


PRAYER GUIDE



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PRAY FIRST

WHY WE PRAY

Healthy disciples make up healthy churches, and healthy churches multiply. That's how the Church has always grown. And at the center of every healthy disciple is a life anchored in prayer. When we pray, we're not checking a box; we're spending time with the God who made us, knows us, and leads us. Prayer slows us down long enough to hear His voice. It shapes our decisions, our families, our attitudes, and our obedience. It roots us in the truth Jesus taught:

"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

To be a healthy disciple is to abide - to stay connected to Jesus in a way that produces real fruit. ***We want to be a people who start with prayer first, listen, and make decisions second.***

PRAYER IS HOW OUR STORY BEGAN - AND HOW IT CONTINUES

Before there were campuses, buildings, staff teams, or Sunday rhythms, there was an apartment with twelve people praying for Lexington. What God started in that small living room is the same thing He's still doing today - calling regular people to pray bold prayers for their community.

Over the years, there are stories of staff and partners arriving early on Sunday mornings simply to pray. Groups gathering in the early hours during the week as well - circling up in living rooms, offices, and quiet corners before the day begins. Circles forming in lobbies and parking lots on Sundays. Serve Teams huddled around Scripture, lifting up people they had yet to meet - praying they would walk through our doors and meet Jesus.

Those early whispers of prayer in Lexington have grown into a chorus across South Carolina. Today, one church in many locations is praying for our neighbors, our cities, and our state - believing God is still writing their story.



PRAY FIRST

BECOMING A PRAYING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Over the next year, we're committing to grow in prayer as a church family, asking God to shape us, stretch us, and send us. As we pray, He shapes our hearts to **abide** in Him, stretches us to **belong** and **serve** within His family, and sends us to **go** and **give** generously in our radius.

A praying church is a dependent church - constantly turning to God for wisdom, strength, and direction. Instead of relying on strategy or effort alone, we listen for His voice, trust His leading, and ask Him to do what only He can do in our homes, campuses, communities, and across South Carolina.



In 2003, a small group of people began meeting in an apartment to pray for a church to glorify God in Lexington, South Carolina.

A YEAR BUILT AROUND PRAYER

ABIDE | BELONG | SERVE | GIVE | GO

Healthy disciples **abide** in Christ, **belong** to the family of God, **serve** with their gifts, **give** generously, and **GO** wherever Jesus sends. These marks don't grow in us by accident - they grow as we become a people who pray. That's why prayer isn't just something we do occasionally; it's a daily rhythm that shapes us into the kind of disciples God uses to impact our radius. This year, we're praying through each mark of a healthy disciple and trusting God to grow us into mature believers that are sent out for the good of our radius.

MARKS OF A HEALTHY DISCIPLE



ABIDE

We pursue a growing relationship with Jesus through prayer and Scripture.



BELONG

We pursue unity and growth through worship, Biblical community, and grace-filled relationships.



SERVE

Every believer has a job to do - and we show up ready to serve.



GIVE

We live open-handedly - to reflect God's generous heart to those around us.



GO

We reflect Jesus in our homes, world, and church - multiplying disciples as we go.

JANUARY | ABIDE

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

We begin the year with 21 Days of Prayer, focusing our hearts on abiding with Jesus. We slow down, build habits, and learn to start our days - and make our decisions - with Him.

This guide includes simple prayer models to help you reset your prayer life or start praying for the very first time. Try one each week. Let it shape you. Let it bring you back when your mind wanders.

This is where healthy discipleship begins.

MAY | BELONG + SERVE

PRAY MAY

May has historically been the month where God redirects our church. We've seen Him shift plans, re-route vision, and clarify the path ahead. One of the clearest examples came when we planned to plant a church on the Corley Mill side of Lexington... but through prayer, God unmistakably moved us to Gilbert instead.

During Pray May, we will unite around two themes:

- **Belonging:** Stepping into community and unity as part of the body of Christ.
- **Serving:** Discovering and developing our gifts so God can use us powerfully.

AUGUST | GO

As school resumes, rhythms reset, and our communities come alive again, we pray with our eyes up - asking God to use us in our radius.

We pray for stadiums, ballfields, classrooms, dorm rooms, neighborhoods, offices, and every place God sends us to be His light to those around us.

This is the month we pray to live sent, to multiply disciples, and to invest deeply in the communities God has placed us in.

NOVEMBER | GIVE

As we move toward Thanksgiving, November begins our Give Hope season - our annual opportunity to meet real needs in our communities through trusted local partners. Because we pray first, we begin November with a simple invitation: ask your family to start praying about what to give.

Giving isn't just a financial act - it's deeply spiritual. We give because God first gave to us.

“ For this is how God loved the world:
He gave his one and only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him will not
perish but have eternal life.
- John 3:16

The generosity we practice is a small reflection of God's great generosity toward us:

- *The Father who gave His Son.*
- *The Savior who gave His life.*

When we pray before we give, we're reminded that everything is from Him and for Him. Give Hope becomes more than a campaign - it becomes worship, obedience, and a chance for our church to reflect God's heart for our neighbors,



JANUARY

21 DAYS OF PRAYER
ABIDE

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

For the next 21 days, our church family is setting aside intentional time to abide in Christ - to slow down, be with Jesus, and let Him shape our hearts.

We've created several prayer plans for you to choose from. Each plan has a different purpose, but all of them help us do the same thing: stay close to Jesus. You can follow the plans in order - the way we'll highlight them through our church-wide communication - or you can choose the plan that fits your season right now. Either way, our hope is the same: spend the next 21 days learning to abide in Christ.

1. ABIDE PLAN | WALKING THROUGH JOHN 15

John 15 is one of the clearest teachings Jesus gives about what it means to abide in Him. In this plan, you'll move slowly through the chapter that invites us to stay connected to the True Vine.

Because Jesus tells us plainly - apart from Him, we can do nothing. This plan helps us understand what abiding actually looks like, why it matters, and how Jesus produces real fruit in us as we stay close to Him.

2. THE LORD'S PRAYER PLAN | LEARNING TO PRAY LIKE JESUS

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He gave them a pattern. The Lord's Prayer shows us how to root our prayers in God's name, God's kingdom, and God's will before we talk about our needs.

This plan helps shape our prayers around the priorities Jesus taught: worship first, surrender second, request third, forgiveness always, and spiritual strength daily. It's a simple, powerful way to learn prayer from the One we are praying to.

**“ Before daybreak the next morning,
Jesus got up and went out to an
isolated place to pray.
- Mark 1:35**

3. ACTS PRAYER PLAN | A FRAMEWORK FOR DAILY PRAYER

For the past few years, our church has used the ACTS framework to guide us into deeper, more intentional prayer:

- A | Adoration: Praying the truth about who God is
- C | Confession: Praying the truth about who we are
- T | Thanksgiving: Remembering God's goodness with gratitude
- S | Supplication: Bringing requests before God on behalf of others as priests in our radius

Why we use ACTS:

It gives us a healthy rhythm - lifting our eyes to God, humbling ourselves before Him, remembering His kindness, and interceding for others. ACTS helps us pray holistically and honestly.

HOW TO USE THESE PLANS

- Follow along with us as we highlight each plan during the 21 days.
- Choose your own plan - the one that fits your current season, your schedule, or your spiritual needs.

There is no wrong way to participate as long as your focus is this: Stay close to Jesus. Abide in Him.

That's our hope for these 21 days - a church full of people learning to abide in Christ together.

ABIDE

Highlight the word abide each time it appears in John 15.

I Am the True Vine

“ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 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. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants,^[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

John 15:1 - 17 (ESV)

DAY 1 | THE TRUE VINE | JOHN 15:1

Jesus begins with a stunning declaration: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser” (John 15:1). His disciples would have immediately recognized the imagery. In the Old Testament, Israel was repeatedly called God’s vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:8-16), planted to bear the fruit of righteousness but often producing only wild or withered fruit. Into that long story of failure and longing, Jesus steps forward and says, in essence: “I am the true and better Israel. I am the faithful vine. I am the source of real, lasting life.”

With that one sentence, Jesus reframes the entire spiritual landscape. Fruit is not the result of religious effort, moral striving, or human grit - it flows from connection to the right vine. Our lives, as believers, start not with what we do, but with who He is. Our identity and transformation are rooted not in our performance, but in His perfection.

To follow Jesus, then, is to attach your whole life to Him - the only vine that is alive, faithful, unchanging, and overflowing with grace. Every command that follows in John 15 - to abide, to trust, to obey, to love, to bear fruit - is built on this foundation: He is the vine, and we are the branches. Everything depends on staying connected to Him.

REFLECTION

1. What “vines” besides Jesus do I often attach myself to for life or identity?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Himself, not my effort, is the source of spiritual fruit?
3. Where do I notice myself trying to manufacture spiritual growth?

PRAYER

1. Jesus, help me see You clearly as the true vine and the source of all life.
2. Father, expose the false vines I have depended on.
3. Holy Spirit, draw my heart into deeper dependence and trust.

DAY 2 | WHEN WE AREN'T CONNECTED | JOHN 15:2

Jesus says the Father “prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit” (John 15:2). Pruning isn’t punishment or rejection - it’s a sign of the Father’s careful, intentional love. Gardeners don’t prune dead branches; they prune living ones. They cut back what is healthy in order to make room for what is even more fruitful. In the same way, God trims areas of our lives so His life can flow through us more freely.

The Father lovingly removes habits, priorities, attitudes, and attachments that drain spiritual strength or divide our affections. Pruning often feels sharp or uncomfortable because it separates us from things we’ve grown used to - but it is always purposeful. The Father cuts away what we would cling to so He can give us what we truly need. God is not pruning to harm; He is pruning to heal, to purify, and to strengthen and grow.

Spiritual pruning is evidence that God sees real fruit in you and desires greater fruit still. It means He is actively shaping you into the likeness of His Son (Hebrews 12:10-11), clearing away anything that competes with His life in you. Pruning is proof that the vinedresser is near, attentive, and deeply invested in your growth.

REFLECTION

1. Where do I sense the Lord pruning me right now?
2. Do I tend to resist God’s pruning or welcome it? Why?
3. What “good things” might God be cutting back so better fruit can grow?

PRAYER

1. Father, give me courage to receive Your pruning with trust.
2. Lord, remove anything that keeps me from bearing more fruit.
3. Holy Spirit, help me discern what You are shaping and refining.

DAY 3 | ABIDING IN THE VINE | JOHN 15:4-5

Jesus says, “Abide in Me... apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5). With those words, He makes abiding the heartbeat of the Christian life. Abiding is not a passive feeling or a one-time decision. It is the ongoing, deliberate returning of our hearts to Him. It means remaining where His life flows, holding fast to the One who sustains us. Just as a branch has no purpose apart from the vine, we were created to live in continual dependence - rooted, connected, and flourishing because of His strength and power.

This abiding takes shape through simple, consistent rhythms that open our lives to Him: unhurried prayer, Scripture that reorients our minds, obedience that trusts His wisdom, worship that redirects our affections, community that keeps us anchored, and surrender that loosens our grip on self-reliance. Abiding is not about perfection; it's about proximity. It is choosing to stay close so that our lives reflect His.

And the promise Jesus gives is staggering: when we abide, He Himself produces the fruit. We don't manufacture spiritual transformation - He does. But the warning is equally clear: when we disconnect, we inevitably wither. Our souls dry out, our strength diminishes, and our fruit fades. Growth apart from Him is impossible - but growth in Him is both promised and inevitable. He is the vine who gives life; our role is to remain in the place where His life can fill us.

REFLECTION

1. What daily habits keep me close to Jesus?
2. Where do I see signs of spiritual “withering” from drifting away?
3. What helps me abide with joy instead of obligation?

PRAYER

1. Jesus, teach me how to abide deeply and consistently in You.
2. Lord, restore places in me that have grown dry or distant.
3. Holy Spirit, strengthen my desire to remain connected.

DAY 4 | ABIDING IN HIS LOVE | JOHN 15:9-10

Jesus says, "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love." (John 15:9). Before the foundation of the world, the Father and the Son shared perfect, unbroken delight and affection (John 17:24). Jesus now declares that this same love, eternal and overflowing, is the love He extends to His disciples. We do not receive a diluted or lesser version. We are invited into the very center of His love.

To abide in that love means to remain, dwell, and rest in the reality of it - to let His love become the atmosphere we breathe. This kind of abiding is not sentimental; it is deeply practical. It means trusting His heart even when circumstances confuse us, receiving His forgiveness instead of replaying our failures, and obeying His commands because we are convinced of His goodness. When Jesus calls us to obey, He is inviting us deeper into the love He already has for us.

This flips the whole equation of religion on its head. We don't obey in order to be loved.

***"We obey because we are already loved.
We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19***

Abiding in Jesus' love means letting His unchanging affection become the anchor for our identity and the motivation for our obedience. It is the steady reminder that everything God commands flows from the same heart that has loved His Son for all eternity - and now, by grace, loves us the same.

REFLECTION

1. Do I live as someone deeply loved by God? Why or why not?
2. What commands of Jesus feel difficult to obey right now?
3. How does God's love change my motivation for obedience?

PRAYER

1. Jesus, let Your love be the truest thing about me today.
2. Lord, help me trust Your commands as expressions of Your love.
3. Spirit, heal places where I doubt or resist Your love.

DAY 5 | FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD | JOHN 15:14-15

Jesus lifts the relationship even higher when He says, “I have called you friends” (John 15:15). These are some of the most tender and astonishing words in all of Scripture.

Throughout the Bible, only a few people are ever given this title. Abraham is called “friend of God” (James 2:23). Moses speaks with God “as a man speaks to his friend” (Exodus 33:11). Friendship with God has always been rare, intimate, and deeply personal - and now Jesus extends it to ordinary disciples like us.

Friendship in the ancient world meant far more than casual connection. Friends shared access, loyalty, confidence, and purpose. So when Jesus calls us friends, He is saying: You are not kept at a distance. You are welcomed into friendship with Him. You get to know His heart, not just His commands. He removes the guesswork. Instead of relating to Him as servants trying to interpret His will, we get to walk with Him as companions who share in His mission.

This kind of friendship is marked by trust, obedience, honesty, and attentiveness to His voice. It means we don't just bring Jesus our needs. We bring Him our fears, dreams, questions, and joys. We become the kind of people who move with Him, listen for Him, and align our lives with His purposes in the world.

To abide is to cultivate this friendship - real, daily companionship with Christ. It is walking with Him through ordinary moments, tuning your heart to His, sharing in His mission, and living with the quiet wonder that the King of the universe not only saves you... ***He calls you friend.***

REFLECTION

1. Do I relate to Jesus more as a servant or as a friend?
2. Where is Jesus inviting me into deeper honesty with Him?
3. How can I cultivate conversation, not just requests, in prayer?

PRAYER

1. Jesus, thank You for welcoming me as Your friend.
2. Lord, teach me to share Your heart and Your mission.
3. Spirit, deepen my relational closeness with Christ.

DAY 6 | CHOSEN TO BEAR FRUIT | JOHN 15:16

Jesus reminds His disciples, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you... and appointed you to bear fruit” (John 15:16). Your relationship with Jesus is not an accident - it’s an intentional calling. And part of that calling is fruitfulness. Jesus doesn’t merely save us; He shapes us and sends us to live lives that reflect Him to our neighbors.

This fruit isn’t about achieving more or becoming the “best version” of ourselves. It’s the very character of Christ taking root in us (Galatians 5:22-23) and slowly changing the way we speak, respond, forgive, lead, and love. Fruit also shows up in how our presence influences others - how our decisions bless our families, how our words encourage coworkers, and how our lives point quietly but consistently to Jesus.

Being chosen means your everyday life matters. Your personality, your job, your friendships, your neighborhood, your struggles - none of these are random. God intends to use all of it.

And the best part? Fruit doesn’t grow through trying harder. It grows through remaining in Him and receiving from Him. The more time you spend with Jesus, the more naturally His character begins to overflow into practical choices, attitudes, and actions.

You were chosen for this: chosen to reflect Jesus in real ways, in real places, with real people, every single day.

REFLECTION

1. What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life right now?
2. Where is God inviting me to reflect Him in my radius?
3. Do I believe that God has chosen and appointed me for His work?

PRAYER

1. Father, grow Your fruit in me in ways I cannot produce on my own.
2. Jesus, use my life to reflect Your character and love.
3. Spirit, show me opportunities to bear fruit today.

DAY 7 | THE JOY OF ABIDING | JOHN 15:11

Jesus ends with a promise: “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:11). Joy, according to Jesus, isn’t an add-on to the Christian life - it’s the natural outcome of abiding. It’s the settled, steady gladness that comes from being rooted in Him, loved by Him, and fruitful because of Him.

Abiding doesn’t erase hardship, disappointment, or pressure. But it does anchor joy beneath all of it. The more closely we remain connected to Jesus, the more His life pushes back against anxiety, discouragement, and weariness. Joy grows slowly but steadily as His life becomes our strength.

And abiding happens in practical, ordinary ways: taking a few unhurried minutes in Scripture before checking your phone, turning worries into prayer throughout the day, pausing to thank God in the middle of stress, obeying a nudge from the Holy Spirit, choosing honesty over hiding, confessing sin quickly, gathering with believers, extending grace when you want to withdraw. These small choices keep your soul open and responsive to Him - they keep you close to the vine.

A life that remains in Christ, receives His love, and reflects His character will not be free of struggle, but it will be filled with a deeper, quieter joy that circumstances can’t touch.

His joy in us. Our joy made full.

REFLECTION

1. Where do I see signs of Christ’s joy in my life?
2. What steals my joy most easily and why?
3. How does abiding change my understanding of true joy?

PRAYER

1. Jesus, fill me with Your joy as I remain in You.
2. Lord, teach me to find joy in Your presence, not in circumstances.
3. Spirit, help me live today rooted in the joy of the gospel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

“ Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray..”

- Luke 11:1

The Lord's Prayer isn't just meant to be repeated. It's meant to be practiced.

Jesus gave us this model to help us connect with the Father, align our hearts with His purposes, and depend on Him daily.

As we walk through each part, let's learn to pray the way Jesus prayed - honestly, personally, and powerfully.

“ Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need,
and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin
against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.

- Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

DAY 1 | CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

“OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN..”

Scripture | “So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’ “

- Romans 8:15

When Jesus teaches us to begin prayer with “Our Father,” He is grounding prayer in relationship before anything else. Before we confess, before we ask, before we praise - we remember who God is to us: a Father who has adopted us into His family.

Calling God “Father” is not a casual title. In the ancient world, Abba was an intimate, secure, familial word - something between “Dad” and “Dearest Father.” It communicated trust, affection, dependence, and belonging. Paul tells us that it is the Holy Spirit Himself who moves our hearts to say this (Romans 8:15-16). We don’t stumble into this relationship; we are invited and welcomed into it.

To pray “Father” means:

- You are not approaching an impersonal force. You are approaching Someone who delights in you (Zephaniah 3:17).
- You are not earning His attention. You already have His affection and his love (Psalm 103:13).
- You are not coming as an outsider. You are coming as His beloved child (1 John 3:1).

Jesus wants His disciples to pray with the confidence of children who know they are loved, protected, heard, and welcomed.

REFLECTION

- Where in my life do I struggle to believe that God the Father truly delights in me as His child?
- When I pray, do I approach God more like a distant authority or a loving Father? Why?
- What would change in my prayer life if I fully believed I am welcomed, wanted, and known by God?

PRAYER

- Thank God that you belong to Him.
- Tell Him what’s on your heart - no filters.
- Ask Him to help you see yourself as His child today.

DAY 2 | TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WORSHIP HIM.

“.. MAY YOUR NAME BE KEPT HOLY.”

Scripture | Matthew 6:9; Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 100:4

Adoration is telling the truth about God - worshipping Him and acknowledging His greatness. To say “may Your name be kept holy” isn't just a phrase - it's a reorientation. We're declaring that God's name is holy, weighty, unmatched, and worthy of reverence. In Scripture, a person's name is their identity and reputation. So when we exalt God's name, we are honoring every part of who He is.

Telling the truth about God shifts our perspective. When we lift our eyes to His greatness, our worries shrink to their proper size.

REFLECTION

- Which name or attribute of God feels the hardest for me to trust right now and why? (See a partial list at the bottom of this page.)
- When I pray, do I spend more time focusing on my problems or on the greatness of the One I'm praying to?
- How would my perspective shift today if I intentionally began prayer by telling the truth about who God is?

PRAYER

Spend a few minutes telling the truth about God. Praise Him for who He is, not just what He's done. Speak His names aloud and thank Him for how each one shows up in your life today.

“The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.” - Proverbs 18:10 (NLT)

- Say God's names out loud.
- Thank Him for how each name is true in your life.
- Sing, journal, or sit quietly in awe of Him.

There is power in God's name. Here is a list of some of His names to help us worship Him specifically and personally:

- Righteousness | He makes me clean
- Sanctifier | He has called me and set me apart
- Healer | He heals all my diseases
- Banner of Victory | He defeated my enemies
- Shepherd | He speaks to me and leads me
- Peace | He is my peace in every storm
- Provider | He supplies all of my needs

DAY 3 | ALIGN WITH HIS MISSION

".. MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME SOON. MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

Scripture | "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need."

- Luke 12:31

Prayer isn't about getting God to join our plans; it's about aligning with His. When we pray, "may your Kingdom come," we're asking for heaven's realities to take shape here on earth - in our homes, our workplaces, our campuses, and across our state.

This prayer teaches us to surrender our own agendas and invite God to reign over every area of life.

“ *This is the one part of the Lord's Prayer that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, when he said, "Not my will, but thine be done." He submitted to the Father's will, and it saved you and me. That's why we can trust him. Jesus is not asking us to do anything for him that he hasn't already done for us, under conditions beyond comprehension.* - **Tim Keller**

Because He trusted the Father's plan, we can too.

Praying for God's Kingdom to come is not passive resignation; it is active surrender. It means placing every area of our lives under His authority and believing that His plans are wiser, truer, and better than our own. Where His Kingdom comes, healing comes. Freedom comes. Peace comes. Righteousness comes. And life begins to look more like the King we serve.

REFLECTION

- Which area of my life is hardest for me to surrender to God's will and why?
- How would my day look if I truly sought God's Kingdom "above all else"?
- Where do I see God at work and how can I join what He is doing - in my home, my work, or my relationships?

PRAYER

- Ask God to let His Kingdom come in your life today.
- Surrender your plans, your schedule, and your relationships to His will.
- Pray that RADIUS Church reflects His Kingdom in communities we serve.

DAY 4 | DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

".. GIVE US TODAY THE FOOD WE NEED .."

Scripture | "I look up to the mountains - does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made Heaven and earth!"

- Psalm 121:1-2

Jesus invites us to depend on God one day at a time. "Give us today the food we need" is a prayer of trust, not just for food, but for all that sustains us: strength, peace, wisdom, provision, and grace.

We live in a world that prizes independence, but prayer calls us back to dependence. It reminds us that every breath, every dollar, every opportunity is a gift. God loves to provide for His children.

REFLECTION

1. Where am I living as if everything depends on me rather than on God?
2. What "food" do I most need from God today - strength, clarity, peace, courage, wisdom, or provision? (Be honest about your internal needs, not just external ones)
3. How has God faithfully provided for me in the past, and what does that teach me about trusting Him today?

PRAYER

1. "Father, give me what You know I need today - not just what I'm asking for, but what is truly good for me."
2. Invite God to align your desires with His wisdom.
3. Ask the Lord, "Break my habit of self-reliance and teach me to depend on You for strength, provision, and peace one day at a time."

Ask God for what you need today. It may help to open your hands before God to physically show your surrender to Him. Problems can either be ours or God's; they can't be both.

Ideas to Help You Focus

Faith Life • Marriage/Dating Life • Family Life • Work/School Life • Ministry Life • Financial Life • Physical Life • Social Life • Attitudinal Life • Emotional/Mental Life

DAY 5 | TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF

".. FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE HAVE FORGIVEN THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US."

Scripture | "But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

- 1 John 1:9

Confession is the act of telling the truth about ourselves - bringing our sin, weakness, and hidden places into the light of God's presence. It's not an exercise in shame; it's an invitation to freedom. When we confess, we acknowledge where we've fallen short and we receive the forgiveness Jesus purchased for us on the cross. The moment we step into the light, grace is already there waiting.

The beauty of confession is that it reveals just as much about God as it does about us. We tell the truth about our sin, and God tells the truth about His mercy. He doesn't hesitate, bargain, or withhold. He forgives fully, cleanses completely, and restores joy where guilt once lived (Psalm 51:10-12). Confession breaks the power of secrecy and reminds us that nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38-39).

Jesus also teaches that forgiven people become forgiving people. When we experience His mercy, we are empowered to extend mercy. Bitterness binds us, but forgiveness frees us - and confession is often the first step toward releasing others from the debts we feel they owe.

REFLECTION

- What sin or struggle have I kept hidden instead of bringing into God's light?
- Do I truly believe God forgives me completely, or do I still try to "make it up" to Him?
- Who do I need to forgive so bitterness no longer takes root in my heart?

PRAYER

- Ask God to search your heart.
- Confess anything that's weighing you down.
- Receive His forgiveness, then release forgiveness to others, even if it's hard.

DAY 6 | PROTECTION

**“...AND DON'T LET US YIELD TO TEMPTATION,
BUT RESCUE US FROM THE EVIL ONE.”**

Scripture | “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

- Ephesians 6:12

When Jesus teaches us to pray, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” He is reminding us that prayer is not only communion with God - it is protection. We live in a world where the battle is real, though often unseen. Temptation, deception, distraction, and spiritual resistance are part of the Christian life, and prayer positions us under God's covering.

Temptation will come, but Scripture assures us: “God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear... and will provide a way out.” (1 Corinthians 10:13). The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, empowering us to choose obedience over compromise and truth over lies (Romans 8:11). We are not powerless in temptation, but we are dependent.

Prayer keeps our hearts awake and our eyes open.

REFLECTION

- Where am I most vulnerable to drift, distraction, or temptation right now?
- What lies or half-truths am I tempted to believe about myself, God, or others?
- When temptation comes, do I fight in my own strength or rely on God's Spirit and Word?

PRAYER

- Ask God to expose lies you've believed and give you courage to resist them.
- Put on the armor of God - truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and His Word - and walk confidently in His strength.
- Ask the Spirit to heighten your awareness of subtle drift and to redirect your heart quickly when you begin to wander.

DAY 7 | WORSHIP AND GRATITUDE

"..FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN. (KJV)"

Scripture | "O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for You!"

- Jeremiah 32:17

The prayer that began with relationship ends with worship. When we say, "Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory," we're reminding ourselves that everything belongs to Him.

Prayer starts with telling the truth about God and ends the same way - recognizing His greatness, His authority, and His glory. It's a declaration of confidence that God is in control, and that His purposes will prevail.

As you close this week, finish with praise. Let gratitude rise and faith grow. The story begins and ends with His glory.

REFLECTION

- Where have I forgotten that God is sovereign and powerful - and started carrying burdens He never asked me to?
- What would shift in my heart if I truly believe "Nothing is too hard for You!"?
- Do my prayers reflect confidence in God's kingdom and power, or do they reflect fear and self-reliance?

PRAYER

- Spend time worshiping God for who He is.
- Thank Him for hearing you, leading you, and shaping you through prayer.
- End by declaring, "Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever."

ACTS PRAYER MODEL

The ACTS model gives us a simple rhythm to help shape our conversations with God: **Adoration. Confession. Thanksgiving. Supplication.**

It's not a formula to follow; it's a way to stay real before God - telling the truth about who He is, who we are, and how much we depend on Him.

Adoration

Adoration is telling God the truth about Himself - worshipping Him and acknowledging His greatness. Beginning prayer this way not only reminds us of who God is and of His power but, also aligns our hearts with His.

Confession

As we confess, we tell the truth about ourselves. When we step into the light of God's greatness, we recognize how we fall short. Confession is a great privilege because it allows us to take hold of the forgiveness offered to us by Jesus.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a humble response to the generosity of God, acknowledging that every good and perfect gift comes from Him. In spite of who we are and what we have done, God has been and continues to be good. Thanksgiving recognizes that all we are and all we have is because of Him.

Supplication

Supplication is the practice of asking. Jesus told us to ask, but he also modeled an asking that was submissive and surrendered. He delights in giving. Asking glorifies Him and humbles us. Asking encourages the building of greater faith and draws us closer to our good God, whose faithfulness and love never ends.

DAY 1 | ADORATION | TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

Scripture | Isaiah 40:31; Psalm 8:1; Revelation 4:8

Begin by slowing down and intentionally focusing your heart on who God is. Adoration means telling the truth about God - His character, His holiness, His power, His love. It's not about what He does (though we'll get there), but who He is. Use the scripture above to remind yourself of who He is.

As you pray today, lift your voice in worship. Let the "A" of ACTS set the posture: we come because He is worthy. We pause distractions, breathe deep, and let the truth of His name shape our time with Him.

You might say: "Father, you are my Shepherd, my Rock, my Provider. You rule with righteousness and love. I adore you." Enter into a time of praise, maybe with a worship song or a simple "Thank you, God" moment.

PRAYER

- Spend 5-10 minutes in adoration before moving on.
- Consider writing down one characteristic of God you're especially thankful for today and why it matters to you.

DAY 2 | CONFESSION | TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Scripture | 1 John 1:9; Psalm 51:10-12

After adoration, our hearts are softened and aware, and now we turn inward. Confession isn't about self-condemnation. It's about honesty and restoration. We're telling the truth about ourselves: where we've missed the mark, where we've relied on our strength instead of God's, where we need His forgiveness.

Scripture reminds us that if we confess, He is faithful and just to forgive. As a healthy disciple, practicing confession helps remove barriers, renew intimacy, and prepare our hearts for what's next.

PRAYER

- PRAY: "Lord, search my heart. Reveal what I'm trying to hide, what I've rationalized, and what I've ignored. I confess ___ and I trust your mercy."
- Write one thing you are aware needs confession. Bring it before God. Receive His forgiveness and write down a short thank you for the cleansing He offers.

DAY 3 | THANKSGIVING | GIVING THANKS

Scripture | 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Colossians 3:15-17

Thanksgiving is not polite sentiment. It is a spiritual discipline that reorients our hearts. After adoration and confession, gratitude grounds us again in God's character and faithfulness. To give thanks is to remember. Scripture repeatedly commands thanksgiving because our hearts naturally drift toward forgetting (Deuteronomy 8:11-14). Gratitude pulls us back.

Thanksgiving looks both backward and forward.

- **Backward:** recalling what God has done: His mercy, provision, protection, forgiveness, and countless "good things" (Psalm 103:2-5).
- **Present:** recognizing His ongoing work: His Spirit strengthening us, His Word guiding us, His love sustaining us (Psalm 16:8).
- **Future:** thanking Him for what He will do: trusting His promises even before we see them fulfilled (Hebrews 11:1).

Biblical thanksgiving is not dependent on circumstance. Paul, writing from prison, says, "Always be joyful... be thankful in all circumstances" (1 Thess. 5:16-18). Not for all circumstances, but in them - because God's goodness is constant even when life is not. Gratitude is an act of faith that says, "I trust Your heart even when I don't understand what is happening."

Thanksgiving also protects our hearts. It fights entitlement, anxiety, despair, and forgetfulness. It lifts our eyes from our lack to God's abundance. It reminds us that every blessing - breath, bread, beauty, salvation - comes from His hand (James 1:17).

PRAYER

- Write down three things you're thankful for big or small.
- Choose one and reflect on how God provided it and what it reveals about His character.
- Let your gratitude shape your prayers today.

DAY 4 | SUPPLICATION | PETITIONING GOD WITH REQUESTS

Scripture | Philippians 4:6-7; Isaiah 30:19

After adoration, confession, and thanksgiving, we come to God with our requests. The posture is different now - not grasping or demanding, but trusting and childlike. Supplication is more than handing God a list; it is entering a relationship of dependence where we believe that our Father not only hears us but cares deeply about what we carry.

Scripture invites us again and again to bring our needs to God. Paul says to “tell God what you need” (Philippians 4:6). Peter reminds us that God wants to carry our cares because we matter to Him (1 Peter 5:7). Jesus Himself teaches us to ask, seek, and knock - not because God is reluctant, but because He is eager to respond (Matthew 7:7-11).

Supplication becomes richer when it flows from a heart shaped by adoration, confession, and thanksgiving. Those practices align our desires with God's heart, helping us pray not only for what we want but according to what He wills. We begin to pray with confidence, not because our requests are perfect, but because God is gracious.

Bring requests boldly, slowly, and with expectancy. Pray Scripture over people. Intercede for your family, your neighbors, your church, and your community. Supplication is one of the most loving things you can offer someone else.

PRAYER

- Write down three requests and speak each aloud to God, pausing to listen after each one.
- Open your Bible and choose a verse to pray over someone by name (Ephesians 3:16-19; Philippians 1:9-11).
- Identify one need in your church or community and intentionally intercede for it today.

DAY 5 | ACTS MODEL PRACTICE

WHY WE PRAY AS DISCIPLES

Scripture | Hebrews 4:16; Matthew 6:6

Today we practice all four parts - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication - in one flow. But before you begin, pause to reflect on why you pray. Prayer is not a task to complete or a spiritual formality. Prayer is how disciples stay rooted in Christ (John 15:4-5). It is how we walk with God, receive His direction, surrender our plans, and align our hearts with His. Prayer is posture before it is practice.

We believe prayer is the foundation - pray first and decide second. That means we don't go into our week, our decisions, our radius without first bringing it to God. That models dependence, not independence.

PRAYER

- Start your prayer today by recalling the "why."
- Then, move through each ACTS step: adore, confess, thank, ask.
- Feel free to take longer in any section where your heart dwells deeper.

DAY 6 | ACTS MODEL PRACTICE + DEVOTION

LETTING GOD SPEAK

Scripture | Psalm 46:10; John 10:27

Just as we bring our words to God, we also posture to listen. Prayer isn't only talking - it's communion. Today you'll again go through ACTS, but build in a pause after each section for God to respond.

When we quiet our hearts, we invite God's voice, God's perspective. We align not just our words but our wills with His. The model helps - because once we've worshipped, received forgiveness, given thanks - the space is set for asking and hearing.

PRAYER

- After each step of ACTS, pause and ask, "What are you saying, God?"
- Write one word or phrase that comes to mind. Then continue.
- At the end, reflect on your prayer time and how God is moving in your life and in your radius.

DAY 7 | ACTS MODEL PRACTICE + DEVOTION GOING DEEPER, STAYING FAITHFUL

Scripture | Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1

As this week comes to a close, remember: ACTS is not a seven-day challenge - it's a lifelong rhythm for healthy disciples. Prayer isn't something we "complete"; it's something God uses to form us. The more we pray, the more we are shaped into people who abide in Christ, belong to His family, serve with joy, live generously, and go wherever He sends us.

When ACTS becomes a rhythm, not a rigid sequence, it trains our hearts to stay near to God in every season. Some days you may feel drawn to linger in Adoration, letting His greatness steady your nerves and lift your eyes. Other days, Confession may be where God meets you most tenderly. On heavy days, Thanksgiving becomes an anchor; on burdened days, Supplication becomes a lifeline.

Over time, ACTS becomes less of a model and more of a reflex - a natural way your heart turns toward God throughout the day...

in the car,

in a conflict,

in the middle of a meeting,

in the mundane moments of life.

This is how prayer stops being a task and starts becoming your way of life.

PRAYER

Move slowly through the ACTS model one more time today. Then take time to reflect:

- **One commitment:** How will I intentionally keep prayer a rhythm this week, this month, this year?
- **One challenge:** What obstacle usually pulls me away from prayer, and how will I guard against it?
- **One hope:** What fruit do I long to see God produce in my life as I grow in prayer?

Finish by offering one final praise:

"Lord, thank You for walking with me, shaping me, and teaching me to pray."

MAY

PRAY MAY
BELONG + SERVE

PRAY MAY

Pray May is one of the most important rhythms in the life of RADIUS Church. From our beginnings in a small apartment - just a few people praying for God to impact their community - we've always believed that nothing meaningful happens without prayer. Today, with campuses across the Midlands and thousands gathering to pray, we still anchor ourselves to that same dependence. Each May, we set aside 31 days to fast, pray, and seek God's direction together.

This month, as we focus on Belong & Serve, we're asking God to show each of us the part we play in our church family. Belonging means rooting ourselves in community and committing to walk with one another; serving means using the gifts God has given us to build up the Church and join in His mission. Strengthening these two rhythms - belonging and serving - prepares our hearts for August, when we GO into our radius with purpose and courage, and for November, when we live generously together.

For years, one of the ways we've prayed for belonging and serving is through the 10:02 prayer - asking the Lord to send workers into the harvest (Luke 10:2). Many of our church planters, staff, and volunteers are answers to that simple daily prayer. As you walk through Pray May, set your alarm for 10:02AM each day and pray that God would raise up men and women who belong deeply, serve faithfully, and step into the roles He's calling them to. You may even discover that you are someone we've been praying for.

Historically, May has been a month where God has clarified decisions, redirected our steps, and united our church - and we believe He'll do it again as we pray boldly for movement across our communities and our state.



10:02AM

**PRAY FOR WORKERS
FOR THE HARVEST**

`"These were his instructions to them: The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."`

`Luke 10:2`

FASTING

WHY DO WE FAST?

Fasting helps us shift our focus from the things of this world to the heart of God. It's not about trying to get something from God but about drawing closer to Him. When we fast, we're reminded how easily our hearts chase after comfort and control, and how deeply we depend on the One who truly satisfies.

As you consider fasting, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. The goal isn't perfection - it's humility. It's setting aside time and comfort to seek God in a fresh way and listen for His voice. Whether you fast for one day, several days, or the full 21 days, the point is to turn your attention to Him.

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU MIGHT FAST

- **Selective Fast** | Eliminate certain foods (like sweets, caffeine, or meat) or choose a simple diet of fruits and vegetables.
- **Partial Fast** | Skip one meal a day or fast from sunrise to sunset.
- **Complete Fast** | Refrain from eating for a specific time, drinking only liquids.
- **Non-Food Fast** | If fasting from food isn't possible, consider stepping away from social media, TV, or other distractions that pull your focus from God.

PRAYER GUIDE

Belonging and serving are at the heart of a healthy church family. When we choose to belong, we root ourselves in community, commit to one another, and live out the “one anothers” of Scripture. When we choose to serve, we use the gifts God has given us to build up the church, strengthen others, and join in His mission.

As we pray through May, use this prayer guide to intentionally strengthen both your sense of belonging to the church and your willingness to serve. Let each day’s Scripture, reflection, and prayer help you move deeper into community, identify and develop your gifts, and take practical steps toward serving your church family.

We’re asking God to deepen our connection to His people, reveal the gifts He’s placed in us, and unify us as we prepare to GO.



WEEK 1 | BELONGING TO THE CHURCH

DAY 1 | BELONGING

Scripture | Romans 12:5 - “We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”

Reflection | Belonging to a church isn’t just joining a group of people - it’s being joined together by Jesus Himself. We don’t float through life alone; God has woven us into a spiritual family on purpose. When you show up, your presence strengthens the whole body.

Prayer | Thank God that you belong to His family and ask Him to deepen your commitment to your local church.

DAY 2 | DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER

Scripture | Romans 12:10 - “Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”

Reflection | Belonging is more than attending; it’s devotion. When we choose to honor others, listen well, and show up consistently, we create a culture where people feel safe to be authentic and real. That kind of love points people straight to Jesus.

Prayer | Ask God to help you honor someone in your church family this week through a specific act of love.

DAY 3 | A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Scripture | Ephesians 2:19 - “You are members of God’s family.”

Reflection | In Christ, you’re not a guest - you’re family. God’s family has room for you, your story, and your gifts. When you embrace that identity, you stop asking, “do I belong?” and start asking, “how can I play my part?”

Prayer | Pray for anyone who feels on the outside of your church family and ask God to show you how to help them feel welcome.

PRAYER GUIDE | WEEK 1

DAY 4 | ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

Scripture | 1 Corinthians 12:12 - “The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.”

Reflection | The church is a living, breathing body. Each part matters - no one is extra, and no one is unnecessary. When you embrace your role, the whole body grows stronger; when you hold back, the body feels the gap.

Prayer | Ask God to show you where your “part” fits in the body of Christ at RADIUS Church.

DAY 5 | KNOWN AND NEEDED

Scripture | 1 Corinthians 12:18 - “But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.”

Reflection | You are not randomly placed in your church or your town. God intentionally set you there, knowing your personality, story, and wiring. You are both known by Him and needed by His people.

Prayer | Thank God for placing you where you are and ask Him to use you for the good of your church.

DAY 6 | ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY

Scripture | Hebrews 10:24-25 - “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

Reflection | Belonging requires showing up. We gather not just to receive but to spur one another on - to help each other keep going when life is heavy. Your encouragement might be the thing that keeps someone else in the race.

Prayer | Pray for your group, team, or close church friends by name, asking God to strengthen and encourage them.

DAY 7 | FAMILY THAT FORGIVES

Scripture | Colossians 3:13 - "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Reflection | Church family is beautiful and messy. We will hurt and misunderstand each other at times. Belonging means we stay at the table, forgive quickly, and choose grace because Jesus has done the same for us.

Prayer | Ask God to reveal anyone you need to forgive or seek forgiveness from and pray for a soft, humble heart.

BELONGING | RESPOND

ASK YOURSELF

1. Do I truly see myself as someone who belongs to this church family - not just someone who attends?
2. What keeps me from leaning deeper into community - fear, busyness, past hurt, or uncertainty?
3. In what ways has God uniquely placed, wired, or gifted me to strengthen the people around me?
4. Who in my church family needs encouragement, connection, or forgiveness from me right now?
5. How is God inviting me to show up more consistently, more fully, and more relationally this month?

NEXT STEPS

1. Fill out a Connect Card (online or in the seat back) to take your next step.
2. Join a Summer Group to build meaningful relationships.
3. Show up early on Sunday. Start a conversation with someone new.
4. Invite someone to lunch, coffee, or a walk to strengthen connection.
5. Send a message of encouragement to someone in your group or campus.
6. Sit in a new area of the room on Sunday to meet new people.
7. Attend a campus event to deepen community.
8. Take a step toward reconciliation with someone you may need to forgive or reconnect with.

WEEK 2 | DISCOVERING MY GIFTS

DAY 8 | GIFTED BY GRACE

Scripture | Romans 12:6 - "God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

Reflection | Spiritual gifts aren't badges of honor; they're expressions of God's grace. He has wired you in a particular way to serve others. Discovering your gifts isn't about self-promotion - it's about stewarding what God has given for the good of the church.

Prayer | Ask God to reveal or clarify your spiritual gifts and give you a desire to use them.

DAY 9 | SERVING LIKE JESUS

Scripture | Mark 10:45 - "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Reflection | Jesus, the King of Kings, humbled Himself and served. When we serve, we are never more like Him. No job is beneath us when we remember who we're imitating.

Prayer | Pray for a heart that looks for opportunities to serve quietly, without needing recognition.

DAY 10 | EQUIPPED TO SERVE

Scripture | Ephesians 4:12 - "Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ."

Reflection | Leaders aren't called to do all the ministry; they're called to equip God's people for ministry. That means you are a minister in your radius - your workplace, neighborhood, and campus. Your service is part of God's plan to build up the church.

Prayer | Ask God to help you see your everyday spaces as ministry assignments and to use you there.

PRAYER GUIDE | WEEK 2

DAY 11 | WORKING FOR THE LORD

Scripture | Colossians 3:23 - "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

Reflection | Whether you're holding a baby in Kidcare, running sound, stacking chairs, or leading a group, your service is ultimately for Jesus. When you remember who you're working for, even the smallest task becomes worship.

Prayer | Pray that your attitude in serving would honor Jesus and encourage the people around you.

DAY 12 | SERVING IN WEAKNESS

Scripture | 2 Corinthians 12:9 - "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."

Reflection | You may feel unqualified, underprepared, or insecure about serving. God isn't looking for perfect strength; He's looking for surrendered weakness. He loves to display His power through willing, imperfect people.

Prayer | Tell God where you feel weak or inadequate and ask Him to show His strength through you.

DAY 13 | LOVE IN ACTION

Scripture | Galatians 5:13 - "Use your freedom to serve one another in love."

Reflection | Love that never moves toward others isn't love - it's sentiment. Serving is love in motion, stepping toward needs instead of away from them. When the church serves this way, our communities get a glimpse of Jesus' heart.

Prayer | Ask God to show you one practical way to serve someone in your church this week.

DAY 14 | HOSPITALITY AS MINISTRY

Scripture | 1 Peter 4:9-10 - "Share your home with those who need... use whatever gift you have received to serve others."

Devotion | Opening your home, your table, or your schedule is a powerful way to build belonging. Hospitality isn't about impressing; it's about making space. Through simple meals and conversations, God knits hearts together.

Prayer | Pray about who you could invite to lunch, coffee, or your home to help them feel more connected.

DISCOVERING MY GIFTS | RESPOND

ASK YOURSELF

1. What things do I naturally enjoy doing that also seem to encourage, strengthen, or bless other people?
2. When have I felt most “alive” or effective while helping others - what does that reveal about my gifts?
3. What have trusted friends or leaders affirmed in me that I sometimes overlook or downplay?
4. Which gifts do I sense God nudging me to develop or step into, even if they stretch me?
5. How might my gifts help meet real needs in my church, my circle, or my community right now?

NEXT STEPS

1. **Pray** - Ask God to show you how He’s uniquely wired you. Read passages like Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4 to understand the gifts He gives His church.
2. **Passions** - What roles, teams, or ministries catch your attention or stir your heart? Notice what drains you vs. what energizes you when you serve.
3. **Pilot** - Test drive a ministry area to see if it’s a good fit.
4. **People** - Invite honest feedback. Friends, mentors, and family can often name strengths you overlook.
5. **Reflect** - How has the Lord wired you? Write down past experiences (jobs, skills, passions, hardships) that God might use to help others.
6. **Use Tools (Lightly)** - Take a spiritual gifts assessment if it helps—but use it as a starting point.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS, PASSIONS, AND TALENTS WITH YOUR CAMPUS TEAM - AND SIGN UP TO JUMP IN WHERE GOD HAS WIRED YOU TO SERVE.

WEEK 3 | SERVING

DAY 15 | STRENGTHENING THE WEAK

Scripture | 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - “So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

Reflection | In every congregation, some are thriving and some are barely hanging on. The beauty of belonging is that we don't let anyone struggle alone. Encouragement is not extra - it's essential to the health of the body.

Prayer | Ask God to bring to mind someone who is struggling and pray for them by name; consider reaching out today.

DAY 16 | UNITY ACROSS CAMPUSES

Scripture | Ephesians 4:3 - “Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”

Reflection | With multiple campuses and future church plants, unity matters more than ever. We may gather in different locations, but we share one mission, one Gospel, and one Lord. Unity is a powerful witness to a divided world.

Prayer | Pray for unity among all RADIUS campuses and leaders as we move forward together.

DAY 17 | SERVING THE NEXT GENERATION

Scripture | Psalm 78:4 - “... we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord...”

Reflection | When we serve kids and students, we're not just filling a slot; we're shaping future disciples, leaders, and church planters. Investing our time and energy there has eternal impact.

Prayer | Ask God to bless the kids, students, and volunteers at your campus and to raise up more adults who will invest in them.

PRAYER GUIDE | WEEK 3

DAY 18 | BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS FOR THE LORD

Scripture | Galatians 6:2 - "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

Reflection | Belonging means we don't ignore each other's pain. When we sit with, pray with, and practically help those who are hurting, we embody the love of Jesus. The load may not disappear, but it becomes lighter when shared.

Prayer | Pray for those in your church family who are grieving, sick, or struggling, asking God to comfort and sustain them.

DAY 19 | GENEROSITY IN SERVING

Scripture | 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 - "God loves a person who gives cheerfully..."

Reflection | Generosity isn't just about money; it's also about time, energy, and availability. When we serve freely and cheerfully, we reflect the generous heart of God. He is able to supply what we need as we pour ourselves out.

Prayer | Ask God to make you a cheerful servant and to multiply the impact of your time and gifts.

DAY 20 | FAITHFUL IN THE SMALL THINGS

Scripture | Luke 16:10 - "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones..."

Reflection | God often trains us through small, hidden acts of service. Faithfulness in the unseen places prepares us for greater responsibility and influence. There is no "small" obedience in the Kingdom.

Prayer | Pray for a heart that is faithful in whatever God has placed in front of you today, even if it feels small.

DAY 21 | SERVING TOGETHER

Scripture | Philippians 1:27 - "I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News."

Reflection | Serving isn't a solo sport. When we serve together, we become a powerful team. Our togetherness makes the Gospel visible and believable.

Prayer | Pray for the teams you serve with (or will serve with), asking God for unity, joy, and shared purpose.

SERVING | RESPOND

ASK YOURSELF

1. When I think about serving, what emotions rise up - excitement, fear, insecurity, joy, hesitation? Why?
2. Where have I seen God use my time, energy, or willingness to bless someone recently?
3. Do I tend to wait for the “perfect” role, or am I willing to serve where there’s a need?
4. How does Jesus’ example of humble service challenge or inspire the way I approach serving?
5. Who has served me in meaningful ways and how might God be inviting me to serve others in the same spirit?

NEXT STEPS

1. Practice serving in your radius - at home, at work, or in your neighborhood - to grow a servant mindset.
2. Shadow a serve team for one Sunday.
3. Ask a pastor or leader where the “high-need” areas are and prayerfully consider meeting one of those needs.
4. Serve spontaneously. Look for an opportunity this week (stack chairs, greet someone, help clean up, assist a family).
5. Encourage someone who faithfully serves. Thank them or write a note.

WEEK 4 | PREPARING TO GO

DAY 22 | PREPARING TO GO

Scripture | Matthew 28:19 - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

Reflection | Belonging and serving inside the church prepares us to GO outside the church. As our roots grow deeper in community, our impact can stretch further into our radius and beyond. We gather so we can scatter on mission.

Prayer | Ask God to prepare your heart for August's GO focus and to show you where He wants you to live sent.

DAY 23 | PRAYING FOR FUTURE TOWNS

Scripture | Acts 1:8 - "You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

Reflection | There are towns across South Carolina where people need a healthy, Gospel-centered church. When we pray for those places, our hearts begin to care like God cares. Some of us will stay and send; some of us will go and plant.

Prayer | Pray for the towns on your heart and for future church plants - that God would prepare people, places, and partners.

DAY 24 | READY TO BE SENT

Scripture | Isaiah 6:8 - "Here am I. Send me!"

Reflection | Not everyone will move to a new town, but every believer is sent somewhere. A willing, surrendered heart says, "God, my yes is on the table - where do You want to use me?" That posture keeps us ready for His next assignment.

Prayer | Tell God you are willing to GO - across the street or across the state - and ask Him to lead clearly.

PRAYER GUIDE | WEEK 4

DAY 25 | USING GIFTS TO MULTIPLY DISCIPLES

Scripture | 2 Timothy 2:2 - "Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others."

Reflection | Serving isn't just about getting tasks done; it's about multiplying disciples. As we use our gifts, we also invest in others, teaching, mentoring, and inviting them into the work with us. The Kingdom advances as disciples make disciples.

Prayer | Pray for someone you can invest in spiritually, asking God to show you how to encourage their growth

DAY 26 | COURAGE TO STEP UP

Scripture | Joshua 1:9 - "This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Reflection | Some of us sense God nudging us toward new responsibility - leading a group, stepping into a new role, or joining a plant team. That can feel intimidating, but God promises His presence, not a risk-free path.

Prayer | Ask God for courage to say yes to the next step of service He's putting in front of you.

DAY 27 | SERVING OUT OF REST

Scripture | Matthew 11:28 - Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Reflection | Serving is not meant to replace abiding. When we serve apart from Jesus, we burn out; when we serve from a place of rest in Him, we find strength and joy. Belonging includes learning to both work and rest with our church family.

Prayer | Pray that God would help you serve from a place of dependence and rest, not striving.

DAY 28 | A UNIFIED WITNESS

Scripture | John 13:34-35 - Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

Reflection | The way we treat each other may be the loudest sermon our church ever preaches. When we love, forgive, and serve each other well, our communities notice and some will be drawn to Jesus because of it.

Prayer | Ask God to make your church family a clear picture of His love to your city or town.

DAY 29 | OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS

Scripture | Acts 4:32 - "All the believers were united in heart and mind. They felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had."

Reflection | The early church held their resources and their lives with open hands. Belonging and serving often means loosening our grip on comfort, time, or preferences so others can be blessed. God uses open hands to write new stories.

Prayer | Pray that God would show you any place you're holding too tightly and help you live with open hands.

DAY 30 | ALIGNING WITH GOD'S MISSION

Scripture | Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed."

Reflection | As a church, we have a vision for planting churches, making disciples, and living generously. But more important than our plans is God's mission. When we commit our plans to Him, He shapes the direction and pace.

Prayer | Ask God to align your personal desires and plans with His mission for RADIUS Church.

DAY 31 | SENT TOGETHER

Scripture | John 20:21 - "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

Reflection | Pray May doesn't end the work - it launches it. Belonging and serving have prepared us to be a sent people, moving into our radius with the love of Jesus. We don't go alone; we go together, as a family on mission.

Prayer | Thank God for what He's done in your heart this month and ask Him to send our whole church into our communities with boldness, unity, and love.

PREPARING TO GO | RESPOND

ASK YOURSELF...

1. Where has God already placed me and how might He want to use me there?
2. Do I see the people in my everyday radius (coworkers, neighbors, teammates, baristas) as assignments from God?
3. What fears or excuses keep me from sharing the hope of Jesus or stepping into deeper conversations?
4. How have belonging and serving in my church family prepared me to GO into my world with confidence?
5. If God is raising up workers through our church, could He be calling me to help plant a church - either by joining a team, moving to a new town, or supporting a plant in a meaningful way?

NEXT STEPS

1. Set an alarm for 10:02 AM to pray that God would send workers into the harvest - and ask if you're one of them.
2. Do one intentional act of kindness for someone in your regular routine (neighbor, coworker, teacher, barista).
3. Share your story with someone - how Jesus has changed your life.
4. Prayer-walk your neighborhood or walk your workplace with eyes up, praying silently for every person you pass.
5. Invite someone into your life - coffee, dinner, church, or a simple conversation to build trust.
6. Say "yes" to a small step of obedience, even if you're unsure of the outcome. GO starts small.
7. Ask God if He is calling you to be part of a church plant or launch team in one of the future towns in SC.
8. Live generously with your time, words, and presence. Be the person others feel safe approaching with spiritual questions.

AUGUST

PRAY &



MY RADIUS

Every person has a unique sphere of influence - what we call your radius. Your radius is made up of your home, your world of work, school, and community, and your church family where you gather to worship, learn, and grow together. Healthy disciples live with intentionality in our radius as we abide, belong to a church family, serve, give, and GO. As we stay rooted in God's truth and dependent on His Spirit, our lives bear fruit that points others to Jesus and multiplies disciples in every part of our radius.

HOME | Where You Live

Your spouse, kids, siblings, roommates - those closest to you. These are your first neighbors, and we want to help you love them well. As you develop healthy habits of abiding - praying and reading the Bible - you'll grow in your love for Jesus and those closest to you. Together, you'll have stories to tell of God's work in your family and in your radius.

WORLD | Where You Work & Play

Your office, school, ball field, drive-thru line, neighbor across the street - these are the real-life places where real faith shows up. We want to encourage you to take responsibility for these spaces, engaging the culture through hospitality and open-handed living. Why? So you can earn the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus as you go about your everyday life.

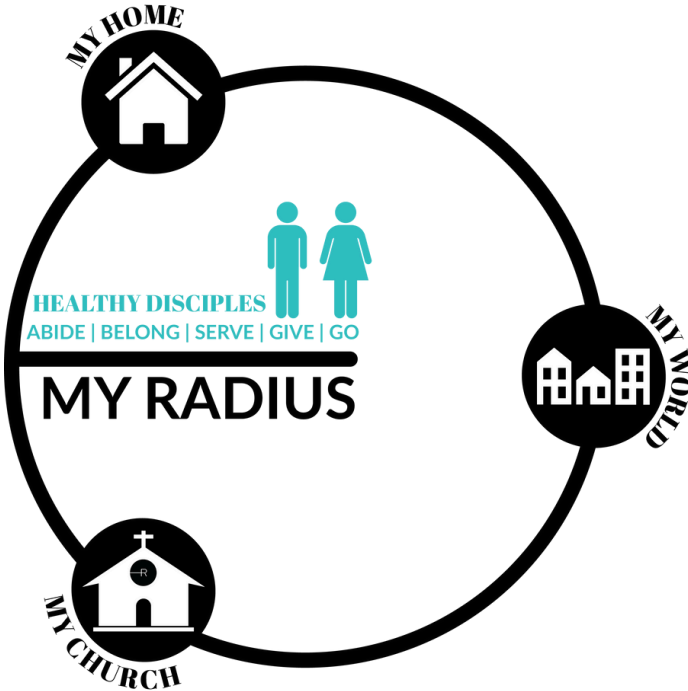
CHURCH | Where You Worship

We belong. RADIUS is a place to be yourself and worship among friends. Like Christians have done for 2,000 years, we'll hear from God's Word, pray, sing, share stories, take the Lord's Supper, and live generously - giving to reflect Jesus' generosity to us. Along the way, you'll use your voice and gifts to serve and encourage others to follow Jesus in their radius. Together, we will "GO" - multiplying disciples and multiplying churches.

PRAYING FOR MY RADIUS

As we settle back into our yearly rhythms, pause and consider how many opportunities the Holy Spirit gives you to overflow into the lives of the people in your radius. Take a few minutes to sketch out your radius - your home, your world, and your church - and pray over the people and places you move through each week.

List names, jot down locations, or draw simple icons on the graphic below - whatever helps you visualize where God has placed you. Then use this graphic to pray each day, asking the Lord to use you in those spaces and in the lives of the people you've listed. On the following page, you'll find some prayer prompts to help you.



MY HOME

Ask God to make your home a place where His presence is welcomed, His peace is felt, and His truth shapes everyday rhythms.

Prayer

- Pray for unity, peace, and love to fill your home.
- Pray for each person by name - that they would abide in Jesus.
- Pray against distractions, division, or anything that pulls your home away from God.
- Ask God to make your home a light to those who enter.

MY WORLD

Your “world” - your workplace, school, team, neighborhood, friendships, and anywhere your feet hit the ground. Jesus sends us into these spaces as His representatives.

Prayer

- Pray for opportunities to show Jesus’ love in ordinary moments.
- Pray for the courage to notice needs and respond with generosity.
- Pray for your “dominoes” - friends or coworkers who don’t yet know Jesus.
- Ask God to keep your eyes up and a heart open to His leading today.

MY CHURCH

God uses the local church to form us, send us, and multiply disciples far beyond what we could do alone. Pray for your campus, your leaders, and your church family.

Prayer

- Pray that RADIUS Church would be marked by rooted faith, real family, relentless generosity, and disciples making disciples.
- Pray for your pastors and leaders as they shepherd, teach, and equip.
- Pray for unity across all campuses as we pursue the Great Opportunity.
- Ask God to bring new disciples, raise new leaders, and plant healthy churches across South Carolina.

DOMINOES

Early in RADIUS history, dominoes were used as simple prayer reminders. A common language grew around “praying for your dominoes” - asking God to move in the lives of people who didn’t yet know Jesus. We brought that practice back in 2021, inviting everyone to take two dominoes, write on them the names of two people far from God, and pray consistently for them.

Over the last five years, we’ve seen God answer those prayers in incredible ways - many of our “dominoes” have been baptized as they’ve come to know Jesus and are following Him. We pray that our dominoes would see the change in us and long for the love, joy and peace that we have found. We pray that they will come to know Jesus, learn to pursue Him, and overflow with the love of Jesus for others.

Pick up a domino at your campus, write down a name, and keep praying. One small prayer can tip the first domino in someone’s story of faith.

List your dominoes on the lines below:

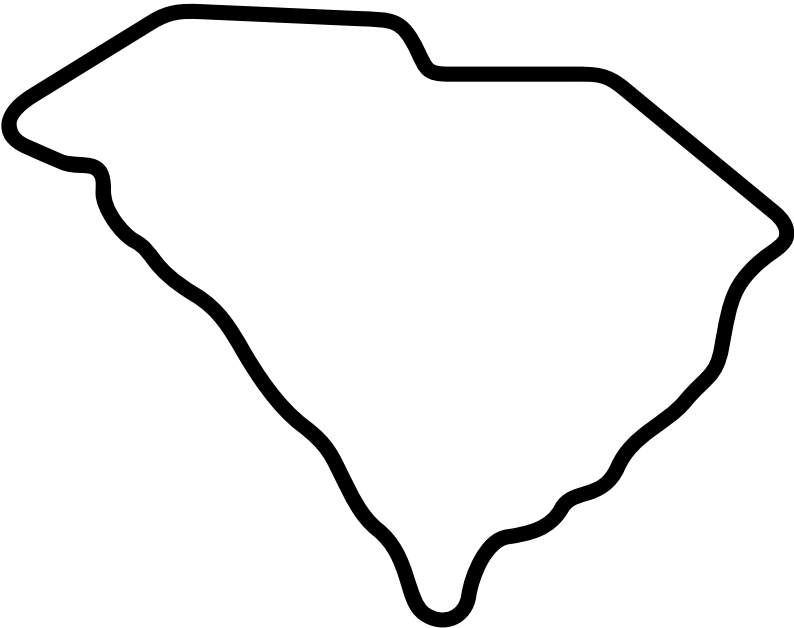
PREPARING TO



As the body of Christ, we don't sit still - we go. Jesus sends us into our communities as His hands and feet, carrying the hope of the gospel into every corner of our radius. We also want to carry the Gospel into every corner of South Carolina.

Before you write any town names on the map, pause and ask God to stir your heart. Then, write the names of the towns where we sense potential for future church plants, and towns where you long to see people come to know Jesus.

As you look at those names each day, pray with expectation. Pray for healthy, generous, disciple-making churches to rise up. Pray for leaders, open hearts, and great opportunities. And pray that God would use us together to bring the Good News to every town He puts on our map.



NOVEMBER

**GIVE HOPE
GIVE**

PRAYING TO LIVE GENEROUSLY

We live generously because Jesus has been extravagantly generous towards us. Everything we have - our breath, our time, our resources, our relationships - comes from a God who gives freely and joyfully. When we open our hands, we reflect His heart. Generosity shapes us into people who look like Jesus: humble, grateful, and ready to meet needs. It reminds us that our stuff isn't our savior - He is. And as we give, God uses our offerings to fuel disciple-making, plant healthy churches, support our communities, and bring real, tangible hope to our neighbors. We give because God gave first, God gives best, and God gives continually.



GIVE HOPE

Give Hope began in 2014, when RADIUS Church realized something important - we didn't truly see the real needs around us. We needed trusted partners who lived and served close to the ground, people who knew the families, understood the stories, and shared our desire to meet needs with dignity and compassion. Out of that conviction, Give Hope was born.

Today, Give Hope connects your generosity to real people in our community. Every dollar given flows directly - quickly and effectively - through trusted local partners who have daily insight into the lives of those they serve. These leaders and organizations help meet urgent needs like food, housing, and essential support, while also building year-round, Gospel-centered relationships. Your gift doesn't just go somewhere. It goes to someone.

It goes to a neighbor who needs encouragement, a single parent carrying a heavy load, a student who feels unseen, or a family walking through a crisis. Through Give Hope, your generosity becomes hope, dignity, and the love of Jesus made tangible.

- **Local Impact:** 100% of donations go directly to local partners who personally know the individuals and families in need.
- **Rapid Response:** Funds move quickly through on-the-ground partners who can meet real needs without delay.
- **Lasting Hope:** Give Hope fuels year-round support and Gospel-centered relationships - not a seasonal burst, but sustained care that points people to Jesus.

When you give through Give Hope, you're meeting real needs and sharing the hope of Jesus - right here in our community, all year long.

PRAYER GUIDE

This 21-day guide helps you slow down, notice God's generosity, and prepare your heart to give with joy during Give Hope. Each day offers a simple prompt to help you pray with intention.

- Days 1-7 | Use the "Road to Maturity" to locate where you are on the generosity journey.
- Days 8-13 | Lead you to pray for families and individuals in our community
- Days 14-21 | Turn your prayers outward toward our local and international partners who share the hope of Jesus around the world.

However you choose to pray, trust that God will meet you, shape you, and use your generosity to bring real hope to real people.

DAYS 1-7 | RELUCTANT TO COURAGEOUS

Day 1 | Thank God for His radical generosity toward you.

Day 2 | Ask God to grow your desire to give joyfully. Use the giver roadmap today to identify where you are starting from.

Day 3 | Pray that God would make you aware of His provision each day.

Day 4 | Ask God to help you take one step forward on the giver roadmap - from reluctant to willing, or willing to joyful.

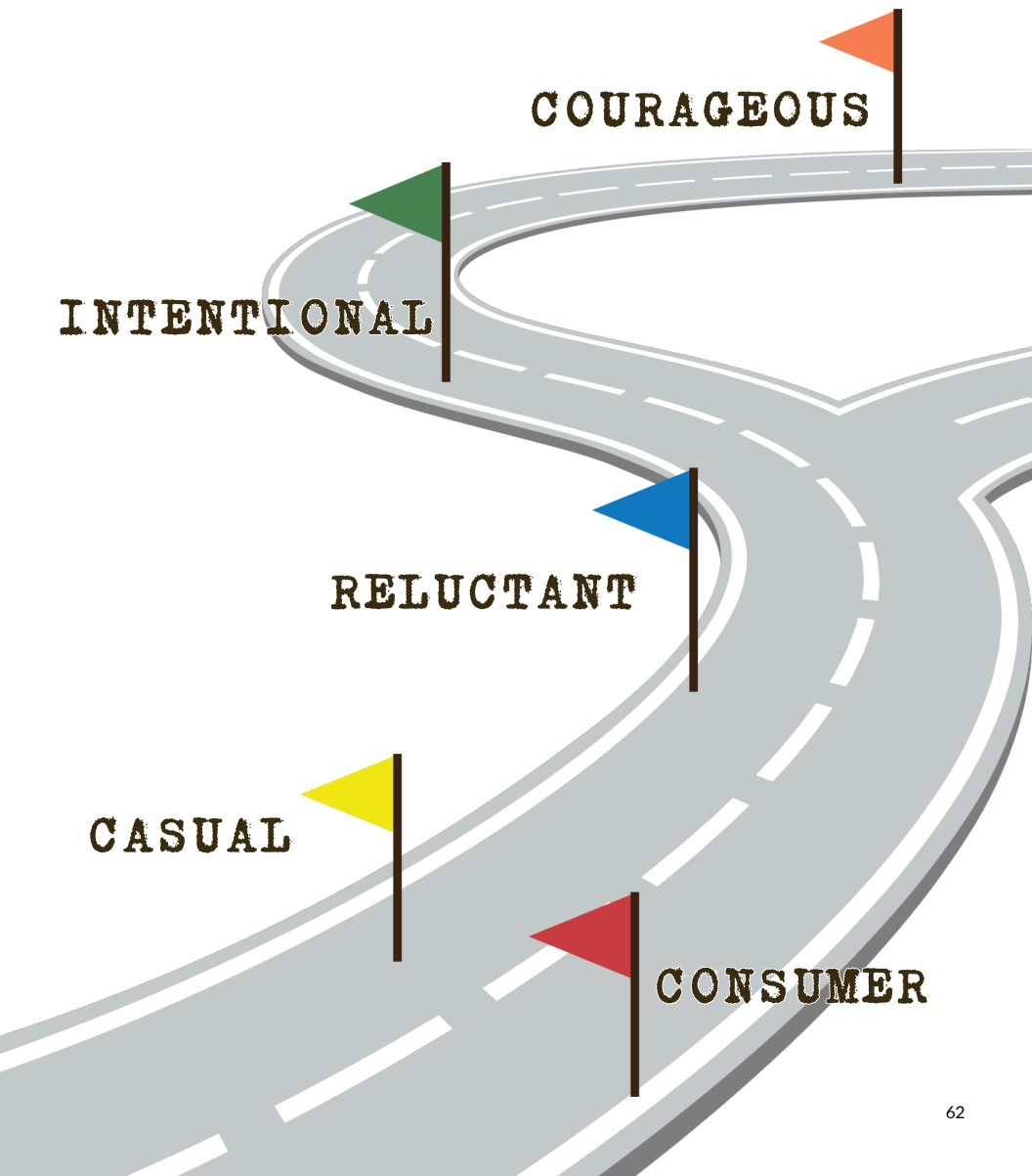
Day 5 | Pray for a humble heart that remembers all He's given you is from Him.

Day 6 | Ask God for courage to trust Him with your resources in new ways.

Day 7 | Thank God for the ways He has used past Give Hope seasons to meet real needs. Review the roadmap on the next 3 pages and ask God where He wants you to grow.

THE ROAD TO MATURITY

1. Identify your current position on the journey of generosity.
CONSUMER | CASUAL | RELUCTANT | INTENTIONAL | COURAGEOUS
2. Pray and ask God where He would like you to be one year now. Two years? Ten years?
3. Use the questions that correspond to where you are to help you take a step towards growing in generosity.



IF I AM A CONSUMER

Self-Focused, Impulsive, Idle

- Who do I know that is generous? Get coffee with them to discuss their giving motivation and practices.
- In 2025, 341 people made first time gifts to RADIUS Church. If you haven't given, give it a try!

IF I AM A CASUAL GIVER

Sporadic, Detached, Passive

- Why do I treat my financial gifts differently than my other monthly expenses?
- Set up a recurring gift through Pushpay, RADIUS Church's online giving tool. What are the benefits? Helps guard against forgetfulness
 - Makes budgeting and planning easier for our church
 - Lessens the church admin costs
 - It's safe and convenient

IF I AM A RELUCTANT GIVER

Fearful, Requires an Ask, Unimaginative

- What fears keep me from giving consistently?
- Revisit your budget. Prioritize your giving in the same way you would your other monthly expenses. Give it a line item and follow through.

IF I AM AN INTENTIONAL GIVER

Thoughtful, Joyful, Invested

- How much house is enough? What kind of cars, toys, vacations, and savings accounts will bring contentment? The answers to these questions are unique to you. What if you placed a cap on spending/saving and decided that every additional dollar above the cap goes toward the kingdom and courageous giving?
- Consider setting a lifetime generosity goal (a specific number) for your family's kingdom giving over the course of your life.

IF I AM A COURAGEOUS GIVER

Kingdom-Focused, Motivated, Expectant

- Find context to share your story to inspire the next generation of courageous givers.
- Complete estate planning that accurately reflects kingdom priorities.

Giving increases our joy and draws us closer to God, breaking the power of money and consumption over us.

HOW ARE YOU ORDERING YOUR PRIORITIES?



Average cost of a new car is \$48,397.



Average American spends \$2,628 a year in subscriptions.



Average South Carolinian spends \$2,601 a year on eating out.



Average parent spends \$883 a year on youth sports. More if it is competitive.

HERE IS ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU COULD GIVE MORE OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS.

Give \$1,000 each year from savings.	\$3,000
Scale back and order one less latte a week.	\$700
Spend \$25 a month less on eating out.	\$900
In faith, resolve to stretch and give another \$150 per month.	\$5,400
TOTAL OVER THREE YEARS:	\$10,000

PRAYER GUIDE

DAYS 8-13 | A HEART FOR MY RADIUS

Day 8 | Pray for families in our church experiencing financial stress, asking God to provide and sustain them.

Day 9 | Pray for students and children in our community who feel unseen or unsupported.

Day 10 | Pray for single parents and caregivers carrying heavy loads - ask God to strengthen and encourage them.

Day 11 | Pray for our local partners who serve vulnerable neighbors every day.

Day 12 | Pray for families who will receive meals, gifts, or support through Give Hope this year.

Day 13 | Ask God to open doors for gospel conversations and new relationships through Give Hope.

DAYS 14-21 | LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Day 14 | Thank God for our local partners who meet real needs quickly and compassionately. Pray for wisdom and endurance for them.

Day 15 | Pray specifically for those who serve on the front lines daily - that God would strengthen their families, protect their hearts, and multiply their impact.

Day 16 | Pray for Hydromissions International as they bring clean water and the hope of Jesus to communities around the world. Pray for safety, provision, and open doors for ministry.

Day 17 | Pray for Empower One as they train and send African leaders to plant churches in unreached regions. Ask God to raise up workers, protect church planters, and bring many to faith.

Day 18 | Pray for GEMS as they disciple, educate, and train in India. Ask God to grow their reach, strengthen their leaders, and bring healing and hope through their ministry.

Day 19 | Pray for unity and collaboration among all our partners - local and global - as they seek to serve with excellence and share the hope of Jesus.

Day 20 | Pray for your own heart: ask God to help you give joyfully, sacrificially, and courageously as you participate in Give Hope.

Day 21 | Thank God for the privilege of giving together as a church. Pray that every gift - small or large - would honor Him and bring lasting hope to real people in our community and around the world.





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