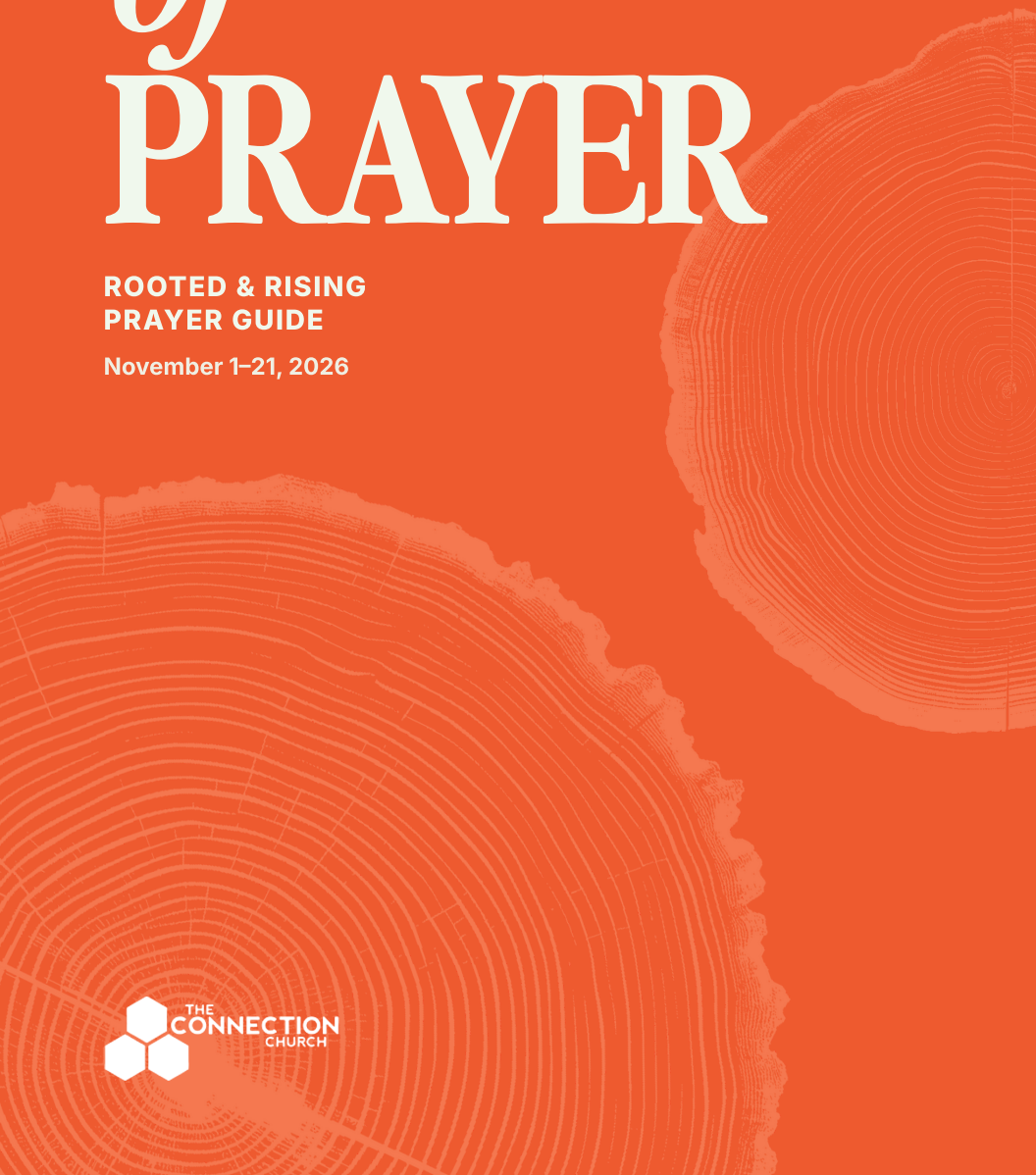
21 DAYS *of* PRAYER

ROOTED & RISING
PRAYER GUIDE

November 1–21, 2026



THE CONNECTION CHURCH

Before we make a commitment, we seek God together.

This guide invites our church to spend three weeks in Scripture and prayer. We will remember God's faithfulness, pray for the people we are called to reach, and listen for our own next faithful steps. Use it alone, with your household, or with your Connection Group.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY — November 22, 2026

How to Use This Guide

Set aside five to seven minutes each day. Read the Scripture in your Bible, consider the short devotional, pray the suggested prayer, and answer the reflection question. The action is a simple way to carry the prayer into your day. Families can use the final prompt at a meal or bedtime.

READ • REFLECT • PRAY • ASK • ACT

The three weeks move from surrender, to mission, to a willing response. During the first week, take time to listen before deciding on a commitment. By the final week, talk and pray with anyone who shares in your household's decision.

OUR SHARED PRAYER

Father, thank You for all You have done through The Connection Church. Root us deeply in Christ and give us faith to follow where You lead. Give our leaders wisdom, our church unity, and our households willing hearts. Help us make room for people to meet Jesus, grow in faith, find community, and discover their purpose. Show each of us how to participate with courage, generosity, and wisdom. May our plans, our service, and our gifts bring glory to Jesus and bless our neighbors. In His name, amen.

OUR THREE QUESTIONS

WEEK ONE · ROOTED

What do You want to do *in me?*

WEEK TWO · RISING

What do You want to do *through us?*

WEEK THREE · RESPONDING

What do You want to do *through me?*

PRAYER AND FASTING

If you choose to fast, select a practice that helps you make room for prayer. You might set aside a meal, a day, or a regular media habit. Replace that time with Scripture and prayer. If a food fast is unsuitable for your health or circumstances, choose another meaningful practice. Participation is voluntary.

WEEK ONE

Rooted

What do You want to do *in me?*

Use one guide each week. Allow about 20 minutes for conversation and 10 minutes for prayer. A leader can read the listed Scriptures aloud, ask the questions, and close with the prayer focus. Keep personal financial decisions within each household.

CONNECTION GROUP GUIDE

Rooted in Christ

November 1–7 • Read Romans 12:1–2 and Psalm 77:11–14

Help people remember God's faithfulness and bring their hopes and fears to Him. Keep this conversation centered on surrender and trust.

1. Where have you seen God at work through TCC?
2. What has this week's prayer revealed about your hopes or fears?
3. What does seeking God before making a decision look like for you?

PRAY TOGETHER *Invite each person to name one thing for which they are grateful. Pray for receptive hearts, the church's leaders, and people who are far from Christ.*

01 Surrender

What do You want to do in me?

READ Romans 12:1–2

REFLECT

Paul begins with the mercy of God. We offer our lives to Him because He has already given Himself to us. As we begin these 21 days, we can bring Him our hopes for the future, our worries about change, and our assumptions about what He should ask of us. A surrendered heart is free to listen. Ask God to shape your desires before you make any decision about your part in Rooted and Rising. The church belongs to Christ, and so do we.

PRAY

Lord, because of Your mercy, I offer You my whole life. Renew my mind and teach me to hear You clearly.

ASK

What expectation or fear do I need to place before God today?

☐ **ACT** Take two quiet minutes to name that expectation or fear in prayer.

WITH CHILDREN What is one thing we can trust God with as a family?

MY PRAYER TODAY

02 Everything Belongs to God

What do You want to do in me?

READ **Psalm 24:1–2**

REFLECT

The psalm begins with a sweeping claim: the earth and everything in it belong to the Lord. The land, our resources, our time, and the people we hope to reach are already His. That truth loosens our grip on what we possess and steadies us when the future feels large. We are stewards of gifts He has entrusted to us. Today, receive what you have with gratitude and ask how it can serve His purposes. Start with worship, and let any decision about giving grow from there.

PRAY

Creator and King, thank You for what You have entrusted to me. Help me hold it with gratitude and wisdom.

ASK

What gift from God have I begun to treat as though it were mine alone?

☐ ACT Thank God for three specific provisions in your life.

WITH CHILDREN Name three things God has given our family. Thank Him together.

MY PRAYER TODAY

03 Remember His Faithfulness

What do You want to do in me?

READ Psalm 77:11–14

REFLECT

When the psalmist is troubled, he chooses to remember the Lord's works. Remembering does not erase hard questions; it helps us bring those questions to the God who has carried us before. Think about the people who have met Jesus, been baptized, found community, and grown through The Connection Church. Think about His provision for the land. Those stories give us reason to pray with confidence for the next chapter. We cannot predict everything ahead, but we can remember the One who has been faithful.

PRAY

Father, bring Your works to mind. Let gratitude give us courage for what lies ahead.

ASK

Where have I seen God's faithfulness through this church?

☐ **ACT** Tell one person a specific story of God's faithfulness.

WITH CHILDREN Share one way God has helped our family or our church.

MY PRAYER TODAY

04 Seek First

What do You want to do in me?

READ Matthew 6:31–34

REFLECT

Jesus knows that people worry about real needs. He does not dismiss them. He calls us to seek the Father's kingdom first and to trust His care for each day. A campaign can bring practical questions about timing, finances, construction, and capacity. We should address those questions honestly while keeping our deepest attention on God's reign. Pray for a church that remains focused on loving people, making disciples, and following Jesus in every season. The priority of His kingdom can guide every plan we make.

PRAY

Father, order my priorities around Your kingdom. Give our leaders wisdom for today's decisions.

ASK

What concern is competing for first place in my attention?

☐ **ACT** Pray for one ministry leader by name today.

WITH CHILDREN What can our family do this week to show someone Jesus' love?

MY PRAYER TODAY

05 Where Your Treasure Is

What do You want to do in me?

READ Matthew 6:19–21

REFLECT

Jesus connects treasure and heart. How we use what we have can reveal what we prize, and it can also train our hearts to love what lasts. This is an invitation to honest reflection, not a reason to compare ourselves with another household. Look at your time, attention, and spending. What do they say about what matters most to you? Ask God to deepen your joy in His kingdom and in the people He loves. A healthy response begins with a heart being shaped by Jesus.

PRAY

Jesus, show me where my treasure has gone. Draw my heart toward what endures.

ASK

What do my habits reveal about my priorities?

☐ **ACT** Choose one act of generosity that expects nothing in return.

WITH CHILDREN Talk about something we can share with another person.

MY PRAYER TODAY

06 Trust the Lord

What do You want to do in me?

READ **Proverbs 3:5–6**

REFLECT

Trusting God means refusing to make our own understanding the final authority. Some parts of the future are clear: we are called to follow Jesus and love our neighbors. Other parts require patience, listening, and wise decisions together. Bring both the excitement and uncertainty of Rooted and Rising to the Lord. Ask Him to direct our leaders, our church, and your household. You do not need to solve the entire future today. You can take the next faithful step.

PRAY

Lord, guide our decisions. Help me listen to You and walk wisely in the next step.

ASK

Where am I trying to control an outcome I should entrust to God?

☐ ACT Pause before one decision today and ask for God's wisdom.

WITH CHILDREN What is a small choice where we can ask God for help?

MY PRAYER TODAY

07 Give Thanks

What do You want to do in me?

READ 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

REFLECT

Paul calls believers to pray and give thanks in every circumstance. Gratitude does not pretend everything is easy. It names God's gifts while we still have needs. As the first week ends, remember the faces behind the ministry: a child welcomed, a student discipled, a neighbor cared for, a family restored. Thank God for the people who have served and sacrificed before us. Then ask Him to make us faithful with what has been entrusted to this generation. Gratitude gives our prayers a clear starting place.

PRAY

God, thank You for the people and stories that have shaped our church. Make us faithful in our turn.

ASK

Whom do I need to thank for helping me follow Jesus?

☐ **ACT** Send a brief thank-you to someone who serves at TCC.

WITH CHILDREN Each person name one thing they appreciate about church.

MY PRAYER TODAY

WEEK TWO

Rising

What do You want to do *through us?*

CONNECTION GROUP GUIDE

Rising to Serve

November 8–14 • Read Matthew 9:35–38 and Psalm 78:4–7

Connect the future property and campus improvements with the people TCC hopes to serve. Welcome questions about the vision and direct factual questions to campaign leaders.

1. Whose life helps you see why this mission matters?
2. Where do you see opportunities to welcome or disciple more people in Buda, Kyle, or San Marcos?
3. What could your group do together to serve your neighbors?

PRAY TOGETHER *Pray by name for neighbors, children, students, volunteers, and both campuses. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up workers.*

08 Sent Together

What do You want to do through us?

READ Matthew 28:18–20

REFLECT

Jesus gives His disciples a mission that reaches beyond a place or a building: make disciples of all nations. He also promises His presence. As we turn outward this week, let that commission set our vision. We hope to make room for more people to hear the gospel, find belonging, be baptized, and grow in obedience to Christ. Every space we plan should serve people and the mission Jesus gave us. Pray first for the people we have not met yet, including those who may come through a future door.

> **PRAY**
> *Jesus, keep Your mission at the center of our plans. Lead us to people who need to know You.*

ASK

Who in my life needs an invitation, friendship, or prayer?

☐ **ACT** Pray by name for one person who does not yet know Jesus.

WITH CHILDREN Who could our family welcome or invite?

MY PRAYER TODAY

09 Make Room

What do You want to do through us?

READ **Isaiah 54:2–3**

REFLECT

Isaiah speaks hope to God's people with the picture of an enlarged tent. We read that promise in its own setting and let the image prompt a humble question for our church: how can we make room to welcome and disciple others? Room involves more than square footage. It takes volunteers, hospitality, leaders, and a willingness to change our routines. Pray that as TCC plans for a future home in Buda and continued ministry in San Marcos, we will grow in love and readiness to serve.

PRAY

Lord, enlarge our capacity to welcome people well. Give us wisdom for each campus and every ministry.

ASK

Where could I make more room for another person?

☐ ACT Introduce yourself to someone you do not know at church this week.

WITH CHILDREN How can we help a new person feel welcome?

MY PRAYER TODAY

10 Pray for the Harvest

What do You want to do through us?

READ Matthew 9:35–38

REFLECT

Jesus sees crowds and has compassion because they are harassed and helpless. He tells His disciples to ask the Lord of the harvest for workers. That is our prayer today. Look past estimates, plans, and drawings to actual neighbors in Buda, Kyle, San Marcos, and beyond. Pray for laborers who will listen, serve, teach, invite, and share the good news. Ask the Lord to send us, too. A future facility will matter most when people full of Christ's compassion use it for His mission.

PRAY

Lord of the harvest, give us Your compassion. Raise up workers and send us to our neighbors.

ASK

Who might God be asking me to serve?

☐ **ACT** Pray for one ministry team, then ask how you might help.

WITH CHILDREN Pray for people who live near our church.

MY PRAYER TODAY

11 Tell the Next Generation

What do You want to do through us?

READ **Psalm 78:4–7**

REFLECT

God's people were called to tell the next generation about His works so that children would place their hope in Him. We have the same responsibility. Think of children hearing Scripture, students learning to pray, and young adults discovering a place to belong and serve. Some of them are already here; others have yet to arrive. Our responsibility is to tell the truth about God and make room for faithful discipleship. Pray for parents, teachers, group leaders, and volunteers whose steady work will shape lives long after a campaign ends.

PRAY

Father, help us tell the next generation of Your goodness. Give children and students lasting hope in You.

ASK

How can I encourage someone who serves the next generation?

☐ ACT Pray by name for a child, teenager, or young adult.

WITH CHILDREN Ask a child or student what they are learning about God.

MY PRAYER TODAY

12 Love Our Neighbors

What do You want to do through us?

READ Jeremiah 29:7

REFLECT

God told His people in exile to seek the welfare of the city where they lived and to pray for it. Our setting is different, but the call to care for neighbors gives us a helpful prayer. Ask God to bless families, schools, local leaders, and people in need across Hays County. Pray that TCC will be known for service, hospitality, and the gospel. As plans take shape on the Buda property and for San Marcos parking, ask how those practical improvements can help us welcome and serve people better.

PRAY

Lord, bless our communities. Make our church attentive, generous, and faithful to our neighbors.

ASK

What need in my community have I overlooked?

☐ **ACT** Do one practical act of kindness for a neighbor.

WITH CHILDREN Choose a neighbor, teacher, or local worker to pray for.

MY PRAYER TODAY

13 Guard Our Unity

What do You want to do through us?

READ **Ephesians 4:1–6**

REFLECT

Paul urges believers to walk with humility, gentleness, patience, and love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit. Shared vision will still involve questions and different perspectives. We can ask honest questions and listen carefully while treating one another as brothers and sisters. Pray for the Ministry Leadership Team, staff, campaign teams, and every household considering its role. Ask God to protect our words and motives. Unity is something we practice as we follow the one Lord together.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, teach us humility and patience. Guard our leaders and keep our church united in Christ.

ASK

How can I listen or speak more lovingly during this campaign?

☐ ACT Pray for our church's leadership and volunteers.

WITH CHILDREN Practice listening to each person before sharing your own idea.

MY PRAYER TODAY

14 Give God the Glory

What do You want to do through us?

READ Ephesians 3:20–21

REFLECT

Paul praises the God who is able to do more than we can ask or imagine, according to His power at work in us. This verse is an invitation to pray boldly while leaving the outcome in His hands. We can ask for lives changed, generations discipled, missionaries sent, and a church that serves its communities well. We can also ask Him to shape our plans and correct them where needed. As week two ends, let the largest vision in your heart be the glory of Christ in His church.

> **PRAY**
> *God, work among us by Your power. Let every good result point people to Jesus.*

ASK

What would I love to see God do in people's lives through TCC?

- [ ] **ACT** Write a prayer for someone who may come to faith in the years ahead.

WITH CHILDREN Draw or describe one way our church could help someone.

MY PRAYER TODAY

Responding

What do You want to do *through me?*

CONNECTION GROUP GUIDE

Responding with Faith

November 15–21 • Read 2 Corinthians 8:10–12 and 9:6–8

Make space for reflection on grace, willingness, and wise obedience. Do not invite people to disclose gift amounts or pressure anyone to commit in the group.

1. What has God been teaching you through these 21 days?
2. How can a household make a decision that is prayerful, willing, and responsible?
3. Beyond giving, how might God be inviting you to take part in the mission?

PRAY TOGETHER *Give two minutes for silent prayer. Close by praying for freedom from comparison, wisdom for households, and lasting spiritual fruit.*

15 Grace Before Generosity

What do You want to do through me?

READ 2 Corinthians 8:1–5

REFLECT

Paul describes believers whose generosity grew out of God's grace and their own devotion to Him. They gave willingly, even amid difficulty. The first movement was toward the Lord. As we begin the final week, remember that generosity is a response to grace, never a way to earn God's favor or prove our worth. Ask the Lord to give you a willing heart. Your household's circumstances matter, and your response should be prayerful and responsible. Begin by offering yourself to God, then listen for how He would have you participate.

> **PRAY**
> *Lord, thank You for Your grace. Give me a willing heart and wise judgment as I consider my part.*

ASK

What does a willing response to God look like in this season?

☐ **ACT** Pray with your household before discussing any amount.

WITH CHILDREN How can we give our time or attention to help someone?

MY PRAYER TODAY

16 Offer Yourself First

What do You want to do through me?

READ 2 Corinthians 8:5

REFLECT

Paul says the Macedonian believers gave themselves first to the Lord. That order matters. God cares about our trust, worship, and obedience throughout life. A campaign commitment is one expression of discipleship, alongside serving, sharing the gospel, praying, and caring for people. Ask what the Lord is inviting you to offer with your resources and your presence. Perhaps He is also calling you to volunteer, encourage a leader, welcome a guest, or disciple someone younger. Let your response be wholehearted.

PRAY

Jesus, I belong to You. Show me how to serve with my time, gifts, relationships, and resources.

ASK

Where is God asking for more of my presence, not only my money?

☐ **ACT** Choose one ministry or person to serve this month.

WITH CHILDREN Name one way each person in our family can serve.

MY PRAYER TODAY

17 According to What You Have

What do You want to do through me?

READ **2 Corinthians 8:10–12**

REFLECT

Paul encourages believers to finish what they had begun, with a gift acceptable according to what a person has. He pays attention to willingness and to actual ability. We should do the same. Households have different responsibilities and resources, and comparison will not help us discern God's direction. Pray honestly, talk openly with those affected by the decision, and make a commitment you can pursue faithfully. A small gift offered willingly can be deeply meaningful. So can a larger sacrifice made with joy and wisdom.

PRAY

Father, free me from comparison. Help our household respond willingly and faithfully with what You have entrusted to us.

ASK

Am I comparing my response with someone else's?

☐ ACT If you share finances, set aside time to pray and talk together.

WITH CHILDREN Why should we avoid comparing one person's gift with another's?

MY PRAYER TODAY

18 Give Cheerfully

What do You want to do through me?

READ 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

REFLECT

Paul invites each person to give what they have decided in their heart, without reluctance or compulsion. He grounds cheerful generosity in confidence that God supplies what is needed for good work. Take time to consider, pray, and decide. Ask questions where you need clarity. A commitment made freely is a meaningful act of worship and partnership in the mission. If anxiety rises, bring it to God and seek wise counsel. We want to follow Him with open hands and a clear conscience.

PRAY

God, guide my decision. Replace pressure with trust and make my heart glad to take part in Your work.

ASK

What information or conversation would help me decide freely and wisely?

☐ **ACT** Write down your questions and seek clear answers from campaign leaders.

WITH CHILDREN What does it feel like to share something gladly?

MY PRAYER TODAY

19 Costly Worship

What do You want to do through me?

READ **2 Samuel 24:18–25**

REFLECT

David refuses to offer the Lord a sacrifice that costs him nothing. His words invite us to ask what worship means when it touches our choices. Sacrifice will look different for different people. It may involve setting aside a preference, delaying a purchase, giving time, or choosing a gift that changes a budget. It should be considered with prayer and with care for real responsibilities. Ask the Lord to show you a faithful response that has substance. Then remember that the value of worship rests in the God to whom it is offered.

PRAY

Lord, teach me to worship You with real choices. Give me courage and wisdom to follow through.

ASK

What might I gladly reorder to take part in this mission?

☐ ACT Identify one expense, habit, or use of time to review prayerfully.

WITH CHILDREN What is something worthwhile for which we have gladly made room?

MY PRAYER TODAY

20 From Your Hand

What do You want to do through me?

READ 1 Chronicles 29:10–18

REFLECT

After the people gave for the temple, David praised God: everything comes from Him, and they had given back from His hand. Their gifts became an occasion for worship rather than self-congratulation. Take stock of God's provision in your life and in our church. Thank Him for the land that has been paid for and for those who have already served and given. Then pray about your own response without assuming that your part must resemble another person's. Ask Him for an upright heart and a willingness to keep serving after Commitment Sunday.

PRAY

Lord, all that we have comes from You. Keep our hearts sincere as we plan, give, and serve.

ASK

How does remembering God's ownership change the way I view my commitment?

☐ **ACT** Review your decision in prayer and thank God for His provision.

WITH CHILDREN Thank God for people who have helped make church possible for us.

MY PRAYER TODAY

21 Hear and Do

What do You want to do through me?

READ James 1:22–25

REFLECT

James calls us to act on the word we have heard. For 21 days we have listened, remembered, prayed for our neighbors, and considered our part. Today, ask the Lord for the next faithful step. For some, that may include a financial commitment. For others, it may also mean beginning to serve, renewing prayer, or sharing Christ with a friend. Speak honestly with your household, settle any remaining questions you can, and come to Commitment Sunday ready to respond freely. The Lord who has guided us in prayer will be with us as we obey.

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for meeting us in these days of prayer. Give me courage to take the next faithful step.

ASK

What have I heard from God's Word that I need to put into practice?

☐ **ACT** Pray once more, then prepare to respond on Commitment Sunday.

WITH CHILDREN What is one way our family can keep praying after today?

MY PRAYER TODAY

FAMILY PRAYER TRACKER

Mark each day you pray together. A short, sincere prayer counts. Let children lead when they want to.

WEEK ONE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

WEEK TWO

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

WEEK THREE

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

After the 21 days, keep praying for the people God is calling our church to reach and for every step that follows Commitment Sunday.

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