



GROW  
TOGETHER

THELMA BAPTIST CHURCH

— 21 DAYS OF PRAYER —

# PRAYER GUIDE

*Establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17



— PRAY • BELIEVE • BUILD —



## **Let us pray.**

This is a phrase we hear often in church. Most often, the person who says this follows by leading a public prayer while church attendees reverently bow and silently pray in agreement. Most often I am the person voicing the public prayer, but on occasion I am part of the crowd with my head bowed and eyes closed. The challenge? Sometimes, as part of the crowd with heads bowed, it is hard to stay focused and engaged in the prayer.

**Praying together is vital to the life and health of any local body of Christ.** Through prayer we acknowledge the sufficiency and sovereignty of God. *From prayer* we learn the heart of God. *By prayer* we witness the incredible power of God.

**On Sunday June 28, 2026** the congregation of Thelma Baptist Church voted overwhelmingly to take a giant step of faith and build a new worship facility. This is an exciting and challenging step to take. Before decisions about building styles, designs, or location we need to pray. Before collecting the first donation or dealing with financial details, we need to pray.

**On Sunday July 12, 2026 we will begin 21 Days of Prayer.** This journal is your guide to pray along with your fellow members of Thelma Baptist Church. Each day you can be encouraged by scripture and inspired in your own prayer time with the Lord. Together we can call upon the Lord and trust His leadership throughout the **Grow Together** process.

Please commit to pray with us for guidance, protection, and provision. Pray for leadership teams, your pastor, and our staff.

I am excited to see all the ways God will answer the prayers of His people.

**Let US pray.**

# Doug

Doug Chappelle  
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# 21 Days of Prayer

## Establish the Work of Our Hands



### SCRIPTURE

“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!”

**PSALM 90:17 (ESV)**



### REFLECTION

Psalms 90 is a prayer written by Moses. As he reflected on the faithfulness of God and the brevity of life, he recognized a simple but profound truth: any work that will endure must first be established by God.

Moses knew that God's people could make plans, labor faithfully, and pursue the mission set before them, but unless the Lord blessed their efforts, their work would not last. So he prayed for God's favor and asked Him to establish the work of His people.

As a church, we find ourselves praying that same prayer.

God has been faithful to Thelma Baptist Church through the years. He has saved people, strengthened families, raised up leaders, and used this church to make disciples and proclaim the gospel. Every life changed has been a testimony to His grace.

As we look toward the future, we believe God is leading us into a new season of ministry. In the months ahead, our church will begin a building project that we pray will help us expand our ability to make disciples, serve families, and reach our community with the gospel.

But before we discuss plans, buildings, or resources, we want to seek the Lord.

These twenty-one days of prayer are not primarily about a building. They are about becoming the kind of church God desires us to be. We want hearts surrendered to His will, minds focused on His mission, and lives devoted to His glory.

Throughout these twenty-one days, we will pray for our leaders, our families, our ministries, and our community as we seek to fulfill Christ's mission: to make disciples of all nations and proclaim the good news to the next generation.

Our prayer is not simply that God would help us complete a project. Our prayer is that He would establish a work among us that brings glory to His name and helps more people know and follow Jesus.

May these days draw us closer to Christ, deepen our love for His church, and prepare our hearts for whatever He has planned.

May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.

# God's Glory Above All Things



## SCRIPTURE

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."

EPHESIANS 3:20(NLT)



## REFLECTION

Before we ask God to provide resources, wisdom, or direction, we begin by remembering why the church exists. The goal of every ministry, every decision, and every future plan is the glory of God.

If the Lord chooses to expand our ministry opportunities in the years ahead, it must ultimately result in more glory being given to Christ.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*You can do far more than we could ever ask or imagine. When we look back over the history of our church, we see Your faithfulness everywhere. Every person who has come to faith, every life that has been changed, every child who has learned about Jesus, and every ministry that has impacted our community is evidence of Your work among us.*

*As we begin these 21 days of prayer, help us keep our focus on You. Guard us from making this about a building, a campaign, or a financial goal. Remind us that the church is not a place where we gather but a people You have redeemed.*

*Give us a greater desire to see Christ honored in our lives, our families, and our church. Help us care more about Your mission than our preferences and more about Your kingdom than our comfort.*

*As we pray about the future, give us hearts that are fully surrendered to whatever You want to do. If You choose to provide new ministry opportunities, let them help us reach more people with the gospel and make more disciples of Jesus. Above all, may everything we do bring glory to Your name.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that every decision related to the building project would bring glory to God and advance His kingdom.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

# Apart From Me You Can Do Nothing



## SCRIPTURE

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”

JOHN 15:5 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

Jesus reminds His followers that lasting spiritual fruit is never produced through human effort alone. Just as a branch depends completely on the vine for life and nourishment, we depend completely on Christ for everything.

As we pray about the future of our church, it is tempting to focus on plans, resources, and opportunities. Yet Jesus reminds us that our greatest need is not a building, a strategy, or a campaign. Our greatest need is Him. If our church remains connected to Christ, He will produce fruit through us. Apart from Him, our efforts will accomplish nothing of eternal value.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Apart from You, we can do nothing. Every good thing in our lives and every lasting work of ministry depends upon Your grace and power.*

*Teach us to remain close to You. In the busyness of life and ministry, keep us from relying on our own abilities, experience, or effort. Draw us daily to Your Word, to prayer, and to deeper fellowship with Christ.*

*When we are tempted to trust in ourselves, remind us that You are the source of our strength. When we become distracted, refocus our hearts on what matters most. When we grow weary, renew us through Your presence.*

*As a church, help us remain connected to Christ in everything we do. May every ministry, every decision, and every opportunity flow from a genuine dependence upon You. Produce in us the fruit that only You can give, and help us faithfully follow wherever You lead.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that our church would depend on Christ's wisdom, power, and provision throughout every phase of the building project.

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PSALM 90:17

# Seeking God's Kingdom First



## SCRIPTURE

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

MATTHEW 6:33 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

Jesus calls His followers to make God's kingdom their highest priority. In a world filled with competing demands and distractions, we are reminded to focus first on what matters most.

As we seek God's direction for the future, we pray that our hearts, our decisions, and our efforts will be centered on His purposes and not our own.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Teach us to seek Your kingdom above all else.*

*In a world filled with distractions, help us keep our eyes fixed on what matters most. Shape our desires so that they reflect Your heart and align our priorities with Your purposes.*

*Help us trust You with the things that concern us and rest in Your faithful care. Keep us from becoming consumed with temporary things, and remind us that Your kingdom is eternal.*

*Teach us to faithfully use the time, abilities, opportunities, and resources You have entrusted to us for Your glory. May our lives reflect a desire to invest in the things that matter most and to participate in the work You are accomplishing through Your church.*

*As we seek Your direction, help us remember that our greatest purpose is not to build something for ourselves, but to be part of what You are doing in the world.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would help us keep His kingdom first as we move forward with the building project. Ask Him to align our priorities, our plans, and our resources with the mission He has given our church.

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PSALM 90:17

# Humility Before the Lord



## SCRIPTURE

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.”

**JAMES 4:10 (NLT)**



Humility is the foundation of a healthy relationship with God. It acknowledges that He is wise, good, and worthy of our trust.

## REFLECTION

Before God does a work through His people, He often does a work in His people. A humble church is teachable, dependent, and ready to follow wherever the Lord leads.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*We come before You today acknowledging that You are God and we are not. Your wisdom is perfect, Your purposes are good, and Your ways are higher than our ways.*

*Teach us to walk humbly before You. Give us hearts that are eager to learn, willing to listen, and quick to follow Your direction. Keep us from becoming overly confident in our own understanding, and help us to trust You even when the path ahead is not fully clear.*

*Give our church a spirit of unity, patience, and wisdom. Help us to encourage one another, support one another, and seek what honors You above all else. Let our conversations be marked by grace and our decisions be guided by prayer.*

*As we seek You during these days, help us to hold tightly to Your promises and trust You with the future. Give us confidence not in our plans, but in Your faithfulness. Remind us that You have always been faithful to Your people, and You will continue to lead us according to Your perfect will.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for humility and wisdom for church leaders, committees, architects, builders, and everyone helping shape the future of this project.

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**PSALM 90:17**

# Renewal and Revival



## SCRIPTURE

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.”

PSALM 51:10 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

Throughout Scripture, seasons of renewal begin when God’s people seek Him with humble and willing hearts. Again and again, God responds by reviving His people, restoring their joy, and renewing their commitment to His purposes.

As we pray for the future of our church, we ask God to renew our love for Him and revive our passion for His mission.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*Renew us by Your grace. Draw us closer to Yourself and deepen our desire to know You. Where our love for You has grown weak, strengthen it. Where we have become distracted, refocus our hearts. Where we have grown comfortable, awaken us to a greater hunger for Your presence.*

*Revive our church. Stir within us a fresh passion for worship, a greater love for Your Word, and a deeper burden for those who do not know Christ. Continue shaping us into the people You have called us to be. Strengthen our families. Encourage those who are weary. Restore those who have wandered. Deepen the faith of every believer and draw many people to Christ through the witness of our church.*

*As we look to the future, remind us that our greatest need is not a building, a program, or additional resources. Our greatest need is You. More than anything else, we desire Your presence and Your power at work among us. Renew us, Lord, so that we may be ready for every good work You have prepared for us.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would use the building project not only to expand our facilities but also to renew His people and strengthen our commitment to His mission.

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PSALM 90:17

# Unity in the Church



## SCRIPTURE

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”

EPHESIANS 4:3 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

The unity of the church is one of God’s greatest gifts. Through the gospel, Christ has made us one family, joined together by a common faith and a common mission. Unity does not mean we all think alike or have the same experiences. It means that our shared love for Christ is greater than anything that might divide us.

As we move forward together, we pray that God would strengthen the bonds of love, trust, and fellowship within our church family.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*Thank You for the gift of Your church. Thank You for bringing together people of different ages, backgrounds, experiences, and personalities and making us one in Christ. Help us to love one another well. Teach us to be patient with one another, quick to encourage, and eager to serve. Let our words build one another up and reflect the grace You have shown us.*

*Strengthen the relationships within our church family. Deepen our trust in one another and increase our commitment to walk together in faith. When challenges arise, help us respond with wisdom, kindness, and humility. When decisions must be made, help us seek Your will together.*

*Protect our church from division, discouragement, and misunderstanding. Let our unity be rooted not in agreement on every detail, but in our shared commitment to Christ and His mission.*

*May our love for one another be a testimony to the world that Jesus is alive and at work among His people. Help us to move forward together with joy, confidence, and a deep sense of gratitude for what You are doing in our church*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would strengthen the unity of our church as we move forward with the building project. Ask Him to give wisdom to our leaders, grace in our conversations, and a shared commitment to the mission He has given us.

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PSALM 90:17

# Rooted and Grounded

## in Love



### SCRIPTURE

“Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.”

EPHESIANS 3:17-18 (NLT)



Paul prayed that believers would be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ. Just as a tree draws strength from deep roots, the church finds its strength in Christ’s love.

### REFLECTION

Before we think about ministry opportunities, future plans, or even the work before us, we must remember that everything begins with the love God has shown us in Jesus Christ.



### PRAYER

*Father,*

*Help us grasp the greatness of Christ’s love. When we are discouraged, remind us of Your care. When we are uncertain, remind us of Your faithfulness. When we are tempted to rely on ourselves, remind us that we are secure in Your hands.*

*Root our church deeply in the gospel. Let the love of Christ shape the way we worship, serve, and care for one another. May our ministries be marked by compassion, our relationships by grace, and our witness by genuine love. Fill our church with people who are growing in their love for You and their love for others. Let our church be a place where people experience the kindness, truth, and hope of Jesus Christ.*

*As we look toward the future, remind us that the greatest thing we have to offer our community is not a building, a program, or an event, but the message of God’s love displayed through Jesus Christ. May the love of Christ be the foundation beneath everything we do and the motivation behind every step we take.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



### TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the building project would create new opportunities to welcome people, serve families, and share the love of Christ with our community. Ask God to ensure that everything we build remains firmly rooted in the gospel and motivated by His love.

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PSALM 90:17

# A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation



## SCRIPTURE

“Asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.”

EPHESIANS 1:17 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

One of Paul’s first prayers for the church at Ephesus was that believers would grow in their knowledge of God. True wisdom begins not with knowing what to do, but with knowing the Lord.

As we seek His direction for our church, we need more than good ideas and careful planning. We need spiritual wisdom that comes from walking closely with Him and seeing life from His perspective.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may know You better. Open our eyes to see Your work around us and help us understand Your purposes more clearly. As we make decisions and seek Your direction, keep us from relying on our own understanding.*

*Give wisdom to our church as we make decisions and seek Your direction. Help us not to become consumed with what we do not know, but to trust what we do know: that You are faithful, You are good, and You are leading Your people.*

*Teach us to seek Your presence before seeking answers. Help us trust Your leadership and rest in Your faithfulness. May our church be marked by spiritual wisdom, faithful obedience, and a growing knowledge of You.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for wisdom and discernment for church leaders, building teams, architects, financial advisors, and everyone involved in shaping the future of the project. Ask God to provide clear direction and unity as important decisions are made.

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PSALM 90:17

# Strengthened Through His Spirit



## SCRIPTURE

“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.”

EPHESIANS 3:16 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

Paul prayed that believers would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their inner being. The challenges we face are not overcome through determination alone but through God's power at work within us.

As we seek to follow the Lord and walk faithfully through this season, we need spiritual strength that only He can provide.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Thank You for the gift of Your Spirit who lives within every believer. Thank You that we do not walk through life or ministry in our own strength.*

*Strengthen us through Your Spirit. When we are weary, renew us. When we are discouraged, encourage us. When we are uncertain, remind us of Your faithfulness and power.*

*Strengthen our pastors, leaders, volunteers, and every member of our church family. Help us remain faithful in prayer, steadfast in our service, and confident in Your promises.*

*As we move forward together, help us rely on Your strength rather than our own. May Your Spirit continue to shape us and empower us to accomplish the work You have called us to do. May our church be marked by faith and joyful obedience as we follow You.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for endurance and strength for everyone involved in the building project. Ask God to sustain our leaders, committees, staff, and volunteers as they navigate the many decisions and responsibilities that lie ahead.

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PSALM 90:17

# Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work



## SCRIPTURE

“Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better,”

COLOSSIANS 1:10 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

God’s desire for His people is not simply that we grow in knowledge, but that our lives produce fruit. Healthy churches bear fruit through changed lives, faithful service, growing disciples, and a clear witness to the gospel.

As we seek God’s direction for the future, we pray that our church would be fruitful in every area of ministry.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Make us a fruitful church. Let our lives and ministries bear fruit that honors You. Use us to help people know Jesus, grow in their faith, and follow Him more closely. Open our eyes to the opportunities You place before us and give us the faith to walk through them.*

*Keep us from measuring success by numbers alone. Help us instead to look for the fruit that comes from Your Spirit at work in people’s lives. May our church be known for faithfulness, compassion, and a commitment to the gospel.*

*Continue Your work among us. Strengthen the ministries of our church, encourage those who serve, and use our efforts to point people toward Christ.*

*As we look ahead, help us remember that lasting fruit comes from You. May every ministry, every relationship, and every opportunity entrusted to us be used for Your glory and the advancement of Your kingdom.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the building project would create new opportunities for ministry and gospel impact. Ask God to use every new space and every future opportunity to help our church bear fruit for His kingdom.

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PSALM 90:17

# Thankful for God's Faithfulness



## SCRIPTURE

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God."

PHILIPPIANS 1:3 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

Paul often began his prayers by thanking God for His work in the lives of His people. Before looking ahead, it is important to remember God's faithfulness in the past.

As we reflect on all that He has done through our church, gratitude strengthens our faith and reminds us that the God who has provided in every season will continue to lead us in the days ahead.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*As we look back over the history of our church, we are reminded of Your faithfulness. Through seasons of growth and seasons of challenge, You have sustained Your people and fulfilled Your promises.*

*We remember those who faithfully served before us. We remember the prayers that were offered, the sacrifices that were made, and the countless ways You have worked through ordinary people to accomplish Your purposes. We remember lives that have been changed by the gospel, children who have learned Your truth, missionaries who have been sent, and believers who have grown in their faith through the ministry of this church. For all these things, we give You thanks.*

*As we remember Your faithfulness, deepen our trust in You. Help us hold every blessing with gratitude and every resource with open hands. Teach us to be faithful stewards of all You have entrusted to us and willing participants in the work You are accomplishing through Your church. May we honor the legacy we have received by serving You faithfully in our generation.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Thank God for His faithfulness to Thelma Baptist Church through the years. Ask Him to help us build on that legacy with grateful hearts, faithful stewardship, and a renewed commitment to the mission He has given us.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

# Faithful Shepherds and Leaders



## SCRIPTURE

“So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.”

ACTS 20:28 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

God has entrusted the care of His church to faithful leaders. Throughout Scripture, leaders are called to shepherd God’s people with humility, wisdom, and integrity.

As our church moves through this important season, we should faithfully pray for those who carry the responsibility of leading, serving, and making decisions.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*Today we lift before You the leaders of our church. Give them wisdom as they make decisions and seek Your direction. Give them courage when difficult choices must be made and humility to listen carefully to Your voice.*

*Strengthen our pastors as they preach, teach, and shepherd Your people. Encourage our staff, deacons, ministry leaders, and volunteers as they serve. Protect them from discouragement and help them remain faithful to the work You have called them to do.*

*Surround our leaders with wise counsel and a spirit of unity. Help them lead with integrity and grace. May their lives reflect Christ and point others toward Him.*

*As our church looks to the future, help our leaders keep their eyes fixed on You. May every decision be guided by a desire to honor Christ, care for His people, and advance His mission. We thank You for those who faithfully serve our church and ask that You continue to strengthen them for the work ahead.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray specifically for the pastors, staff, deacons, building committee, and others helping lead the building project. Ask God to give them wisdom, unity, and discernment as they make decisions that will impact the future ministry of our church.

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PSALM 90:17

DAY 12 OF 21

# Every Member a Minister



## SCRIPTURE

“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

**EPHESIANS 4:12 (NLT)**



## REFLECTION

God has given each believer a role to play in the life of the church. Ministry is not reserved for pastors, staff, or a few committed volunteers. Every member of the church has been called and gifted to serve.

As God’s people use their gifts and serve faithfully, the church grows stronger and better reflects the body of Christ.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Thank You for making each member of Your church an important part of the body of Christ. Thank You for the different gifts, abilities, experiences, and opportunities You have given to Your people.*

*Show us how You desire to use us. Help us to serve faithfully wherever You have placed us. Give us willing hearts and a desire to invest our lives in the work of Your kingdom.*

*Strengthen the ministries of our church. Raise up new leaders, teachers, servants, and volunteers. Help us to encourage one another and work together so that the body of Christ is strengthened and built up.*

*May our church never be content to watch from the sidelines. Instead, help us to embrace the calling You have given each of us and faithfully serve for Your glory.*

*Use every member of our church family to make a lasting impact for the gospel.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the building project would create new opportunities for people to serve, disciple others, and use their gifts for the advancement of God’s kingdom. Ask God to help every member of our church find their place in the mission He has given us.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

**PSALM 90:17**

# A Holy People



## SCRIPTURE

“But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.”

**1 PETER 1:15 (NLT)**



## REFLECTION

God has called His people to be different from the world around them. Holiness is not about perfection; it is about belonging to God and reflecting His character in the way we live.

A healthy church is marked not only by what it does, but by the way its people follow Christ in their daily lives.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
You have called us to be Your people. Thank You for the grace You have shown us through Jesus Christ and for the new life we have received in Him.*

*Shape us into a church that reflects Your character. Let our words, actions, and attitudes honor You. Help us to pursue what is pleasing to You and turn away from anything that would hinder our walk with Christ.*

*May our homes reflect Your love. May our relationships reflect Your grace. May our church reflect the hope and truth of the gospel.*

*As we seek to serve You, remind us that the strength of our witness is not found merely in what we accomplish, but in the lives we live before a watching world.*

*Continue Your work in us so that we may more faithfully represent Christ in our community and wherever You send us.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that our church would remain committed to honoring Christ in every aspect of this project. Ask God to use this season not only to strengthen our ministry, but also to deepen our commitment to living as His people.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

**PSALM 90:17**

# Open Doors for the Gospel



## SCRIPTURE

“Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ.”

COLOSSIANS 4:3 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

Paul understood that only God can open hearts and create opportunities for the gospel to be shared. As followers of Christ, we are called to faithfully proclaim the good news and trust God to work in the lives of those who hear it.

As our church looks to the future, we pray that God would continue opening doors for ministry and gospel impact in our community and beyond.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*Thank You for the good news of Jesus Christ that has changed our lives and given us hope. Thank You for those who shared the gospel with us and helped us grow in our faith.*

*Open doors for the gospel in our community. Prepare hearts to receive Your truth and create opportunities for meaningful conversations about Christ. Help us recognize those opportunities and give us the courage to respond faithfully.*

*Use our church to reach people who are searching for hope, struggling with life's burdens, or far from You. May our ministries, our relationships, and our witness point people to Jesus.*

*Give us a greater burden for those who do not know Christ. Help us see our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family members through Your eyes. May we never lose sight of the mission You have given us. Continue opening doors that allow our church to share the love and truth of Christ with more people in the years ahead.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would use the building project to create new opportunities for evangelism, discipleship, and ministry. Ask Him to use every space and every resource to help more people hear and respond to the gospel.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

DAY 15 OF 21

# Reaching the Next Generation



## SCRIPTURE

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.”

PSALM 78:4 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

Throughout Scripture, God’s people were commanded to pass their faith to the next generation. Each generation has the privilege and responsibility of telling the story of God’s faithfulness to those who come after them.

As a church, we want to invest in children, students, and young families so that they may come to know Christ and follow Him throughout their lives.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Long before any of us were here, You were at work drawing people to Yourself. Generation after generation, You have remained faithful to Your promises.*

*Today we pray for the children and students of our church. May they come to know You at an early age and develop a faith that remains strong throughout their lives. Let them see the beauty of the gospel, trust in Christ, and discover the joy of walking with You.*

*Bless the parents, grandparents, teachers, and volunteers who invest in them each week. Give them wisdom, patience, and a deep love for those they serve. May their efforts bear fruit for years to come.*

*Raise up a generation that loves Your Word, values Your church, and boldly follows Jesus. May those who come after us know the greatness of God because we faithfully shared it with them.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the building project would help us create environments where children, students, and families can be disciplined and encouraged for generations to come.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

# Making Disciples



## SCRIPTURE

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

**MATTHEW 28:19 (NLT)**



## REFLECTION

Jesus did not simply command His followers to make converts; He commanded them to make disciples. The mission of the church is to help people know Christ, grow in their faith, and learn to follow Him in every area of life.

As we remain faithful to this calling, God uses His people to transform lives and advance His kingdom from one generation to the next. Everything we do as a church should support that mission.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Your desire is that people would know You and walk with You. Across our community, there are men, women, students, and children who need the hope found in Jesus Christ.*

*Use our church to make disciples. Let people find more than information about You—let them discover a life-changing relationship with You. May those who are new to the faith be encouraged and equipped to grow. May mature believers continue to deepen their walk with Christ and invest in others.*

*Make our church a place where Your Word is taught faithfully, where relationships are genuine, and where people are encouraged to take their next step of obedience.*

*As opportunities come, help us be ready. As people come, help us welcome them. As lives are changed, help us point all glory back to You. May the work of disciple-making remain at the center of who we are and all that we do.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the building project would support the disciple-making mission of our church. Ask God to use every classroom, gathering space, and ministry environment to help people grow in their relationship with Christ.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

**PSALM 90:17**

# A Light in Our Community



## SCRIPTURE

“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

**MATTHEW 5:16 (NLT)**



## REFLECTION

Jesus calls His followers to be a light in the world. The church is not meant to withdraw from the community but to faithfully serve and point people to Christ. Through acts of love, compassion, and service, we have the opportunity to reflect God’s goodness and draw attention to the hope found in Jesus.

As we faithfully live out the gospel before others, God opens doors for meaningful relationships and opportunities to share the message of Christ.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*You have placed our church in this community for a purpose. The neighborhoods around us, the schools, the workplaces, and the families we encounter each day are not here by accident. You have called us to be Your witnesses in this place.*

*Help us represent Christ well. May our words reflect Your truth and our actions reflect Your love. Let our church be known as a place where people find hope, encouragement, and genuine care.*

*Show us where needs exist around us. Open our eyes to opportunities to serve and strengthen our desire to love our neighbors well. May we never become so focused on ourselves that we lose sight of the people You have called us to reach.*

*Use our church to bring light into dark places and hope into difficult situations. May the way we live and serve cause others to see the goodness of God and give glory to Your name.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the building project would help our church serve the community more effectively. Ask God to use our facilities as a tool for ministry, outreach, and demonstrating the love of Christ to those around us.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

**PSALM 90:17**

# Courageous Faith



## SCRIPTURE

“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.”

**JOSHUA 1:9 (NLT)**



## REFLECTION

When God called Joshua to lead His people into a new season, He reminded him that courage is not found in human strength but in God’s presence. Throughout Scripture, God’s people have been called to move forward in faith, trusting that He will guide, provide, and remain with them.

The same is true for us today. Our confidence rests not in what lies ahead, but in the One who goes before us.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Throughout history, You have called Your people to trust You when the path ahead was not fully visible. You have never asked us to walk alone, and You have never failed to keep Your promises.*

*As our church looks to the future, help us move forward with confidence in You. When questions arise, remind us of Your wisdom. When challenges come, remind us of Your faithfulness. When uncertainty lingers, remind us that You are already at work.*

*Keep us from being driven by fear or discouraged by obstacles. Instead, help us remember who You are and what You have done. Strengthen our faith as we seek to follow Your leadership and walk in obedience.*

*Teach us to trust You with every area of our lives. May we hold loosely the things You have entrusted to us and faithfully use them for Your purposes. Give us willing hearts and the courage to follow wherever You lead. May we be a church that trusts Your promises, depends on Your presence, and follows wherever You lead.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that our church would move forward with faith and confidence as plans for the building project continue to develop. Ask God to help us trust His timing, His provision, and His leadership every step of the way.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

**PSALM 90:17**

# Generous Hearts



## SCRIPTURE

“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 (NLT)**



## REFLECTION

Throughout Scripture, generosity is presented as a response to God’s grace. Everything we have belongs to Him, and we are called to steward His blessings faithfully. Generosity is not measured simply by an amount given, but by a heart that trusts God and desires to participate in His work.

As we prepare for what lies ahead, may God continue to shape our hearts to hold His blessings with open hands, ready to joyfully invest in the work He has entrusted to His church.



## PRAYER

*Father,  
Everything we have comes from Your hand. The blessings we enjoy, the opportunities before us, and the resources entrusted to our care are gifts of Your grace.*

*Teach us to hold these gifts with open hands. Free us from the fear that often causes us to cling tightly to what we possess. Help us remember that You are a faithful provider and that Your purposes are always good. Shape our hearts to reflect Your generosity. Give us joy in serving others, investing in Your kingdom, and participating in the work You are accomplishing through Your church.*

*As we consider how You may be calling us to respond in the days ahead, help us do so with prayerful hearts and willing spirits. May our decisions be guided by faith, gratitude, and a desire to honor You.*

*We ask not for bigger ambitions, but for greater trust in the God who supplies every need according to His riches and glory.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY’S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would prepare our church for the season of giving that lies ahead. Ask Him to cultivate hearts of faith, gratitude, and generosity as we seek to support the ministry opportunities this project will create.

# Unless the Lord Builds the House



## SCRIPTURE

“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.”

PSALM 127:1 (NLT)



## REFLECTION

For twenty-one days we have prayed for our church, our community, our leaders, and the opportunities that lie ahead. As we conclude this season of prayer, we are reminded of a simple but profound truth: everything depends upon the Lord. Plans, resources, and hard work all have their place, but lasting fruit comes only from God's hand. Our confidence is not in what we can accomplish, but in what He can do through us.



## PRAYER

*Father,*

*As we come to the end of these twenty-one days of prayer, we pause to acknowledge our complete dependence upon You. You have been faithful in every season of our church's history. You have sustained us, provided for us, and guided us far beyond what we could have accomplished on our own.*

*Today we place the future before You. We offer You our hopes, our plans, and our efforts. Lead us where You want us to go and keep us from relying on our own wisdom or strength. If this project is to bear lasting fruit, You must accomplish it. If lives are to be changed, You must work. If future generations are to be reached, You must draw them to Yourself.*

*May everything we do bring glory to Christ and advance His kingdom. Long after buildings age and plans are forgotten, may the gospel continue to transform lives through the ministry of this church. And whatever the future holds, may we always remember that our greatest treasure is not what we build for You, but that You have chosen to build Your church through us.*

*May Your favor rest upon us Lord, and establish the work of our hands.  
Amen.*



## TODAY'S PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would bless, guide, and provide for every aspect of the building project. Ask Him to accomplish His purposes through it and to use it for His glory for generations to come.

*Establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

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