

Why Pray?

The renowned 19th-century preacher and theologian Charles Spurgeon was once asked, "Which is more important, reading Scripture or prayer?" He replied, "Which is more important, breathing in or breathing out?"

Scripture references prayer more than 650 times, first appearing in Genesis 4:26, when people began to "call on the name of the Lord." Prayer is central to the Christian life—it deepens our relationship with God, grants us access to the Father to confess our sins, express gratitude, and seek help and guidance. Through prayer, we resist temptation, ask for wisdom, and intercede on behalf of others.

Prayer is both a command and a vital practice that aligns our will with God's, bringing us strength, peace, and provision. Many faithful believers before us prayed—Abraham (Genesis 12:8), Isaac (Genesis 25:21), Moses (Exodus 33:18), Mary (Luke 1:46–56), and Jesus Himself (John 17:9). Jesus also taught His disciples how to pray in Matthew 6, showing us that prayer is the believer's ongoing conversation with the Father about every matter of life.

Prayer leads us into the deepest and highest work of the human spirit, drawing us into continual communion with God. In true prayer, we begin to think His thoughts,



desire what He desires, love what He loves, and will what He wills. Just as breath sustains life, prayer will sustain the ministry of Grace Bible Church.

That is why we have created a 28-day Built on Truth Prayer Guide to help you connect with God as you prepare to be a part of *Built on Truth*. Let your heart, soul, mind, and body catch the vision from God for how He would have you participate in His work of transforming our community through His Gospel.

Each day, beginning February 1, will contain a short passage of scripture along with a prayer prompt so that in just a few minutes a day, we can all engage with God and discover where He is leading Grace Bible Church. So, let us pray.

"Prayer is not for the enhancement of our comforts but for the advancement of Christ's kingdom."

– JOHN PIPER

Join Us For
28 Days of Prayer

DAY 1 Pray for peace in our hearts as we endure whatever this world brings and that we will work together, encouraging one another in love knowing the Lord is over all.

"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

DAY 2 Pray for the many decisions yet to be made in the building project – for individuals seeking guidance for how they should participate, construction planning and oversight, scheduling, final design issues, and protection that the process would not distract us all from that which is important.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, Who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." – James 1:5

DAY 3 Pray for the unsaved to hear the Word and learn of the gift of salvation as Grace Bible Church continues to provide clear preaching and teaching.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" – Rom. 10:14



DAY 4 Pray for those who will gather together to hear the teaching of the Scriptures as Grace Bible Church, join in fellowship, and use their gifts in the years to come.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members." – 1 Cor. 12:12

DAY 5 Pray that our church leadership stays true to the Word of God to guide each of us to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

"You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." – Matt. 25:21

DAY 6 Pray that the coming days will bring opportunities to display God's faithfulness in the building campaign fundraising, construction, and use of the resources He provides.

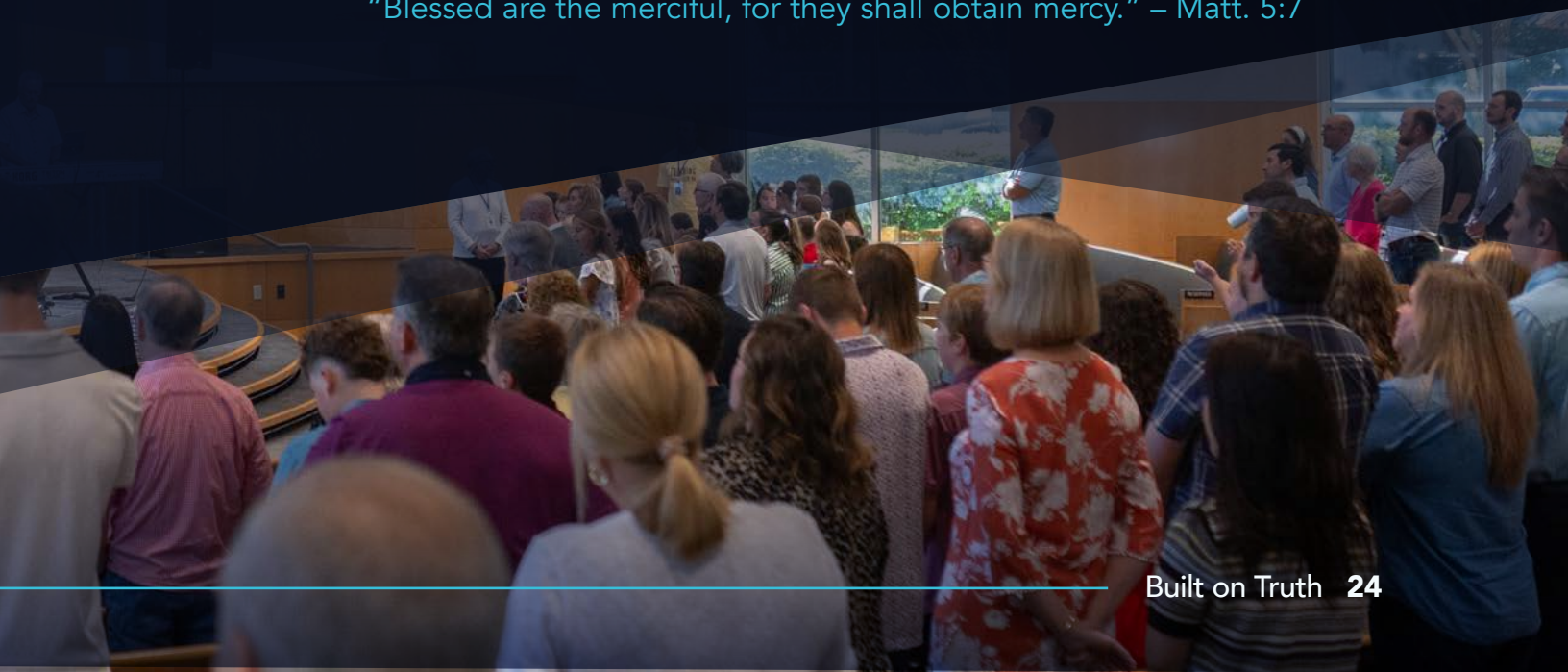
"The Lord's acts of mercy indeed do not end, For His compassions do not fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." – Lam. 3:22-23

DAY 7 Pray that Grace Bible Church will be a beacon of hope to the lost and through the teaching at our church many will be saved and grow in all grace and truth.

"He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." – Psalm 107:20

DAY 8 Pray that all who enter Grace Bible Church will experience the mercy of God through us.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." – Matt. 5:7



DAY 9 Pray that we have eyes to see the Lord's hand at work in our daily experience and for our reliance on the work of the Spirit as we yield to Him.

"And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit Whom God has given to those who obey Him." – Acts 5:32

DAY 10 Pray that each of us would know the joy of giving our time, talent, and treasure to the work that is most important.

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Cor. 9:7

DAY 11 Pray that we recognize a church building as a tool to bring about a building up of one another, expressing our gifts for His glory.

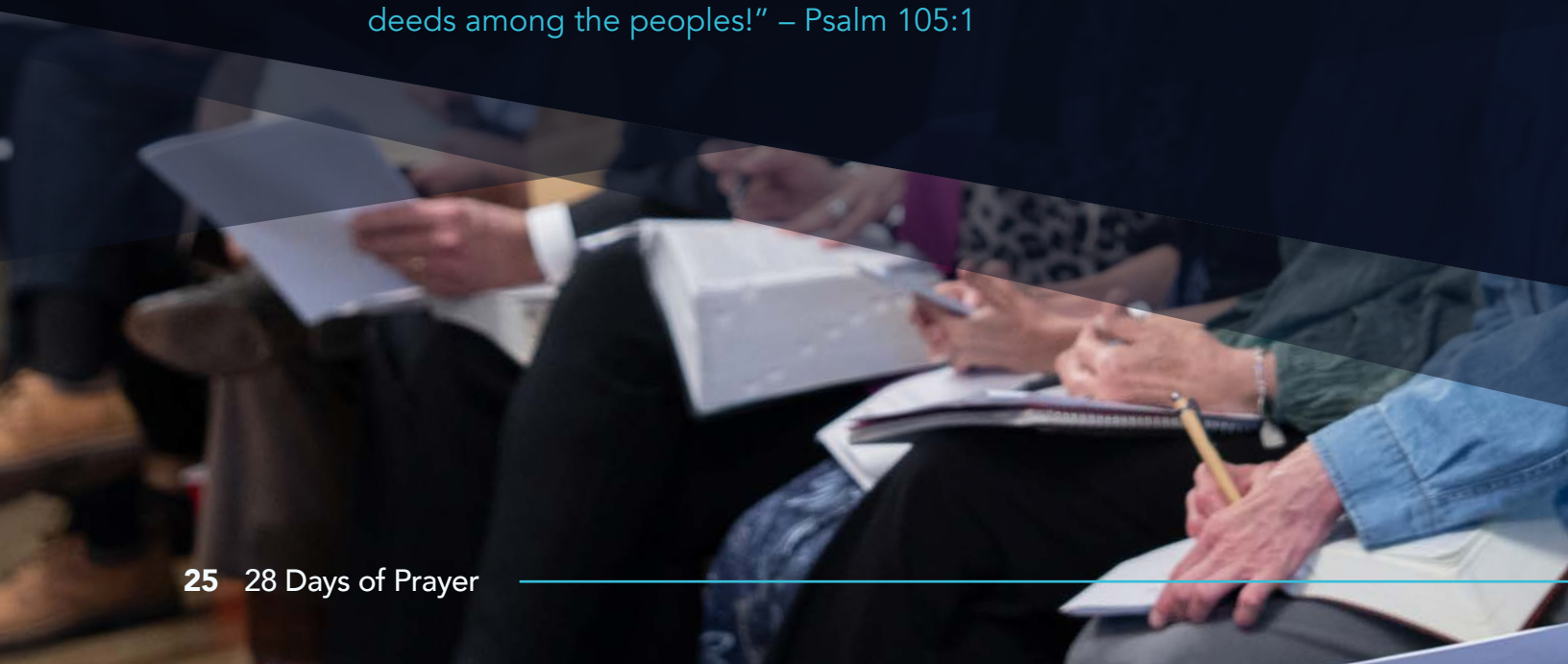
"Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in Whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord." – Eph. 2:20–21

DAY 12 Pray that our hearts would be open before the Lord leading to understanding of all His ways.

"For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened." – Mark 6:52

DAY 13 Pray for the teaching of the Word at Grace Bible Church to make known how great is our God.

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!" – Psalm 105:1



DAY 14 Pray for the next generation of believers at Grace Bible Church, that though they do not seek God, they will find Him.

"I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." – Rom. 10:20

DAY 15 Pray that our congregation will grow in knowledge leading to faithfulness to the Lord.

"Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundred times as much." – Mark 4:8

DAY 16 Pray that the priorities of leadership will be aligned with God's plan for our church.

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake." – 2 Cor. 4:5

DAY 17 Pray that the teaching at Grace Bible Church will be clear and true, giving hope that encourages obedience.

"Prepare the way, take the stumbling block out of the way of My people." – Isa. 57:14

DAY 18 Pray for the love Jesus has for us at Grace Bible Church will be apparent to each of us so we will follow Him in all we do.

"When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." – Matt. 9:36

DAY 19 Pray for Grace Bible Church to seek revival in our nation, leading many to come to know the truth leading to saving faith.

"The Word of God grew and multiplied." – Acts 12:24



DAY 20 Pray that each of us would fill our hearts with the Word and live it out each day.

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." – Deut. 6:6, 7

DAY 21 Pray that the classrooms in the new building would be filled with those yearning to learn and learning to share the truth with others.

"To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God." – Acts 26:18

DAY 22 Pray for each generation at Grace Bible Church, children, youth, young adults, and older adults to know the Word and grow in faith.

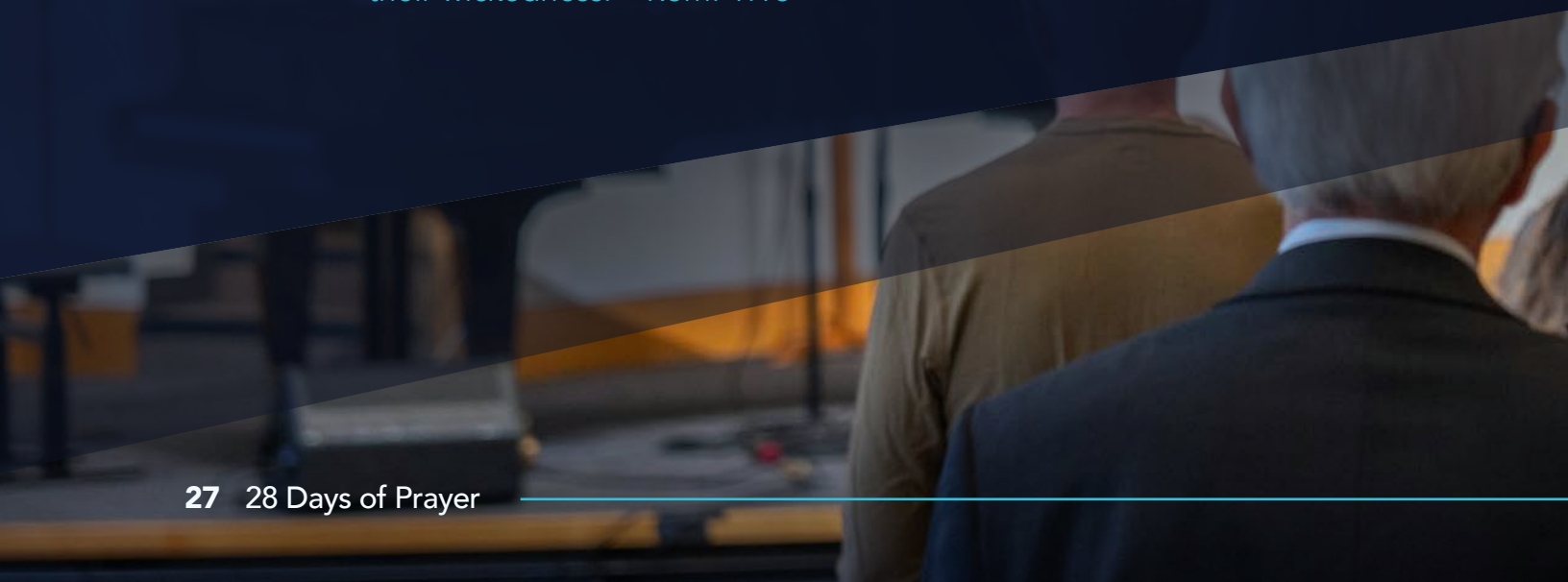
"That from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." – 2 Tim. 3:15

DAY 23 Pray that the relationships among those at Grace Bible Church would be strengthened to encourage one another in love and good works.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" – Psalm 133:1

DAY 24 Pray for compassion toward those who do not know Jesus, do not follow Jesus, do not love Jesus, that they will learn of Him and repent.

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness. – Rom. 1:18



DAY 25 Pray that those with questions about God would find answers and come to a right understanding of who He is and all He has done.

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the foundation of the earth?" – Isa. 40:21

DAY 26 Pray for a heart to not be complacent but to put faith into action, trusting in the Lord for his outcome.

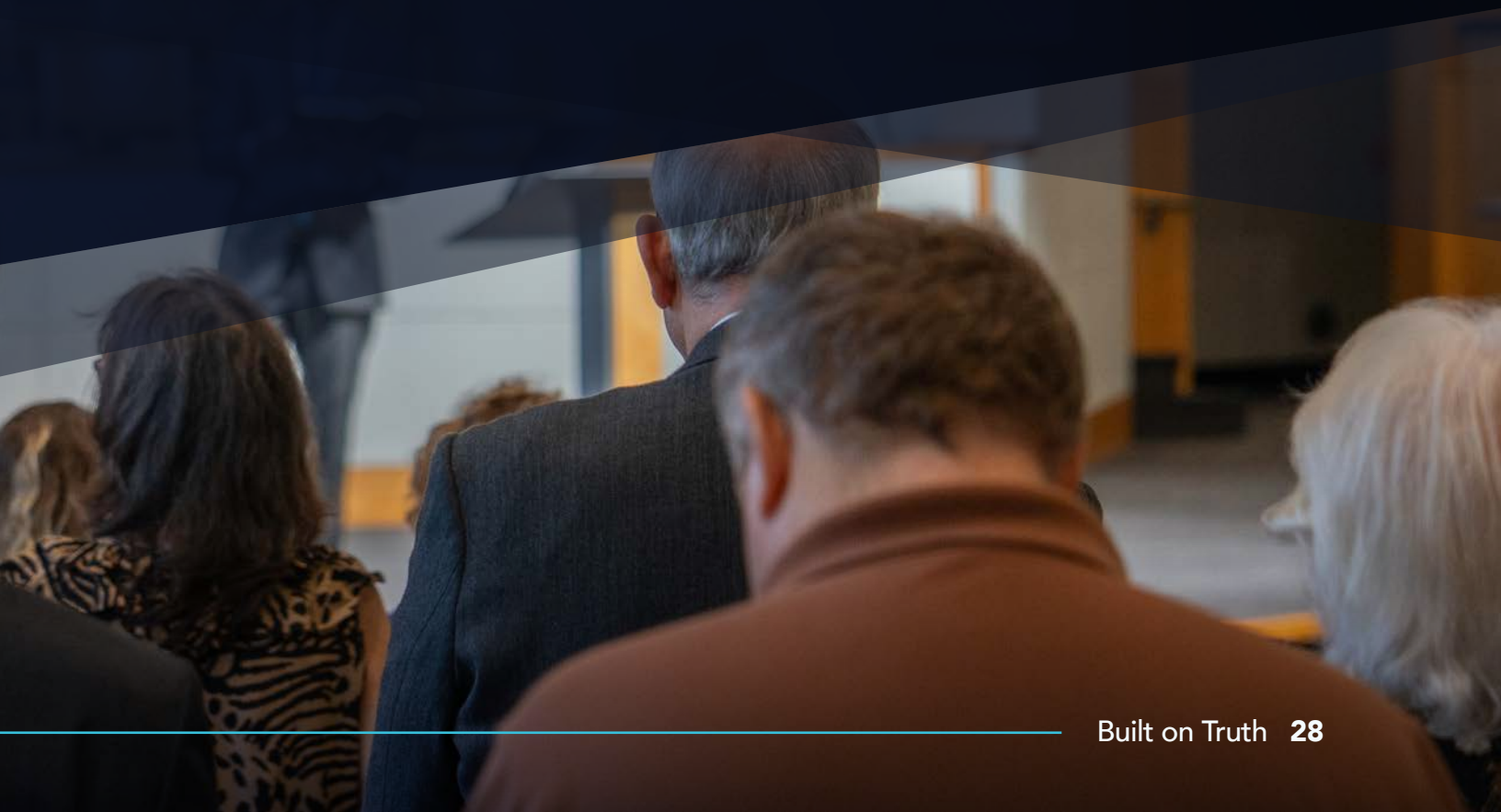
"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only." – James 1:22

DAY 27 Pray that the Word of God would transform our view of the world and of ourselves so we would rightly pursue God's plan for our lives.

"For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope." – Rom. 15:4

DAY 28 Pray that our sanctification be expressed daily in what we think about, what we talk about, and what we do.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Rom. 15:13







“Great is the Lord, and highly
to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation will praise
Your works to another,
And will declare Your mighty acts.”

– PSALM 145:3-4