

PRAY FOR 2025

Building a Life that Matters!

Thank you for joining others in praying on Dec 31st for the upcoming year. James 5:17 says, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much. (NLT) Whether you feel led to pray for short periods of time or longer ones, we believe God hears His people when we pray with faith. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in prayer and how often you will pray throughout this day before the New Year.

As you begin to pray, invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you carve out the time and space to pray for 2025. In this guide, you will find prayer points as well as particular areas we would invite you to use during your prayer time but feel free to pray as the Spirit leads you.

Thank you for praying,

Robert Jackman

Spiritual Care Pastor

Unless otherwise noted, all Bible verses are from the English Standard Version (ESV).

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A. PRAISE AND ADORATION

1. **I PRAISE You, God, for Your greatness!** *Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. (1 Ch. 29:11). Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? (Ex. 15:11)*
2. **I PRAISE You, God, for Your sovereignty!** *And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (Col. 1:17-18) Lord, I want You to be supreme in my life and my church, The Fellowship. I ask You to reconcile all within my realm of influence to Yourself – the strayed and the lost. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (Col.1:19-20)*
3. **I PRAISE You, God, for Your Bride!** *God the Father put all things under the feet of Jesus and gave him as head over all things to the church. (Eph. 1:22) You are the head of The Fellowship, Your body, of which You are the Savior. I submit myself to You because You love me and gave Yourself up for me so that you might present the church to yourself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:27) Lord, feed and care for me and use me supernaturally to help bring Your Kingdom forth upon the earth. As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (Is. 62:5)*
4. **I PRAISE You, God, for Your love!** *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. (1 John 3:1) Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (Deu. 7:9) But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Neh. 9:17) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. (Ps. 102:11)*
5. **I PRAISE You, God, for Your mighty power!** *Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. (Jer. 32:17) For nothing will be impossible with God (Luke 1:37) who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, (Rom. 4:17b) who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number. (Job 5:9)*
6. **I PRAISE You, God, for Your Son, my Lord Jesus Christ.** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. (1 John 4:14) Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb.12:2)*

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7. **I PRAISE You, God, for Your Holy Spirit.** *And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (Rom. 8:16) Who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (2 Cor. 1:22) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (Rom. 8:26)*

B. PERSONAL CONFESSION

1. **LORD, forgive me when I have not made You my #1 priority.** I often value my comfort and pleasure rather than setting my heart to be on mission with You and joining You in Your Kingdom's work. I know there are times when I have not loved You with all my heart, mind, strength, and passion. I want total devotion to You to be the standard of my life. *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way. (Is. 53:6)*
2. **LORD, forgive me for my lack of prayer.** It is in prayer that You release Your power through the Holy Spirit. At times, I have depended on myself and even others more than You and have not prayerfully sought Your will in my life. I have even missed opportunities to gather in Your name and pray. I have sought You for things I need, but not always kept my relationship with You vibrant and alive through daily praise and thanksgiving to Your glorious name. *You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (Jer. 29:13)*
3. **LORD, forgive me for neglecting time in Your Word.** Many times, I have allowed time with You to be replaced by the internet, electronics, television, recreation, shopping, children's activities, working out, etc. I have at times read magazines and books more than Your Word. *But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. (Matt. 22:29)*
4. **LORD, forgive me when I have been lukewarm as a follower of Christ, when I have not been a fully devoted and developing follower of Yours.** I have not fully sought to be salt and light to the world as You commanded but have often allowed my life to lose impact on a lost world. *I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! (Rev. 3:15)* Light the fire of Your Holy Spirit to burn ever more passionately in me.
5. **LORD, forgive me for my self-centeredness, seeking my own personal gratification and desires rather than seeking to be used by You.** I have been a taker rather than a giver, a consumer rather than a nurturer. I have valued comfort and convenience over sacrifice and service. *If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)*
6. **LORD, forgive me for my lack of commitment to my brothers and sisters in Christ.** I recognize that I do not always use my spiritual gift(s) to serve others in ministry and at times, I am content to sit on the sidelines. At times I have turned away from Your call to sacrifice my time, talents and treasures that Your Kingdom may be established. *Love the LORD your God... walk in all his ways... keep his*

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commandments... cling to him... serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.
(Josh. 22:5)

7. **LORD, forgive me for the times I have ignored the lost, the hurting, the poor, and the have-nots in my community.** Many times, I have missed the opportunity to share the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ. I have frequently preferred to stay huddled inside the safety and security of my own world. *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* (Matt. 28:19-20)

C. THANKSGIVING

1. **THANK YOU, LORD, for calling out a group of believers to establish The Fellowship 30 years ago on February 13, 1994.** Thank You for Your faithfulness in using Your church to reach and redeem the unsaved and unchurched in our community and throughout the world. Thank You for every one of our members. Thank You for inspiring countless acts of love and compassion to those in crisis and need. Thank You for waking us up to the desperation of our world. *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.* (Luke 19:10)
2. **THANK YOU, LORD, for The Fellowship's mission of becoming a whole people who take the whole gospel to the whole world.** Lord, we thank You that this year You have been faithful in leading us to be flexible and fluid in changing strategies, programs, ministries and in more effectively living out our mission and making the hard decisions of fulfilling the Great Commission. Thank You that we had over 50 people get baptized as a public profession of their faith! *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* (Matt 28:19)
3. **THANK YOU, LORD, for the preaching ministry of The Fellowship.** Thank You for Your holy word and the preaching of its truth to our hearts and minds. Thank You that You have called The Fellowship to preach the gospel and the teachings of Scripture. For as Paul says, *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."* (2 Tim. 3:16–17) and that, *"the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* (Heb. 4:12). We thank You, Lord, for the book of Matthew that we are studying together in 2023 and 2024. May we grow to love and cherish Your Word.
4. **THANK YOU, LORD, for the leadership ministry of The Fellowship and equipping of Folleaders,** those men and women who are committed to following Christ first and leading others second. We thank You for the those who completed the one-year Church Leadership Training (CLT).
5. **THANK YOU, LORD, for the young children and families** being reached for You through our weekday preschool, Treasure Cove. We pray for the health and safety of all of our children and teachers. May these precious little ones learn all about the great love of our God and may the seeds of faith be planted in their hearts. *And my*

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God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:19)

6. **THANK YOU, LORD, for providing financial resources.** More than \$2.4 million was given in 2024 in pursuit of our mission and vision. Thank You LORD, for the funds given by those who have been faithful in tithes and offerings to support and maintain Your church. We thank You that we were able to reduce our mortgage to about \$3.44 million in 2024.
7. **THANK YOU, LORD, for providing financial resources to carry out the mission and vision to which You have called us.** Thank You for allowing us the opportunity to come alongside Friends of Sundown, The Hangar Food Bank, Santa's Sleigh, and other organizations. Thank You for the financial resources to help pack 73,000 Feed the Hunger meals. Thank You for the 435 people who spent over 2000 manhours during ServeFest in our local community, thereby serving Katy Christian Ministries, Neighborhood Kidz Club, Her Well Ministries, The Unity Center, Sundown Elementary, Pregnancy Help Center, Hope Impacts and many more. *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* (Acts 20:35)
8. **THANK YOU, LORD, for our Fellowship Operations Ministry.** Thank You that the church buildings where we gather provide a place for people to be discipled, to grow, learn, teach, pray, worship and fellowship together – these places remind us of God's faithfulness. Thank You for providing the funds for maintenance of our campus, utilities, landscaping, capital improvements, infrastructure, and insurance. We pray that our campus will continue to create an experience where God can be encountered and where we all can grow more in love with Him. *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.* (2 Cor. 9:8)
9. **THANK YOU, LORD,** for multiple opportunities to lift up the name of Jesus so that every man, woman and child might have a repeated opportunity to see the Gospel demonstrated, hear the Gospel proclaimed and respond to the Gospel. Thank You for reaching people both in person and online through for your kingdom. *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.* (John 1:12-13)
10. **THANK YOU, LORD** for those You have called out and set apart to serve You and Your church:

Lead Team:

Brian Hummel, Lead Pastor
Dr. Jerry Edmonson, Founding Pastor
Robert Jackman, Spiritual Care Pastor
Joe Carollo, Lead Student Pastor
Glenn Lerich, Missions & Evangelism Pastor
Wes Edmonson, Worship Pastor/Creative Arts Director

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Tate Daniels, Young Adults Pastor
Erin Moore, Fellowship Kids Director
Sarah Burt, Connection Ministries Director
Shawn Hanscom, Director of Operations/Director of guest ministry

Staff:

Amy Bedore, Office Manager
Ann Coker, Communications Manager
Debbie Dowdell, Childcare Coordinator
Gail Edmonson, Soul Care Coordinator
Matt Faris, Facilities Director
Debbie Hummel, Fellowship Kids Curriculum Coordinator
John Long, Technical Arts Director
Caitlyn Mercer, Fellowship Students Director
Laura Miranda, Fellowship Preschool Director
Jeniffer Pascual, Fellowship Kids Elementary Director
Ricky Pascual, Marketing Manager
Holly Rosenquist, Financial Accounts Manager
Bobit Santos, Community Impact Director
Darly Villarroel Franco, Guest Ministry Manager/Database Manager
Robeap Santos, Afterschool Program Director
Anita Webster, Spiritual Formation Director
Nakris Adeyinka-Ojo, Director Adult Ministries/Prayer Ministry

Volunteer staff:

Kerry Lobdell, Prayer Ministry Coordinator
Trish Ferow, Women's Ministry Director
Michelle Riggs, Connection Ministries Coordinator
Cheryl Uyehara, Missions Ministry/Spiritual Formation Coordinator
Henry Uyehara, Men's Ministry Director
Zach Weikel, LIFE Interest Groups Coordinator
Carmen Hayes, Connection's serving Coordinator
Felicia Pirritino, Connections Community Coordinator
Frank Martino, Connections Liaison
John Burt, Connections Liaison
Ivory Alarcon, Fellowship Kids Coordinator
Meagan Elling, Fellowship Kids Preschool Coordinator

Treasure Cove Weekday Preschool Admin. Staff:

Jen Weant, Executive Director
Becky Sessin, Operations Director-Treasurer
Darly Villarroel Franco, Assistant to TC

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. (Col. 3:23)

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11. THANK YOU, LORD, for our Elders:

Dr. Jerry Edmonson	Carrol Newbrough, Emeritus
Julio Alarcon	Ryan Ober
Emeka Anadu	Drew Parrish
John Bedore, Emeritus	Joe Probst
Bruce Bernard	Oscar Reyes
Joe Carollo	Bobit Santos
Randy Carter	Hayward Sparks
Wes Edmonson	Felton Stroy, Emeritus
Richard Gehring	Shannon Townsend
Brad Hulyk	Dave Trout
Brian Hummel	Wendell Vines
Robert Jackman	Steve Walker
Glenn Lerich	Zach Weikel
Stewart Loftis	
Juan Martinez	

Each of these elders has accepted responsibility to give spiritual leadership, oversight, and wise counsel in the ongoing life of our church. *I exhort the elders among you.... shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.* (1 Pet. 5:1-2,4)

12. **THANK YOU, LORD, for the seven Elders who served in 2024 on our Pastoral Management Team:** Chairman - Wendell Vines, Vice Chairman - Juan Martinez, Secretary - Joe Probst, Jerry Edmonson, Dave Trout, Hayward Sparks and Brad Hulyk. We are thankful for the PMT members who will be serving in 2025, Zach Weikel, Reggie Moore, Hayward Sparks and for our 2025 Officers, Chairman - Joe Probst, Vice Chairman - Dave Trout, Secretary - Brad Hulyk and Brian Hummel.

13. **THANK YOU, LORD, for every ministry in our church and for all those who lead and give of themselves as volunteers to serve You.** These ministries include Leadership, Family, Children, Student, Women's, Men's, Prayer, Faithwalking, Treasure Cove Weekday Preschool, Marriage Mentors, Local and Global Impact, 1:17 Adoption, Friends of Sundown, Worship Arts, Guest Services. We thank you for our partnership with STCH Ministries Counseling, Inner Life Therapy, Unnexpected Grace and with Christ Clinic. *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.* (Philippians 1:3-5)

14. **THANK YOU, LORD, for spiritual growth** through Alpha, Faithwalking, Church Leadership Training, Soul Care Retreats, Groups, and ongoing Bible studies sponsored by the Men's and Women's ministries and LIFE University. *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!* (Rom. 11:33)

15. **THANK YOU, LORD for making LIFE Groups the heart of our church** where we can experience authentic Biblical community and where we can know and be known,

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love and be loved, serve and be served, celebrate and be celebrated. A place where we grow in knowledge and encourage each other in accountability. Thank You for the men and women You have raised up to be LIFE Group leaders and who give of themselves sacrificially to be under-shepherds of Your flock: *Love one another with brotherly affection.* (Rom. 12:10)

Randall & Amy Aikman Julio & Ivory Alarcon Bruce & Tanya Bernard John & Sarah Burt Randy Carter & Carol Manning Darrin & Ann Coker Tate & Sydni Daniels Jerry & Gail Edmonson	Stephen & Devon Hulyk Gary & Krisann Nething Robert & Cheryl Jackman Samuel & Rose James Ricky & Jeniffer Pascual Darly Villarroel Wendell & Shary Vines
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We also thank you for other LIFE leaders: LIFE Hope (Becky Rutledge), LIFE Interest (Sarah Burt, Christine McNabb, Jerry Edmonson, Doug Kelly, Sherrie Duell, Betty Powell, Erin Moore, Robert Jackman, Cara Moreno), and LIFE University (Juan Martinez, Gail Edmonson, Debbie Hummel, Brad Hulyk, Robert Jackman, Henry Uyehara).

16. **THANK YOU, LORD, for Fellowship Kids.** Thank You for the Sunday morning programs, Camp Cove, Jingle Jam, Easter Jam, SOS mission camps, and much more. Thank you for continuing to provide for the Haven Program that serves special needs families on Sunday Mornings and the Afterschool Program that serves working parents after Treasure Cove. Thank You for the joy of seeing our young people accept Jesus as Savior and Lord as we faithfully present the Good News and Your incredible plan of salvation. Thank You for raising up children who own their faith and boldly share that faith with others. Thank You for the generosity and support of the children's families. Thank you for allowing us to serve over 1000 children and that we could celebrate 16 baptisms! We are praying for a safe, fun and impactful VBS in 2025! *Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.* (Mark 9:37)
17. **THANK YOU, LORD, for Fellowship Students.** Thank you that Fellowship Students attended Lead the Cause, Winter Retreat, Summer Camp, and other events. Thank you that 65 students participated in mission trips this year. Thank You for the joy of seeing our young people accept Jesus as Savior and Lord as we faithfully present the Good News and Your incredible plan of salvation. Thank You for raising up young people who own their faith and boldly share that faith with others. Thank you for more than 30 leaders pouring into this next generation. *You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.* (Deu.11:19)
18. **THANK YOU, LORD, for The Fellowship teams that faithfully love and serve others throughout the world and in our community.** Thank You for The Fellowship's many volunteers who faithfully raised their hands, rolled up their sleeves, served, and provided funding to help us with so many 2024 initiatives. Thank You for

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the children sponsored by those who call The Fellowship their church home through Compassion International, Hope4theOrphan, Caring for Korah, and other sponsorship agencies. Thank You for the volunteers and funding to pack meals in Katy, Texas through the Feed the Hunger Pack-a-thons that fed the physical and spiritual hunger of thousands of people locally, nationally, and internationally. Thank You for community partners and visionaries who are planning ongoing initiatives in 2025 and beyond, demonstrating the love of Christ to people in need. *As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.* (Matt. 25:40)

19. **THANK YOU, LORD, for giving us a vision that is both local and global.** Thank You for opportunities in Aceh, Indonesia with our adopted unreached people groups. Thank You for the Kentucky Family Mission Trip, Living Water International Mexico Trip, Lead the Cause Denver Mission Trip, Houston Mission Trip, and the Friends of Sundown Mission Week. Thank You for Your servants everywhere who daily commit to live out Your Great Commission by making disciples that make disciples that make disciples of “panta ta ethne” or “every ethnos”. Protect those who share the gospel to every ethnos on this earth and for the sure knowledge that You will continue to open doors and provide for every need. *This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations.* (Matt. 24:14)
20. **THANK YOU, LORD, for Castimonia and Parakaleo, whose confidential support group ministries help men and women.** Thank You for meetings each week in various locations. Thank You for the men and women who serve as facilitators for the ministry. Thank You for the Castimonia podcast that reaches men people around the world, including the Middle East and Europe. *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.* (2 Cor. 1:3-4)
21. **THANK YOU, LORD because You are a God who hears and answers prayers.** We glorify Your name as You continuously pour out Your love and provision in response to our requests. Thank You for providing Prayer Stories for every week this year that document Your supernatural work on our behalf! Thank You for the members of our Prayer Team who have prayed for people and their prayer requests. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* (Phil. 4:6)
22. **THANK YOU, LORD, for the interns** who served and received hands on ministry experience this year. *Where there is no guidance, a people fall, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.* (Prov. 11:14)
23. **THANK YOU, LORD, for our Worship Team.** We thank You for the music and lyrics provided each Sunday that emphasized that Sunday’s specific message and for the joy that the music brings to all who hear it. We thank You that worship creates an atmosphere that invites Your people to connect with the Holy Spirit. *I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, LORD, I will make music.* (Ps. 101:1)

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D. PETITION

1. **LORD, we believe that in 2025 You are preparing and calling us to Build a Better Life.** This is our theme for next year, and we are seeking You to move powerfully in our lives, church, community, country, and world. LORD, may we trust You and join You as you build Your Church. *Every one then who hear these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* (Matt 7:24)
2. **LORD, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, individually, and as a body of believers, lifting Your name high.** You instruct us to be filled with the Spirit. May that be our deepest desire and Your great joy to pour out upon us. Apart from You, we can do nothing. If we remain in You and Your words remain in us, we may ask, and it will be given to us. LORD, we are asking for You to do a mighty work in us and through us and to grow Your Kingdom and accomplish Your purposes in our church. We ask for the presence of Your Holy Spirit to be manifested in all gatherings of The Fellowship church body – in every worship service, LIFE Group, PMT meeting, Fellowship Kids and Preschool gatherings, Fellowship Students activities, and all ministry functions. Unless Your presence is with us, we are merely going through the motions. *How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!* (Luke 11:13)
3. **LORD, help us each to recognize that we are individual parts of Your body, the church, and each of us has a God-ordained function to perform, which, if neglected, will cause weakness and ineffectiveness in Your church.** Give us the willingness to serve the body wholeheartedly as we answer Your call to ministry. *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.* (Rom. 12:4-5)
4. **LORD, at our new birth, You bestowed spiritual gifts on us through Your Holy Spirit.** Reveal to each of us our individual gifts; empower us to use them in Your church. *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.* (Rom. 12:6-8)
5. **LORD, give us a Spirit of Unity.** Help us to be willing to listen and consider and learn from others. May we ever recognize that The Fellowship is Your church, and You are the head of it. If we disagree, help us to submit ourselves to You and follow Your leadership. *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.* (Rom. 15:5)
6. **LORD, show us where You are at work to meet all manner of spiritual and physical needs in our community and throughout the world so we can join You.** Give us clear direction as to where we should go and what we should do. Give us purpose and power and passion as we follow Your leading to reach outside the confines of our church. We pray that our hearts would be forever changed by our simple acts of service. *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* (Eph. 2:10)

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- LORD, help us to train future church leaders.** We pray to grow our two-year Residency Program and that they can be fully self-funded. We also pray for summer interns to learn about ministry. *With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand. (Ps. 78:72)*
7. **LORD, we pray that every guest** would find a church home in which to become planted. *They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Ps. 92:13)*
 8. **LORD, we pray that every child** would come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ before leaving the 5th Grade. We pray that every student would grow in their relationship with God as their faith becomes their own. Help us to lead in Your will, through the power of Your Holy Spirit. *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Prov. 22:6)*
 9. **LORD, we pray for people to find connection** through community in Groups where they can learn more about the character of God. We pray for more LIFE Groups to form in 2025. *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)*
 10. **LORD, we pray for every marriage** to be filled with Your Holy Spirit. Please help couples to communicate in love, to resolve conflicts quickly, to have things that both husband and wife enjoy doing together, and to pray together. LORD, please protect our marriages from the evil one and let them serve as a light to the world for Your glory. We ask for Your help as we launch the bi-weekly social media drive to further strengthen and bring hope to marriages. *So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (Matt. 19:6)*
 11. **LORD, make The Fellowship a House of Prayer.** Help us to realize that prayer is as essential to our spiritual lives as breathing is to our physical lives. Let prayer permeate every facet of Your church. Help us to make no plans without seeking Your will. *Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. (Prov. 19:21 NIV) Give everyone a heart to pray daily for our church individually and every time we gather. My house will be called a House of Prayer. (Matt. 21:13)*
 12. **LORD, help our hearts to be sensitive every day to the opportunities You place before us** - opportunities to lend a helping hand, to speak words of encouragement, to show unconditional love, to praise You and to share the good news of salvation. *And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh. (Ez. 11:19)*
 13. **LORD, free us from all known and unknown prejudices.** Help us to welcome all people into Your church, regardless of their race, skin color, socio-economic status or physical appearance. Each is the work of Your hands and very precious in Your sight. Help us to love unconditionally. *Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Rom. 15:7)*
 14. **LORD, teach us to obey You.** Help us to heed Your voice and do what You say, right away, joyfully, to the best of our abilities. Keep us centered in Your will, not veering to the left or right. *Keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways*

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15. *and by fearing him. (Deut. 8:6) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. (1 John 5:3)*
16. **LORD, increase our faith.** We know that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Even our faith is a gift from You. Pour faith out upon us so that You may do great works through us and bring glory to Your name. LORD, we believe...help our unbelief. *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (Heb.11:1) The righteous will live by faith. (Rom. 1:17)*
17. **LORD, help us to live by the Spirit so we do not gratify the desires of our sinful nature.** Keep our focus on You and not the pleasures of the world and flesh. Reap within our congregation an abundant crop of the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. (Gal. 5:25) Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. (Rom. 8:5)*
18. **LORD, You have commanded us to forgive.** Show us any hatred, ill-feeling, grudge or root of bitterness that we may be harboring in our spirits. Help us to give it all to You so we may be set free from any bondage that impairs our usefulness to Your Kingdom. *Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (Col. 3:13)*
19. **LORD, we ask You to make us aware daily of our sin, to lead us to repentance, to cleanse us and create within us clean hearts that can be used by You to bring forth Your Kingdom upon the earth.** You desire truth in our inner parts. Help us not to quench the Holy Spirit within us. *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! (Ps. 51:2) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*
20. **LORD, put a guard on our tongues.** Help us to never misuse or profane Your name, but let our speech bring You glory. Help us think before speaking and always express concern for others, especially unbelievers, so they may be drawn to You. *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. (Eph. 4:29)*
21. **LORD, You bought us with the blood of Your Son.** We are Yours; our bodies are temples of Your Holy Spirit. We offer our bodies to You as instruments of righteousness. Empower us to live sacrificially, walking in Your ways, honoring You in all we do. *I appeal to you therefore, brothers by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom. 12:1)*
22. **LORD, there is no one like You on earth or in heaven.** All glory belongs to You. Keep us from taking Your glory for ourselves when You choose to work through us. May we in all humility ascribe all honor to You. Let Your praises resound from our mouths continually. *I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. (Is. 42:8) Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. (1 Chr. 16:29)*

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23. **LORD, everything we have is a gift from You.** It all belongs to You, but You have entrusted us with it for a time. You have given us standards of tithes and offerings for returning a portion of our time, talents, and treasures for the work of Your Kingdom. May we be generous and joyful in all that we give back to You. Lord, allow us to continue to bless others locally, nationally, and globally as we partner with organizations such as Feed the Hunger, Katy Responds, Bridges of Hope, and other non-profit organizations. *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.* (2 Cor. 9:8)
24. **LORD, help us live our lives anticipating that You are coming soon.** Empower us every time You present an opportunity to reconcile another to Yourself. Fill us with Your overflowing joy as we eagerly “show and tell” of Your redeeming love. Though we do not know when You are coming, fill us with anticipation; keep us ready. *Surely I am coming soon. Come, Lord Jesus!* (Rev. 22:20-21)

AMEN!