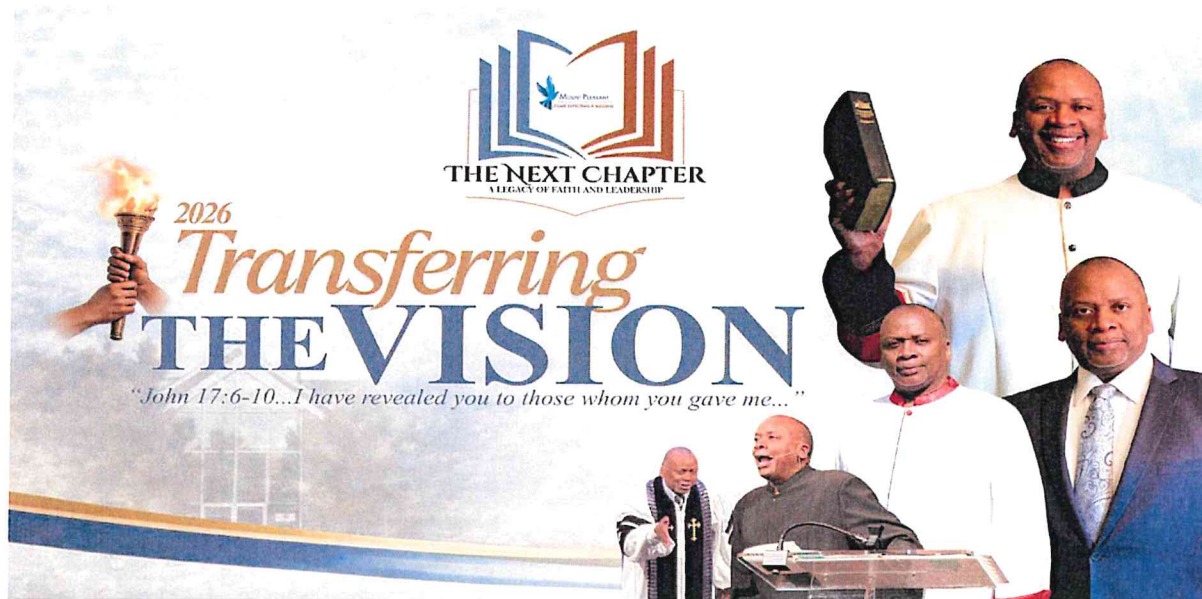




**"Transferring the Vision"
IPM Monthly Prayer Focus
August 2026**

Prayer Focus: "Order Our Steps: Grace as We Walk Together Through a God-Led Transition."

IPM Foundation Scripture: Romans 12:12 KJV Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; *continuing instant in prayer.*

Weekly Prayer Focus

WEEK 1: GRACE FOR EACH OTHER DURING THIS TIME OF TRANSITION

Every season of transition presents opportunities to demonstrate the grace we have received through Christ. As our church navigates our pastoral transition, we pray that God's grace will shape our words, attitudes, decisions, and relationships. May we honor the faithfulness of those who have served, continue to serve, and embrace those God that is calling into new leadership. Let us remain open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and continue nurturing the next generation in love. We have much work to do, and we don't want to lose touch of unity or the unifying message many of us encountered when Pastor Minnick preached "We are One" in June.

Recently, we reviewed the Magna Carta of Christian living in Refuel, as Rev. Parker noted, when walking through Paul's epistle or letter to Galatia in the book of Galatians. One of the emphases was on how we should live when embracing the fruit of the spirit. Now we can have a long conversation about spiritual gifts and the fruit, but let's briefly note that if we get caught up in laws without accepting Christ as our savior and not living in a manner that reflects the Holy spirit, it becomes impossible to bear the fruit. One of those fruits is grace, and this is a time when we need to give our fellow church family grace.

May God's grace define our church family throughout this season. Let's Pray for those grieving change, wrestling with uncertainty, or struggling to release familiar routines, relationships, or leadership seasons.

Prayer Focus: Pray for church leadership, members, families, and the surrounding community to demonstrate patience, humility, compassion, and understanding. Heavenly Father, we Thank You for the work You continue to do within us and among us. Help us enter this new season with hopeful hearts and willing spirits. May we not simply endure transition but grow through it. Open our eyes to fresh opportunities for ministry, service, discipleship, and outreach. Let Your grace continue shaping us into the people You have called us to be. We trust that every ending in You becomes the beginning of something greater.

SCRIPTURES:

Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone; **Ephesians 4:2-3:** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.; **2 Corinthians 12:9:** My grace is sufficient for you...

Question: How are you showing patience and grace for others, at church or in life?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for the faithful leadership that has brought the church to this moment.
- Pray that members will choose encouragement over criticism.
- Ask God to strengthen relationships throughout the congregation.
- Pray that conversations reflect Christ's love and wisdom.
- Ask the Lord to preserve the unity of the church family.

WEEK 2: COVERING THE PASTOR-ELECT IN PRAYER AND GIVING OUR NEW SHEPHERD GRACE

SCRIPTURES: **James 1:5 (NIV)** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **Hebrews 13:17(NIV);**

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray for God's hand upon the pastor-elect as she prepares to assume new responsibilities. Ask God to grant wisdom, courage, humility, discernment, and strength. Pray that the congregation will receive their new shepherd with grace, patience, prayer, and open hearts. May the Lord provide the proper wisdom to recognize when it is time to move forward with confidence, when it is best to pause and listen, and when a change in direction is simply part of the Holy Spirit leading rather than a setback.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for spiritual protection over the pastor-elect.
- Ask God to grant wisdom for every decision.
- Pray that expectations will be balanced with grace.
- Ask God to establish trust between our pastor-elect and the congregation.
- Pray that both pastor-elect and our church family will grow together under God's direction.

WEEK 3: KEEPING THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE HELM AND FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION TOGETHER

SCRIPTURES: **Psalm 143:10; Proverbs 3:5-6**

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray that throughout every decision, conversation, ministry, and transition, the Holy Spirit remains the true guide of the Mount. Ask God to help every ministry, leader, and member seek His will above personal preferences. When change feels uncomfortable, remind us that You remain firmly on the throne. Give wisdom to our pastor-elect, associate pastor, ministry leader, teacher, deacon, trustee, and servant entrusted with guiding Your people. Help us trust God's timing above our own understanding. Quiet our fears, strengthen our faith, and teach us to walk by faith instead of sight. May every decision reflect Your will and bring glory to Your name. Hallelujah!

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for spiritual discernment.
- Ask God to guard against confusion and division.
- Pray that every ministry remains Christ-centered.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide every decision.
- Pray for peace that comes from trusting God's leadership.

WEEK 4: GIVING GRACE TO THE NEXT GENERATION: GUIDING OUR YOUTH WITH LOVE

SCRIPTURES: **1 Timothy 4:12; Proverbs 22:6**

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray that the church will continue investing in children and youth with patience, encouragement, wisdom, and love. Ask God to help every adult become an example of Christ's grace, remembering that today's young people are tomorrow's disciples and leaders.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for children and youth as they begin a new school year.
- Ask God to protect them spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

- Pray that adults will model Christlike character.
- Ask God to raise up mentors throughout the church.
- Pray that every young person knows they are loved, valued, and called by God.

WEEK 5: ONE LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND BEYOND

SCRIPTURES: John 13:34–35 (NIV) "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." and **Ephesians 4:1-6** and **Colossians 3:12–15**

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray that the church will continue investing in each other, that we will ensure that love is bold and purposeful for our church family and those we meet. Remember to be unified and honest with each other.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

- We must pray for Love that reflects Christ.
- Let's continue to pray for Unity across all generations and ministries at the Mount.
- Pray for healing in strained relationships, in grief, and to embrace love.
- Pray for welcoming hearts for new visitors and new members
- Pray for hearts that show appreciation for every gift in the body
- Ask God to protect our church family and community spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your amazing grace that sustains us in every season of life. As our church walks through this time of transition, help us to extend to one another the same grace You have so freely given to us.

Teach us to honor the faithfulness of those who have served while embracing the future You are preparing. Bless our pastor-elect with wisdom, humility, courage, and a heart that continually seeks after You. Prepare our congregation to receive new leadership with love, patience, and prayer.

Holy Spirit, remain at the center of every conversation, every decision, every ministry, and every heart. Let us never move ahead of Your guidance. Unite us in purpose, strengthen our fellowship, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Finally, Lord, help us never overlook our children and youth. Give us hearts that encourage rather than discourage, teach rather than criticize, and lovingly guide them toward a lifelong relationship with Christ. May they see Your grace reflected in each of us.

May our church be known as a people who walk in humility, love generously, and trust You completely. Let this season become a testimony of Your faithfulness and the power of Your grace. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray