation.

This passage teaches that Scripture is profitable in four ways: it instructs us in truth, rebukes our errors, corrects our paths, and trains us in righteousness. Through it, we are made complete and equipped for every good work (v.17).

Scripture is the source and sustainer of spiritual momentum. If the gospel is to advance in us and through us, it begins and ends with the Word of God.

Day Twenty Three: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, breathe Your life into me today. Let Your Word stir my heart, shape my thoughts, and guide my steps. When I feel distracted or uncertain, remind me that Your truth is steady and trustworthy. Teach me through Scripture, correct me when I stray, and train me to walk in righteousness so that my life reflects Your Spirit at work within me.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Operation Andrew Group
Operation Andrew Group unites Nashville churches to love God and serve neighbors, strengthening the city through collaboration and compassion. Through pastor engagement, public education partnerships, and young adult mentoring, the ministry empowers churches to live out Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17:21.

- Pray for unity among the churches involved so they work together to show God's love and bring transformation to Nashville.
- Ask God to bless Operation Andrew's education partnerships to provide encouragement and support for students, teachers, and families.
- Pray for the young adult mentoring programs for mentors and mentees to build relationships that inspire growth, faith, and purpose.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Jason & Jennifer
Jason and Jennifer work to plant churches among Spanish speakers in a large Canadian city. They invest in local Christian leaders and train churches in evangelism and digital engagement while partnering with other ministries across their region.

- Pray for the success of their Digital Engagement strategy across Canada, reaching those who have never heard the gospel.
- Ask God to strengthen their leadership as they mentor local ethnic pastors and train churches in evangelism.
- Pray for unity and fruitfulness in their partnerships with other organizations as they share the gospel in their city.

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Day Twenty Four:
Solitude Renews Momentum

Luke 5:15–16

> "But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray."
> Luke 5:15–16

Today, we look at how solitude renews our momentum. The Gospel of Luke records that Jesus withdrew to quiet places, even as His teaching and healing drew crowds and His ministry grew. This was not the only time He stepped away. Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus retreating to mountains, desolate places, and gardens to be alone with the Father. If this was His pattern, how much more should it be ours—to seek solitude for spiritual and physical renewal.

Jesus experienced the same weariness, grief, and limits we do. In His humanity, He modeled dependence on the Father through prayer and solitude. Like Him, we need time apart for renewal, discernment, and preparation in every season of life and ministry. These moments remind us that the work of the gospel is not dependent on our strength but is an invitation to join God in His. True momentum does not come from doing more but from resting in Him.

Yesterday, we reflected on how God spoke creation into being and then rested on the seventh day, setting it apart as holy. This Sabbath rhythm became a reminder of dependence and renewal for His people. From the beginning, rest has been woven into creation and written on our hearts. May our rest remind us of our dependence on the Lord and renew us for His mission.

Day Twenty Four: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Lord, teach me to follow Your example of rest and renewal. When I'm tempted to measure ministry momentum by activity or productivity, remind me that true strength and direction come from time spent in Your presence. Help me create space for solitude; quiet my mind, renew my heart, and restore my soul so that my work flows from intimacy with You rather than striving on my own. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
Tennessee Baptist Children's Home (TBCH) provides Christ-centered, Bible-based care for children and families in crisis. Through residential homes, foster care, and family support programs, TBCH offers stability, love, and a safe environment where children can grow in faith and hope.

- Pray for the children served by TBCH to experience healing, stability, and a deep understanding of God's love.
- Ask God to bless and strengthen the foster families and house parents with patience and compassion as they nurture each child.
- Pray for TBCH staff and leadership to have the resources and wisdom to expand their ministry and serve more children in need.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Worker | Danielle
Danielle Schneider serves in Southern Africa, equipping life skills educators who lead programs for children and teens at Living Hope, a ministry focused on poverty alleviation. She also serves as the children's minister at King of Kings Baptist Church, supporting families and discipling the next generation.

- Pray for more leaders to help lead and support preschool and children's ministries at King of Kings Church.
- Ask for salvation, restoration, and healthy relationships for families impacted by Living Hope and King of Kings.

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Day Twenty Five:
Confession Restores Momentum
Psalm 32

> "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."
> Psalm 32:5

Most theologians believe Psalm 32 was written by King David after the prophet Nathan confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba and the death of her husband, Uriah. When confronted, David did not defend himself but confessed, "I have sinned against the LORD" (2 Sam 12:13). Though there were consequences, Nathan assured him, "The LORD has taken away your sin; you will not die."

This psalm comes from a man who knew the joy of forgiveness, where confession brings freedom and restored relationship.

First, we see the burden of concealed sin (vv.3–4). David describes his unconfessed sin as "wasting bones" and groaning under God's heavy hand. His words reveal both physical and spiritual anguish. Charles Spurgeon wrote, "God's hand is very helpful when it uplifts, but it is awful when it presses down... Nothing is left to the man but to confess his sin and to find mercy" (The Treasury of David on Psalm 32).

Then, in verse 5, comes the renewal of confession. David surrenders, no longer hiding his sin but experiencing God's covering grace. This is the turning point: freedom, joy, and restored fellowship.

Here we see the gospel pattern: sin, confession, forgiveness, and joy.

Just as David looked forward to God's atonement, we look back to the cross of Christ. Through confession and forgiveness, we find freedom, and it is in this rhythm that spiritual momentum is restored.

Day Twenty Five: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Take a moment to bring your heart before the Lord. Ask Him to reveal anything you've been hiding or carrying on your own. Confess it honestly and receive His forgiveness with gratitude.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Men of Valor

Men of Valor is dedicated to transforming the lives of incarcerated men by introducing them to Jesus Christ and guiding them into discipleship. Through spiritual mentorship, reentry support, and leadership development, Men of Valor equips men to live with integrity and purpose as they reenter society.

- Pray for the men in the Men of Valor program to encounter Jesus in a life-changing way and embrace new life in Christ.
- Ask God to foster spiritual growth and discipleship, equipping these men to make a lasting, positive impact as they return to their communities.
- Pray for provision and resources for Men of Valor to expand their ministry both inside prisons and throughout local communities.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Worker | Eliza

Eliza serves in Birmingham, England, partnering with Greater Europe Mission to minister among refugees. Her work focuses on building relationships, offering support, and sharing the hope of the gospel in a city filled with people from diverse backgrounds and nations.

- Pray for boldness in Eliza's gospel conversations to effectively share the hope of Christ with those she serves.
- Ask God to give her discernment as she adjusts to a new culture and community.
- Pray for confidence, courage, and meaningful relationships as she builds a faithful gospel presence in her city.

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Day Twenty Six:
Worship Realigns Momentum

Psalm 51

Have you ever driven a car that's out of alignment? The signs are clear: the steering wheel shakes, the car pulls to one side, and you're constantly fighting against your car instead of working with it. If you're anything like me, you'll put off going to the mechanic until the problem becomes absolutely unavoidable. But here's the thing: If I made it a habit to routinely check and service my car, alignment would never be an issue in the first place.

Spiritually, we need that daily and weekly realignment in God's presence and with God's people; those quiet moments of coming before the Lord in prayer, meeting with Him in His Word, and laying down our word, will, and way to pick up His Word, His will, and His way.

Psalm 51 is David's moment of realignment. He drifted far off course, but in worship, through confession and repentance, God restores the joy of his salvation, renews a steadfast spirit within him, and realigns David's heart with His once again (vv.10–12). To be sure, we worship God because He is worthy, yet in His infinite kindness, God has also designed worship, offered in spirit and truth, to be for our good as well as for His glory. Through worship, He realigns our hearts with His and leads us to walk in step with Him once again.

> "...my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."
> Psalm 51:14–17

Day Twenty Six: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, create in me a clean heart.
Father, renew a right and steadfast spirit within me.
Father, restore to me the joy of my salvation.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Williamson County Young Life
Williamson County Young Life is part of a global ministry that reaches middle school, high school, and college students with the message of Jesus. Through relationships, mentorship, and discipleship, Young Life leaders walk alongside students as they grow in faith and learn to live for God's Kingdom.

- Pray for Young Life leaders for God to renew their passion, strength, and encouragement as they invest in young lives and share the gospel.
- Ask God to open the hearts of students who are far from Him to encounter Jesus in a transformative way.
- Pray for discipleship to thrive within Young Life, equipping students to grow in faith and become influential leaders for God's Kingdom.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Josh & Danielle Payne
Josh and Danielle serve in military chaplaincy, providing spiritual guidance and gospel-centered care to soldiers and their families across the world. Josh leads chaplaincy for thousands of service members facing unique spiritual, physical, and emotional challenges, while Danielle ministers to military families navigating the demands of deployment and distance.

- Pray for wisdom, strength, and endurance for Josh as he shepherds and counsels soldiers through hardship and spiritual need.
- Ask God to soften the hearts of service members resistant to faith, drawing them to salvation through the hope of Christ.
- Pray for Danielle's ministry to military families and for their own family relationships to remain strong across the distance.

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Day Twenty Seven:
Community Strengthens Momentum
Hebrews 10:24–25

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
Hebrews 10:24–25

Let us consider:
This is not a passing thought but a deliberate fixing of our attention. Take time to notice, understand, and act.

How to spur one another:
This means a holy provocation, a loving stirring toward something heavenly. We are called to encourage one another through words and actions that awaken love and faithfulness.

Toward love and good deeds:
We are to think intentionally about how to nudge one another toward agapē, sacrificial love, and actions that reflect Christ's beauty and bring glory to God.

Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing:
Some in the early church had stopped gathering, but gospel momentum grows when we come together. Isolation weakens faith; gathering strengthens it.

But encouraging one another:
Do not give up. Keep showing up. Strengthen one another in the hope we have in Christ.

And all the more as you see the Day approaching:
When we neglect gathering, we lose sight of Jesus' return. Each time we meet, we prepare for that Day. To live apart from community is to miss the strength and joy found in the story of redemption.

Day Twenty Seven: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Holy Spirit, bring to my mind right now how I might provoke someone I love toward love and good works that bring You glory. Forgive me for my too-often causal relationship with the Bride You died to redeem. Help me to live this day in light of that Day; with urgency, faithfulness, and love.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: College Grove Baptist Church
College Grove Baptist Church, led by Pastor Gerald Cook, partners with Brentwood Baptist in the vision to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. The church is focused on revitalization and discipleship, bringing new energy and purpose to their ministry as they serve their community with Christ's love.

- Pray for Interim Pastor Gerald Cook to lead with wisdom, encouragement, and strength as he shepherds the church in this new season.
- Ask God to bless the church's revitalization efforts to bring growth, unity, and renewed purpose to the congregation.
- Pray for spiritual revival and a deeper hunger for God's Word within the church community to impact College Grove and beyond.

Prayer for The Nations: Redemption Church North Davis | Kaysville, Utah
Redemption Church North Davis is reaching one of America's most unique mission fields in Kaysville, Utah, where more than 77% of the community identifies as Latter-day Saints. Led by Pastor Nathan Brock and Pastor Daniel Williams (whose wife, Elizabeth, grew up at Brentwood Baptist), this church plant is making disciples and mobilizing missionaries in a place where the gospel is often known but not yet truly embraced.

- Pray for Nathan, Daniel, and their leadership team, asking God to give them wisdom, unity, and grace as they shepherd this young church and care for their families. Pray that God would soften hearts in the LDS community and open doors for genuine gospel conversations that lead many to the true hope found in Christ.
- Ask God to strengthen new believers at Redemption North Davis, helping them grow deep in His Word and become disciple-makers who share the life-changing message of Jesus.

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Day Twenty Eight:
Abiding Sustains Momentum

John 15:5

> "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."
> John 15:5

Perhaps the seven most staggering words Jesus ever spoke are, "Apart from Me you can do nothing."

Really? Nothing? Are You saying I can't drive my kids to school without You, Jesus? Can't work in my office? Can't have coffee with a friend?

No. What He is saying is that we cannot bear lasting, eternal, spiritual fruit apart from abiding in Him. If that's true, and it is, then our goal is not to produce more fruit in our own strength but to remain connected to Jesus.

To abide in Him means to stay connected, to make your home in Him as He has made His home in you. It is a daily posture of dependence, aligning your words, will, and way with His.

When we live abiding in Christ, our Vine, ordinary moments take on eternal meaning. The car ride to school becomes a time to bless our children. The workplace becomes a place to show the love of Jesus. Coffee with a friend becomes an opportunity to encourage, disciple, and pray together.

If we are to experience gospel momentum as a church, it will not happen apart from Jesus.

Rest in Him. Remain in Him. Abide in Him.

Day Twenty Eight: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, forgive me for striving to bear fruit in my own strength. Incline my heart toward Yours, and teach me to rest in You, remain in You, and abide in You, every single day.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Hope Clinic for Women
Hope Clinic for Women in Nashville, Tennessee, is a faith-based, confidential center offering medical care, counseling, education, and practical support to women navigating pregnancy-related decisions. The clinic provides a safe, compassionate environment where women experience the hope and healing found in Christ.

- Pray for the staff for God to grant them strength, wisdom, and compassion as they care for individuals making difficult choices.
- Ask God to provide protection and safety for the women and babies served by Hope Clinic so each life is cherished and safeguarded.
- Pray for gospel conversations so staff and volunteers have opportunities to share the hope and love of Jesus.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Mark & Jennifer
Mark and Jennifer will launch in early 2026 to live in Southeast Asia, sharing the gospel and making disciples of Jesus.

- Pray for training and language acquisition, asking for quick learning and comprehension.
- Pray for adjustments for all family members during the transition.
- Pray for team unity on the field and sensitivity to the guidance and care of the Lord daily.

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Day Twenty Nine:
Guard Your Heart

Proverbs 4:20–23

What do you keep in your safe at home? Important documents, pictures, or emergency cash? You guard those things because they matter. But are you just as intentional to guard your heart, the place your very life flows from, as you are to guard the things of this world?

When we fail to guard our hearts, our devotion to God becomes divided, our lives distracted, and our witness to the world diminished. There is a lot at stake with an unguarded heart.

So how do we guard it?

Guard your input.
What enters through the eyes and ears eventually shapes what flows out. Be discerning about what you read, watch, and dwell on.

Guard your affections.
Ask yourself: What do I love most right now? Where am I spending my time and money? Worship and gratitude keep the heart centered on Christ instead of comfort, approval, or control.

Guard your community.
Walk with the wise and surround yourself with those who stir your affection for Jesus. Spur one another on to love and good works (Heb 10:24).

Guard with the Word and in prayer.
Prayer invites the One who gave us a new heart to stand guard over it (Phil 4:7). Because Jesus lived, died, rose, and reigns, guarding our hearts is not about keeping salvation but about keeping communion and walking in wisdom along the path of life. Guard your heart. *It is the source of your life.*

> "My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."
> Proverbs 4:20–23

Day Twenty Nine: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, I confess that I have been more worried about protecting the things of this world than guarding the very source of my life. Forgive me for treating carelessly the new heart You died to give me. Teach me to live wisely and to guard my heart above all else.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Path United

Path United is a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring and equipping children in mobile home communities to become flourishing adults. By operating community centers that provide academic, social, and spiritual support, Path United empowers families to break cycles of poverty and thrive in Christ-centered environments.

- Pray for the children served by Path United to feel loved, supported, and encouraged as they grow academically, socially, and spiritually.
- Ask God to strengthen Jim and Melinda Hollandsworth, their staff, and volunteers with wisdom, patience, and compassion as they invest in young lives.
- Pray for Path United's community centers to be safe, welcoming spaces filled with God's presence and hope.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Steve & Joy

Steve and Joy serve at the University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii, where they train, prepare, and send out individuals to share the gospel globally. They lead a flagship school for Korean and English speakers, focusing on equipping 18–35-year-olds to fulfill the Great Commission.

- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as Steve and Joy train students to effectively share the gospel in Korea and beyond.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen their family relationships, providing encouragement as they balance ministry and family life.

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Day Thirty:
Vocational Faithfulness
Proverbs 12:11; 16:3

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."
Proverbs 16:3

We often separate our work from our worship. It's easy to compartmentalize them and make them two distinct areas of our lives. But Proverbs pushes back against that sentiment. It says, "Commit your activities to the Lord, and your plans will be established." These verses remind us that faithfulness in our everyday work matters. Whether we're fixing cars, raising kids, managing teams, or typing away on a keyboard, every job is spiritually significant.

Faithfulness is not about being famous or flashy but about being steady. The farmer described in Proverbs 12 works the land day after day. He gets up every morning and labors faithfully. His job is not glamorous, but it's fruitful. God calls us to that same faithful plowing in our work. Every job has value, and God can use any daily task we have to accomplish His greater work in the world around us. When we commit our work to Him, we hand Him the keys to the car of our lives so He can use it for His glory.

Momentum builds through steady daily obedience. It's easy to be tempted to look for new fields when the old one begins to feel dry. However, faithfulness means staying the course and trusting that God is at work beneath the surface. God wants to use your creativity, discipline, and presence at your job for His glory. Your work can be an act of worship.

Day Thirty: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, whatever my field looks like today, I commit it to You. All work and provision are gifts from You. Help me see what You are doing in my place of work, and let my labor not be for show but for faithfulness that reflects You. Amen. Teach me to live wisely and to guard my heart above all else.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: FrankTown Open Hearts

FrankTown Open Hearts in Franklin, Tennessee, is a ministry dedicated to inspiring, empowering, and equipping at-risk youth through academic support, mentoring, and spiritual growth. The ministry provides life skills and encouragement to help students grow into confident, faith-filled adults.

- Pray for the youth served by FrankTown to find hope, purpose, and encouragement through the programs offered.
- Ask God to give the staff and mentors wisdom, strength, and compassion as they guide young people toward positive futures.
- Pray for safety and well-being for all students so God protects them physically and emotionally during activities and transportation.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Johnny & Anna*

Johnny and Anna serve as language teachers in a closed Muslim nation, partnering with a church-planting team in a city with no existing Christian gatherings. Their mission involves teaching, building relationships, and sharing the gospel to make disciples.

- Pray for the hearts of the local people to be open to the gospel, leading to new faith and community transformation.
- Ask God to provide fellowship and encouragement for isolated believers in their city.
- Pray for endurance, safety, and joy for Johnny and Anna as they live out the hope of Christ in a challenging environment.

**Note: Names have been changed for safety.*

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Day Thirty One:
Financial Wisdom

Proverbs 21:1–5

> "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin. The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty."
> Proverbs 21:1–5

Money can move our hearts faster than we realize. Proverbs reminds us, "The plans of the diligent certainly lead to profit, but anyone who is reckless certainly becomes poor" (v.5). At its core, this passage is about our hearts. Financial wisdom isn't about gaining or maintaining wealth, it's about stewardship. Everything we possess and influence comes from God. We are simply stewards. Financial wisdom calls us to slow down long enough to pray, plan, and prioritize.

I remember learning early in marriage that "impulse buys" and "intentional stewardship" rarely go hand in hand. Money, if not managed properly, can create conflict and corruption. When money makes us selfish, it leads to brokenness and poverty in our relationships and with God. But when we live openhanded and generously, like Jesus who gave Himself away, we experience true wealth in a deeper sense. Proverbs understands this and invites us to work diligently, save wisely, and give generously. When we live this way, it reflects a heart that trusts God more than our bank account.

This passage teaches us that we can rest because our Provider never runs dry. Financial wisdom is less about math and more about mindset. Every dollar can be a tool for kingdom momentum. Whether you're budgeting or helping someone in need, seek diligence and faithfulness over idleness and flash. God honors those who handle His

Day Thirty One: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, You are the giver of every good gift. Please grant me wisdom to manage the resources You've entrusted to me. Teach me to be disciplined, generous, and discerning in every decision I make. Guard my heart from greed and fear and fill me with gratitude and contentment. Help me steward my finances in a way that honors You and blesses others. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Next Wave

Next Wave is dedicated to raising up the next generation of disciple-making missionaries, equipping young people to spread the gospel around the world. In partnership with churches and mission organizations, they prepare students for cross-cultural ministry with a vision to send 10,000 young gospel workers to the nations by 2040.

- Pray for God to raise up a new generation passionate about the Great Commission, ready to make disciples among the nations.
- Ask God to bless the training of students, equipping them with biblical knowledge, cultural awareness, and spiritual maturity for cross-cultural missions.
- Pray for impactful ministry among diaspora communities in North America, that these young workers would build gospel-centered relationships and hope.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Worker | Olivia

Olivia serves among the Deaf, helping plant churches and support gospel work through photography. She is currently involved in the first-ever theological training for Deaf nationals, equipping believers to lead and disciple others within their own communities.

- Pray for Olivia's physical, spiritual, and emotional health as she serves and equips others.
- Ask God to strengthen the students beginning theological training and to raise up bold Deaf believers who disciple others.
- Pray for disciple-making to flourish among the Deaf worldwide and for encouragement for the South Asian Deaf woman Olivia is discipling.

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Day Thirty Two:
Contentment in God
Proverbs 19:23

> **"The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm."**
> Proverbs 19:23

The writer of Proverbs urges his readers, "The fear of the Lord leads to life; one will sleep at night without danger." That's a powerful picture. Contentment in God is rest. True rest doesn't come from hitting the snooze button, and true peace doesn't come when everything is perfect, but when we trust God. When we truly embrace His goodness, we stop striving for the next thing to make us feel whole.

We live in a culture that runs on discontentment. Every ad on television or every post you scroll past on social media says, "You need more." Like a wise teacher or a good parent, Proverbs responds with the opposite message: "You don't need more, you need God." True contentment is not found in achieving the next thing but in abiding in God's presence. It's also not the absence of desire but the alignment of our desires with God's heart.

Growth in your life doesn't always mean chasing the next big thing. Sometimes, spiritual momentum looks like stillness; sitting and trusting God right where you are. Pause and thank God for what you already have: His presence. That's the kind of contentment that can't be shaken.

Day Thirty Two: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, You are the only one who can give me true peace. Teach me to find contentment not in my possessions or circumstances but in Your presence alone. Quiet my restless heart and remind me that Your grace is sufficient for every need. When I'm tempted to compare or complain, remind me of Your goodness. Help me trust Your timing and rest in the truth that You are always enough for me. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Parker's Creek Baptist Church
Parker's Creek Baptist Church in Burns, Tennessee, partners with Brentwood Baptist and Harpeth Heights in the vision to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. Led by Pastor Mike Eiras, this congregation is committed to proclaiming the gospel, fostering community, and equipping believers to live out their faith in daily life.

- Pray for Pastor Mike Eiras and the church leaders to lead with wisdom and strength as they faithfully teach and shepherd.
- Ask God to deepen the congregation's understanding of His Word to inspire spiritual growth and obedience.
- Pray for effective outreach so Parker's Creek shares the message of salvation and brings light to their community.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Carla & Keegan
Keegan and Carla serve in Southeast Asia, sharing the gospel through media, training, counseling, and creative outreach. As part of Create Labs, they produce evangelistic resources for unreached people groups, while Carla provides clinical counseling through The Well International, caring for missionaries on the field.

- Pray for Keegan and Carla's physical health, asking God to sustain and strengthen them as they serve.
- Ask God to give them wisdom in parenting and discernment in their leadership roles at Create Labs and The Well.
- Pray that they would clearly hear God's guidance as they invest in future ministry opportunities.

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Day Thirty Three:
Health Through Trust

Proverbs 3:5–8

I remember first learning this passage as a child. Likewise, it's probably one of the first passages you memorized, or at least one you're very familiar with. But I'd also guess it's one of the hardest to live out. Why? Because we want control. We want certainty. Yet Solomon says wisdom and even health come through trust: "This will be healing for your body and strengthening for your bones" (v.8).

Stress is a thief of joy and steals our confidence. Worry wears down both body and soul. Stress and worry are internal mental struggles that also affect us physically and spiritually. When we try to create our own paths and live contrary to God's will, it's like swimming upstream, leaving us tired and out of breath. However, when we surrender our understanding and put our trust in God, our bodies can breathe again. Spiritual trust leads to physical healing.

Think of trust like running a long race. If you begin your run with clenched fists and shallow breaths, you won't last long. You have to relax into the rhythm. The same is true spiritually. When we release control from the fists of our plans, we move freely in God's direction. True holistic health of heart, mind, body, and spirit comes not only from proper diet or daily discipline but also from dependence. Trust Him today. Let your heart and spirit rest in Him, and your body will follow.

> "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones."
> Proverbs 3:5–8

Day Thirty Three: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, I place my trust fully in You. I refuse to lean on my own understanding. Teach me to acknowledge You in every path because I know You will make my way straight. When worry and fear creep into my mind and heart, remind me that peace and healing flow from trusting in Your wisdom. Let my faith in You be a source of strength, renewal, and health to every part of me. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Both Hands

Both Hands is a nonprofit serving widows and orphans by organizing volunteer-led workdays that repair homes for widows while raising funds for adoptive families. Rooted in James 1:27, Both Hands demonstrates the gospel through acts of service and compassion that meet tangible needs and glorify Christ.

- Pray for the widows served by Both Hands to feel loved, supported, and valued through this ministry.
- Ask God to bless and encourage families pursuing adoption, strengthening them as they welcome children into their homes.
- Pray for volunteers and organizers to be filled with compassion, energy, and joy as they serve widows and orphans.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Leon & Ellie Dowling

Leon and Ellie Dowling serve global workers around the world through short-term trips focused on worship leading, tech support, intercessory prayer, and encouragement. Their ministry strengthens and refreshes those serving on the field while also supporting families and teams in diverse global contexts.

- Pray for continued health, strength, and energy as they travel and serve global workers.
- Ask God to provide for their financial and ministry needs and to guide them with sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in every decision.
- Pray for Leon and Ellie to experience deep time in God's Word and prayer, finding renewal and joy in His presence.

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Day Thirty Four:
Relationships that Sharpen

Proverbs 27:6, 17

> **"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."**
> Proverbs 27:17

Real relationships sharpen us. The writer of Proverbs understood this. Iron only sharpens iron when there's friction. It's in the friction of our relationships that some of the most valuable lessons are learned. For spiritual growth to happen, we sometimes need honest conversations and uncomfortable grace. We all need people who will tell us the truth in love. Passages like today's remind us that growth happens through connection, not isolation. Our spiritual growth often depends on who we allow to shape us.

So, who sharpens you? Who has permission to call you out, ask tough questions, and remind you who you are in Jesus? Perhaps you should ask yourself the other side of that question: Who are you that kind of friend to? Sharpening relationships are forged, not found. Those we allow to speak into and help shape our lives are built through time and trust. But we all need them.

The goal of these friendships isn't perfection but progress—to help one another become more like Christ together. God calls us to live in community that builds one another up. The community we choose matters, so choose to walk closely with people who make you more faithful, not just more comfortable.

Day Thirty Four: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Father, thank You for the gift of relationships that shape and strengthen me. Please surround me with friends who challenge me to grow in faith and love. Give me humility to receive correction and grace to offer encouragement in return. Help my words and actions refine others while reflecting Your kindness. May my friendships honor You and make each of us more like Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Waverly Belmont Elementary School
Waverly Belmont Elementary receives support from Avenue South volunteers through mentorship, food distribution, and prayer. By meeting practical needs and building relationships, the church helps create meaningful opportunities to share the love of Christ with students, families, and staff.

- Pray for every student to feel supported, safe, and encouraged, fostering both academic success and spiritual growth.
- Ask God to strengthen the school staff with wisdom, energy, and encouragement as they serve their students.
- Pray for volunteers to form meaningful relationships with families, opening doors for gospel-centered conversations and care.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Samuel & Shadai
Samuel and Shadai serve across Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central America, supporting Christian education and providing regional leadership for missionaries and schools using the Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) curriculum. Their ministry equips teachers, students, and missionaries through training, conferences, and mentoring, while fostering unity and expanding gospel work throughout the region.

- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and strength as Samuel and Shadai serve schools, missionaries, and leaders across multiple regions.
- Ask God to give them vision and guidance to expand the mission field in Mexico and strengthen unity across ministries and borders.
- Pray for balance and healthy rhythms for their family as they juggle leadership responsibilities and ministry commitments.

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Day Thirty Five:
Character Over Riches

Proverbs 11:1–7

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds us that our problem is not only behavior but the condition of our hearts. If the love and law of God do not shape our hearts, they will be captured by the false promises of the world. When our hearts are trained toward spiritual maturity, we develop godly character that can withstand temptation.

Most shortcuts to worldly success begin with shortcuts in character. These may be major failures or small compromises we assume go unnoticed. Yet over time, even small cracks can widen into a deep divide between who we are called to be and who we become when no one is watching. As James asks, can salt water and fresh water flow from the same spring (Jas 3:11)? True spiritual success comes through sanctification that produces consistency and holiness.

The key to integrity is turning to Christ, the perfect example of perfect character. We repent of chasing lesser kingdoms and believe His truth about the Kingdom of God. Believe that He upholds the righteous and makes their paths straight. Believe that while the world's promises fade, His promises stand. Believe that worldly gain cannot compare to the eternal reward of a holy life. What we surrender for holiness, we gain in Him.

> "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them. Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death."
> Proverbs 11:2–4

Day Thirty Five: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Read and pray through the lyrics of the hymn "Be Thou My Vision." Ask that Christ would captivate your heart and establish your character. Pray for contentment and consistency in living a humble, generous, godly life.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Emmaus Church
Emmaus Church is a church plant launched from The Well Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, under the leadership of Pastor Jon LaBonte. With a mission to engage, equip, and serve their community, Emmaus seeks to reach the lost and multiply disciples across the Green Valley and Las Vegas areas.

- Pray for Pastor Jon LaBonte and his family to shepherd the congregation with wisdom and faithfulness in a challenging cultural context.
- Pray for the lost people in the greater Las Vegas and Henderson area to come to know the Lord.
- Ask God to provide a permanent home for Emmaus Church where they can worship, serve, and send mature disciples into their community.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Ethan & Grace*
Ethan and Grace serve among an unreached people group in Asia, working to build relationships, share the gospel, and plant churches. Their vision is to see local believers equipped to disciple others and form multiplying church communities in their region.

- Pray for Ethan and Grace to abide deeply in Christ and remain healthy as a family amid cross-cultural challenges.
- Ask God to provide the financial support, visas, and language proficiency they need to continue their work.
- Pray for evangelism and discipleship opportunities to multiply, leading to the formation of strong, reproducing churches.

**Note: Names have been changed for safety.*

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Day Thirty Six:
Churches Strengthened, Multiplied
Acts 9:31

> "So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied."
> Acts 9:31

Growing churches should be multiplying churches. The early church is an incredible example of what God can do through changed lives and motivated hearts. We see the gospel transforming God's people, and that compels them to share that same life-changing power with those around them. When churches truly grow in faith, they often grow in number, and Acts 9 is a great example of this.

Notice who is really growing and guiding the church in this passage. In a difficult early season, the church experienced peace, was supernaturally strengthened, matured in their fear of the Lord, and was encouraged by the Holy Spirit. It is God Himself building and emboldening His church. His strength and encouragement were not only for their sake; there was a purpose beyond themselves. The Spirit encouraged them, which led them to engage their city, which led to evangelism, which the Spirit used to multiply their spiritual family.

Our own church family is growing deeper in our relationships with God and with one another. However, remember that our growth also serves a purpose beyond the walls of Brentwood Baptist. We want to see congregations planted, neighborhoods engaged, and Middle Tennessee transformed by Christ. So be at peace, be strengthened, be humble, and be encouraged by what the Spirit is doing in you and in us. Then be joyfully sent into a world in desperate need of Jesus as bearers of His gospel. May we watch as the Spirit multiplies our efforts and His church.

Day Thirty Six: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Pray that the Spirit strengthens and encourages the churches of Middle Tennessee. Pray that we grow in our fear of the Lord. Ask the Spirit to show you where you can join His work in multiplying His church.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Eternal Rock Evangelical Church
Eternal Rock Evangelical Church, led by Pastor Wael Sous in Antioch, Tennessee, partners with Brentwood Baptist in the mission to establish 100+ healthy churches across Middle Tennessee. With a passion for sharing the gospel and making disciples, Eternal Rock seeks to be a beacon of light and hope in its community.

- Pray for Pastor Wael Sous and the church leadership to lead with wisdom, strength, and encouragement as they guide the congregation.
- Ask God to deepen the faith of Eternal Rock's members so they grow as committed disciples of Christ.
- Pray for the church's outreach efforts in Antioch to bear fruit and lead many to the hope of the gospel.

Prayer for The Nations: IMB SCARA Team – South Asia
In a South Asian city with a population of more than 21 million people, ten times that of metro Nashville, a remarkable discipleship movement is unfolding through the IMB's SCARA Team (Slum Community and Redlight Area). Brentwood Baptist partners with these missionaries who are equipping local leaders to make disciples in some of the world's hardest places.

- Pray for strength and encouragement for the global workers and local church planters serving in these difficult areas.
- Ask God to give believers boldness to share the gospel and perseverance as new churches multiply.
- Pray for unity and collaboration among local churches to sustain this growing movement of disciple-making.

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Day Thirty Seven:
Passing Faith to Others

2 Timothy 2:2

> "...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."
> 2 Timothy 2:2

Who was the first person to share their faith in Jesus with you? Maybe it was the person who first explained the gospel. Maybe it was a parent teaching you what it means to follow Christ. Maybe it was a mentor who took time to intentionally disciple you. One thing every testimony has in common is that someone shared the gospel with us. Thousands of years and an ocean away from ancient Israel, we modern believers would have no chance to hear about Jesus without faithful men and women stewarding that gospel along the way.

We have eternally benefited from that legacy, and it is now our responsibility to continue it. In his letter, Paul encourages Timothy to take what he has heard and entrust it to the next generation, so that they may in turn teach others as well. We are part of that same spiritual lineage! And now that we have been entrusted with the truth, it's our turn to pass our faith on to others.

As the saying goes, our faith is personal but shouldn't be private. Every life-changing encounter with God comes with a testimony to steward what we have seen and heard. Our church longs to be part of a movement that shares the gospel with millions. That might sound like a daunting task, but what if we commit to intentionally discipling a few faithful friends, and then they do the same? History and Scripture show that this simple, obedient strategy can truly change the world. May we pass the torch of faith to the next generation and celebrate as God uses them to carry it forward.

Day Thirty Seven: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Thank God for those who shared their faith with you, and pray for them by name. Ask the Spirit to bring to mind people you can invest in and disciple, and pray for opportunities to share your faith with them. Finally, pray that our church will lead boldly in making disciples who make disciples.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn is a Nashville nonprofit offering care, shelter, and support for individuals experiencing homelessness. Through a network of nearly 200 congregations and countless volunteers, the organization provides seasonal shelter, meals, and programs for recovery and personal development rooted in dignity and compassion.

- Pray for those served by Room in the Inn to experience hope, healing, and a renewed sense of dignity.
- Ask God to strengthen the staff and volunteers with resilience and compassion as they serve Nashville's unhoused community.
- Pray for safety and warmth during the cold months so all who find shelter at Room in the Inn feel God's love and comfort.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Britney & Micah

Britney and Micah serve as global workers in Sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on both the medical and spiritual needs of their community. Britney, a pediatric surgeon, trains and disciples African medical professionals, while Micah leads Bible studies and serves alongside hospital staff.

- Pray that Britney and Micah find rest amid the demands of ministry and daily life.
- Ask God for wisdom as they expand Christian pediatric surgical training and discipleship in East Africa.
- Pray that their trainees and colleagues grow in both skill and faith as they serve their patients and communities.

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Day Thirty Eight:
The Global Vision

Revelation 7:9–10

> "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
> Revelation 7:9–10

It's easy to limit our view of faith and church to what's familiar and right in front of us. Thankfully, Scripture gives us a higher and wider view of the church, one that extends far beyond our congregation or nation. In Matthew 28, Jesus sends His disciples into all the world to make disciples, commissioning them to build a global church.

We can hardly imagine a scene as multi-cultural as the vision of the throne room in Revelation 7. Most of us will experience only a handful of nations in our lifetime, yet this passage shows that we will spend eternity with all of them! That means that most of heaven may not look like you, speak like you, or even think like you, and yet all peoples, nations, and tribes will be redeemed and united by the blood of Christ, worshiping together for all time.

We can dream of and prepare for that day, but we're also called to work toward that future. Jesus sent us to our neighbors and to the nations. Just as He brought His gospel to us through faithful messengers, He is calling us to carry that same message to the ends of the earth. One day, all nations will worship before the same throne, and we are invited to be part of that mission. Maybe you are called to go. Pray about that! Maybe you are called to give, to send, or to pray faithfully for those who go. One thing is true for all of us: we are each called to join the Holy Spirit as He builds His global church, until the mission is complete and replaced with eternal worship.

Day Thirty Eight: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Pray for the nations, that the gospel would spread and the church would multiply exponentially. Pray for the global church, that God would protect, guide, and grow His disciples in every nation. Lift up our church's global workers and all who will take part in international missions this year. Ask the Spirit to reveal how He is calling you to engage in His global mission to make disciples.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: The Well Outreach
The Well Outreach in Spring Hill, Tennessee, provides food assistance and holistic care to families in Williamson and Maury Counties. Through its weekly food pantry, mobile distributions, and student Jetpack Program, The Well shares the hope of Jesus while meeting practical needs with compassion.

- Pray for families served by The Well to feel loved and find lasting hope as they receive care and support.
- Ask God to provide the resources and volunteers needed to sustain and grow The Well's programs.
- Pray for the Jetpack Program for students experiencing food insecurity to find nourishment, encouragement, and stability through this ministry.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Workers | Daniel & Sandra
Daniel and Sandra serve in Central Mexico, training and equipping local believers for discipleship and gospel storytelling among unreached and marginalized communities. Their ministry focuses on mentoring leaders, forming Bible study groups, and mobilizing churches to send missionaries abroad.

- Pray for Daniel and Sandra's ministry with Teen Missions Boot Camp, for participants to develop a lifelong passion for serving the Lord.
- Ask God to bless and grow their three Timothy Initiative Bible study groups.
- Pray for their family to remain steadfast in faith, protected by the Lord, and joyful in service.

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Day Thirty Nine:

Pray for Workers in The Harvest

Matthew 9:35–38

> "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
> Matthew 9:37–38

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." – Hudson Taylor

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by all the sickness and hurt in the world? Human trafficking, starvation, spiritual depravity, broken relationships, financial hardships... Do you ever just wish you could fix it?

Matthew 9:36 tells us that in the midst of traveling to towns and villages, healing every kind of disease and sickness, Jesus felt compassion for the people. He recognized how distressed and dejected they were, and He knew they needed so much more than physical healing, they needed the hope of the gospel.

Knowing the extent of the people's needs, Jesus didn't tell His disciples to roll up their sleeves, double their efforts, and work to exhaustion. Truthfully, that might have seemed easier than what He did ask. Look back at verse 38. When the need was great, Jesus didn't direct the disciples to get busy recruiting. What did He tell them to do?

The needs of the lost and hurting are great. Yes, we should serve sacrificially, give generously, and have purposeful gospel conversations, but the needs will always outnumber our capacity. Instead of trying to fix and solve things ourselves, Jesus invites us to pray to the Lord of the harvest. When we do, we get to witness God doing what only He can do as He answers those prayers.

Day Thirty Nine: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Ask God to send workers into His harvest and to show you where He is calling you to serve. Pray for discernment to know when to act and when to trust Him to work beyond your capacity. Ask Him to align your service with obedience rather than striving, and to give you courage if He is calling you to step into a role or opportunity you've been avoiding.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Of One Accord Ministries

Of One Accord Ministries has been serving Northeast Tennessee for more than 30 years, addressing hunger, housing, and community needs through Christ-centered care. Programs such as meal delivery for older adults and the Lunch Box Mobile Summer Food Program extend compassion and the hope of Jesus to those most in need.

- Pray for the individuals and families served by Of One Accord to find hope, healing, and support through this ministry.
- Ask God to strengthen founder Sheldon Livesay, the staff, and volunteers with compassion and endurance.
- Pray for the continued success of their nutrition programs to bring nourishment and community connection to those facing food insecurity.

Prayer for The Nations: Global Worker | Evelyn*

Evelyn serves among an unreached people group, discipling local leaders and providing administrative support for teams across several countries. She is focused on building relationships and finding community while adjusting to a new culture.

- Pray for Evelyn as she learns the local language and culture, asking for clarity, courage, and understanding in her daily interactions.
- Ask God to help her build meaningful friendships and connect with a supportive Christian community.

**Note: Names have been changed for safety.*

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Day Fourty:
Run with Endurance
Hebrews 12:1–3

"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."
Hebrews 12:1–2

Have you ever started a new discipline such as exercising, journaling, praying, or cutting back on your phone, only to grow weary and give up? Maybe it got harder than expected, obstacles kept coming, or you started to doubt yourself. There are many reasons we quit.

Read Hebrews 12:1–3. What race is the writer encouraging us to run with endurance? Why might some have grown weary and given up?

In verse 2, believers are urged to keep their eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. We did not choose Him; He chose us. He not only initiated our faith but promises to bring it to completion: "He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil 1:6).

It is often hard to keep our eyes on Jesus when we face stress at work, family tension, illness, or loss. Our focus easily shifts from Him to the problem we want to fix. It takes faith to look to Jesus instead and trust Him with what feels out of control. Yet He understands every struggle. Jesus endured sorrow, pain, and persecution and now sits at the right hand of God, victorious over sin and death and ready to help us.

Listen to the hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Reflect on what it means to fix your eyes on Him, who began this good work and will bring it to completion.

Day Fourty: Prayer

Prayer Prompt: Based on Hebrews 12:1–3 and Jesus' faithfulness in your life, write a prayer of praise and thanksgiving focused solely on Jesus, who He is, what He has done, and what He promises He will do.

Prayer for Our Neighbors: Siloam Health

Siloam Health empowers neighbors from all nations to lead physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy lives. By offering holistic medical care and building community among immigrants and refugees, Siloam embodies Christ's love and compassion to those in need.

- Pray for Siloam Health's staff and volunteers for God to grant them compassion, wisdom, and strength as they serve.
- Ask God to bring healing and hope to every patient, meeting both physical and spiritual needs.
- Pray for increased resources and partnerships so Siloam can expand its ministry to even more families across Nashville.

Prayer for The Nations: Pray for More Global Workers

As the church seeks to engage the whole person with the whole gospel anywhere, anytime, with anybody, there remains a deep need for more laborers in the harvest.

- Pray that God would call out new global workers from within Brentwood Baptist and churches across Middle Tennessee.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen and sustain current global workers serving in hard and unreached places.
- Pray for new partnerships and sending opportunities to emerge, multiplying healthy congregations among the nations.

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In response to God's leading, we will fuel disciple-making and church multiplying movements in Middle Tennessee and beyond.

This movement will share the gospel with millions engage community needs by the thousands, and build a network of 100+ healthy churches.

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