PRAY FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

40 Days of Praying

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Introduction

Following is a prayer guide* to support your burden that Christ may reign supreme in your community. This guide can provide structure to your prayers for the community that you are a part of. Each day is broken into several components.

1. An Old Testament passage and reading
2. A New Testament passage and reading
3. Prayer points for the readings
4. A specific group of people or entities to pray for.
5. A prayer walking suggestion.

As you use this prayer guide remember that you may have to adapt your praying to the circumstances of your particular community. We recommend that you use this guide in companionship with others who are praying for God to reveal himself bringing repentance and salvation to your community.

When you have completed 40 days of prayer for your community there is nothing preventing you from starting at the beginning and praying all over again. If you used the guide this way you would specific, targeted prayers for your community nine times over the course of a year. This would be extremely fruitful.

Blessings as you begin your prayer adventure.

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Theme 1
Seeking His Light to Revive the Church

As you pray for God’s people in your community, you will be praying these same prayers with many others who are praying for God’s life in their communities. As you pray for your own church, be sure to pray for the life and unity of other churches. Pray that together, God’s people would freshly experience the splendor of His power and His life so that we become Christ’s instruments to complete His purposes throughout the earth.
Pray
... for His reviving life to bring joy

You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin... Restore us, O God of our salvation... Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Psalm 85:2, 4, 6

We stand together before You as Your people. We acknowledge that among us there are sins great and small. We are grateful for the free forgiveness in Christ that covers such sins. But You have saved us for a greater purpose than merely managing our cycles of sin. Haven’t You saved us so that we might serve You in the ever-new life of Your risen Son? Revive us in ways that change us deeply. Infuse us with the resurgent life of Your Spirit, so that we find ourselves rejoicing in rising, always-escalating love for Your Son.

His father saw him and felt compassion...the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight.” …But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly bring out the best robe... let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again.”… And they began to celebrate. – Luke 15:20-24

Why are we surprised that Your heart overflows in party-starting joy whenever a long lost son or daughter comes home? Whenever we turn toward You, even slightly, we find that You have already been seeking us. What vigilant love! What extravagant gladness! To come home to You, to sense Your delight, is like coming back to life from the dead. Make us jubilant in Your house so that many more in our community will find their way home to You.

Pray:
- For many who also know of God’s forgiveness to also experience His life-giving power.
- For God’s joy to be revealed with His love, so that many come home to Him.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Children

Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14 (NIV)

That children will hear the gospel and encounter Christ early in life; that God’s great fatherly heart will be revealed with healing power to kids who have been wounded or disappointed by their parents; for lasting family stability; for excellence in education; for wisdom to be formed in their early days; for safety from violence and perversion; for laughter and joy.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray for kids in our neighborhood or pray near schools and playgrounds in any part of town. Pray for the entire family that surrounds children you see.
Pray
...for the revealing of God’s love

Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation. I will hear what God the LORD will say; for He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; but let them not turn back to folly. Psalm 85:7-8

We find ourselves turning back to stubborn habits of heart again and again. It is folly to imagine that we will be changed by merely deciding to be different. Only You can change us. Reveal the magnificent love of Christ as never before. Save us in ways we have not expected. Give us ears that listen for Your voice, speaking Your life-changing word in ways that bring about a deep and lasting difference. Declare Your peace with such power that we are transfigured to live in the fullness of Christ’s life.

He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him. John 14:21

Lord Jesus, You know our hearts. You see all of our sincere but erratic efforts to serve You. Disclose Your love to us so that we know Your heart toward us. Even our feeble attempts to obey You end up delighting You because of Your vast, forever love. We have perceived only the smallest glimpse of Your mighty kindness. As You promised, show us more and more of Yourself. The more we experience Your love, the more we will find ourselves obeying You with joy.

Pray
• For the enormity of God’s love to be revealed to many in your community.
• For Christ to encounter struggling believers with heart-changing clarity, so that they live in the power of His love.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Homeless People

But He lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks. Psalm 107:41 (NIV)

Pray for immediate relief, shelter, food and health care; that Christ will restore hope for the future; for wise counsel and trustworthy friendship; for protection from the risks of life on the streets; for employment, housing and restored family life.

PRAYERWALK:

Visit a place where homeless people seek shelter or employment. Pray God’s blessings on the people you see who appear to be homeless.
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Pray
...for revival bringing salvation and glory

_Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that his glory may dwell in our land._ **Psalm 85:9**

We are familiar with the truth that Jesus is our Savior. Now bring us into a deeper encounter with Jesus as the Living One, risen from the dead, presiding now in our midst. Fill our hearts with awe concerning the purpose of Your Son. You have saved us for more than merely having a better life and a brighter afterlife. You have saved us so that we might walk, breathe and speak like You—that Your glory would be seen in our lives and in our land. No longer will we postpone the hope of Your glory until the age to come. We pray for You to advance Your purpose in us now. Continually save us and fill us in these days, so that we reflect Your love and glory.

_Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life... Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”_ **John 11:24-25, 40**

Yes, we believe that we will see the glory of God in our day. We believe in You. You are the Risen One. You were raised from death, but You are more than resurrection. You are life itself. Bring Your life to many, and with Your life, show Your brilliant glory.

Pray
• For believers to be filled with renewed hope that the glory of God will be known in our day.
• That many would trust in Christ, and by faith, receive His life and behold His glory.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Women

_This woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did._ **Acts 9:36**

That women will be honored in their unique, God-created glory; that every kind of injustice toward women will cease; for pornography to be stopped; for protection from sexual violence; that hope would be renewed for the beauty of marriage and children; that single women would lay hold of God’s full purpose in their lives.

PRAYERWALK:

Without being demonstrative, pray prayers of blessing for some of the women you come in contact with today
Pray
...for revival bringing righteousness and peace

Righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth springs from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its produce. Righteousness will go before Him and will make His footsteps into a way. Psalm 85:10-13

You have intended for the life of Christ to be planted and to thrive throughout our city. But many of us have gone fallow, so that we are untended, wild and fruitless. Sow the seed of the truth into many minds and lives. Come like the sun with Your power. Come like the rain by Your Spirit. Cultivate our community, patiently bringing forth lives marked by Christ’s righteousness. Cause Your presence to come upon us, as if You were walking ahead of us, step by step marking out a way of living that abounds with the fruit of Your kingdom.

For you will...prepare His ways; to give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins... to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:76-77, 79

It was promised that when You came, Lord Jesus, many would experience forgiveness of sins. And so it came to pass; and so it continues today. But Your salvation comes with a further promise, that we would learn how to live in the might and joy of heaven’s peace. Visit us in peace-bringing power. Guide us step by step to walk in Your ways, and gradually bring lasting transformation to our entire community.

Pray
• For Christ-followers to experience His guiding presence as never before.
• For believers to walk in the righteousness of God, influencing the economy, values and character of their community.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Single People

One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. 1 Corinthians 7:32

Pray that Christ will fill singles’ hearts with His love; that they may taste the satisfaction which is found only in God; that friendships will bring ample fullness of relationship; for sexual purity and simplicity of lifestyle; and strong marriages for those who desire them. Pray for those single by divorce or death, that they would find healing and new hope for life ahead.

PRAYERWALK:

Bless those people who are single. Consider their story. Pray for their future and hopes.
Pray

...to restore His people to fruitfulness

*Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted... But let Your hand be upon the one... whom You made strong for Yourself. Then we will never turn back from You. Give us life, and we will call on Your name.* Psalm 80:14-15, 17-18 (NRSV)

We are like a hand-planted garden in Your sight. Like a vineyard keeper watches his vineyard, You constantly examine us. You intend for us to bloom with Your beauty and multiply Your life in others. We are alive, but often fruitless. We have produced little more than leaves. Do not merely look on us from afar. Come near to us. Extend Your hand, the very hand that formed us, in order to restore us. Stretch us and strengthen us to grow in Your glory, presenting to You the lasting fruit of families and friends who praise Your name.

*I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away [original language: He lifts] ... I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit.* John 15:1-2, 5

You have destined us to bear much fruit, yet You often find us barren. Father, lift us from the ground, where some of us lie dry and dormant in the shadows. Stretch us upward, staking us and holding us open before the light of heaven. May the power of Christ’s life course through us to bring forth all that pleases You.

Pray

- For despondent or fruitless believers to be lifted into the light of God’s presence.
- For Christians to be stretched in spiritual disciplines in order to serve in God’s purposes.

Pray On Behalf Of

... International Visitors

*Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God.* Deuteronomy 31:12 (NIV)

For students, workers and businesspeople from other lands to be treated with honor and respect; that they will enjoy new friendships; that they will encounter the message of the gospel clearly declared and lovingly demonstrated.

PRAYERWALK:

Find a public place or business which draws international visitors or students. As you see people from different nations, pray God’s blessing on them and their home countries.
Pray

......to impart His life-giving Spirit

“Son of man, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”... “Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.”... So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet.... “I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life.” Ezekiel 37:3, 5, 10, 14

We pray today for those who are physically alive but are spiritually dead. Breathe life into them, as You did at creation. Infuse them with Your Spirit. As Ezekiel did so long ago, we declare our prayer: “Come to life! He will put His Spirit within you and you will come to life!” Come upon us, Spirit of God! Resuscitate those who have suffocated in their sin. Renew many who have wavered in their love for You. Surprise some who have not yet known You. Raise up great throngs of people throughout the earth to stand before You, filled with life and eager to serve.

Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. John 5:25

People who are spiritually dead have been coming to life by Your word since the day You rose from the grave. We pray that many more in our community will hear Your voice and live by the power of the gospel. Only Your voice gives life. A whisper from You can wake our lifeless friends. One word can rouse our sleeping churches. A shout can raise many throughout our community. Lift Your voice, Son of God! Raise many to fullness of life.

Pray

• For many who are far from God to hear His word and receive His life-giving Spirit.
• For struggling or dying churches to be renewed in Christ’s life.

Pray On Behalf Of

...Troubled Youth

Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases to be, for the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.... “Now I will arise,” says the LORD, “I will set him in the safety for which he longs.” Psalm 12:1, 5

That God will satisfy their deep desires for significance and belonging; for God to break the spiritual and social powers that hold them; for caring Christians to embrace them in the authentic love of God’s family; for blessing upon the neighborhoods they claim.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray at a place where unsupervised youth gather. Speak God’s Word as you walk to spiritually touch the territories with unseen but real declarations of His Lordship, love and blessing.
### Pray

...for Christ’s resurrection power

*Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him.*  
**Hosea 6:1-2**

Our sin has grieved You greatly. It has harmed us far more than we have realized. You have allowed the consequences of our sin to fall upon us. Wounded, we ran from You, blaming You for our pain. Even so, You have preserved us for a time of returning to You. May this be the time of turning and a day of healing for many of our community. The healing of our broken souls may not happen instantly. Give us hope to wait patiently for Your healing to renew us fully. Surely You will revive those You love, so that we no longer run from You, but live before You with face-to-face nearness.

*When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”*  
**Revelation 1:17-18**

Lord Jesus, You are the Living One, alive with a different kind of life. A mere glimpse of Your glory caused Your closest friend to collapse at Your feet as if he were dead. But You touched him and spoke to him, forbidding him to fear. Place Your hand upon us as well, Living One. Speak to our hearts and lift us from our fears. Use the keys in Your hand to unlock the doors of death that hold many of our community in darkness.

### Pray

- For believers to recognize the risen Jesus in the beauty of His glory.
- For the authority of Christ to liberate people from the grip of sin, the fear of death and the deception of evil powers.

### Pray On Behalf Of

... Marriages

*Marriage should be honored by all.*  
**Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)**

Thank God for sturdy marriages that reflect His faithfulness and beauty. Pray especially for marriages which are strained to a breaking point or are failing, that God will bring both hope and help; that He will heal broken hearts and restore intimacy; for every marriage, that God will refresh and re-center homes in Christ.

### PRAYERWALK:

Pray with your spouse (if married) near the homes that may need a special touch of God’s healing upon marriages.
Pray
...for God’s light to bring abundant life

“Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51:7, 10

We have tried to find ways to erase feelings of guilt and shame. But doing self-help therapy or adding religious fervency often darkens the stains of our sin. We renounce the preposterous idea that we could ever make ourselves pure. Make us clean. Free us from the lingering power of sin. Wash away the sense of disgrace and distance from You. Give us confidence that we are pleasing before You. Renew us as a people from the inside so that we are strong and steady to serve You in our day.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Matthew 5:8.

We are conflicted by self-absorbed pride and self-accusing shame. Do Your work, Lord Jesus. We might not ever lift our eyes toward You unless You purify our hearts. Simplify the mix of motives that drives our lives. Clear the clutter of competing desires. Give us a simple, single-hearted passion for You. Align our scattered thoughts and focus our hopes so that the only thing that matters is that You alone will be seen and loved by all.

Pray
- For non-believers to see the hope of whole-hearted purity before God.
- For believers to confess and abandon patterns of sin in order to walk in the joy of holiness

Pray On Behalf Of
... Sick People

He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:14

That God will touch those who are sick in your community with healing and comfort; that they will grow in grace as God walks with them throughout their ordeal; that God will provide for their financial needs; for their caregivers and families; that many will renew their trust in Christ and follow Him boldly, even in affliction.

PRAYERWALK:

Consider those whom may be struggling with chronic illness or pain in your neighborhood. Pray for their healing.
Pray
...for His people to love and obey Him

*I have set before you life and death...So choose life in order that you may live ...by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days. Deuteronomy 30:19-20* 

If all You wanted was perfect performance, You could easily commandeer our minds and program our souls to obey You with never-failing precision. But instead of robotic religious behavior, You desire genuine love that chooses to serve You freely. We have chosen the way of life, but we find that our love easily fades. Keep speaking to us. Let us hear Your voice anew, and we will choose again to obey You. Let us sense the touch of Your hand, and we will cling to You. Steady our wobbly affections so that our love for You will increase throughout our days.

“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” Luke 16:13

Help us, Lord Jesus! Our possessions so easily master us. We have seen how worldly pleasures fragment our lives and become cruel taskmasters. We need more than flimsy resolve to resist the seductive powers of this age. Expose our lesser affections as vain and worthless. Fortify our resolve to despise the treasures of this world. Yes, we love You, but call forth even greater love by the power of Your Spirit; a love that serves You with single-hearted joy.

Pray
- For struggling believers to set aside competing ambitions in order to serve Christ with authentic love.
- For those far from Christ to be nauseated by worldly enticements and become hungry for a life of serving God

Pray On Behalf Of
... Educators

“...but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.” Luke 6:40 (NIV)

That teachers and mentors will impart godly wisdom to help form character in their students; for needed tools and proper facilities; for those who home-school their children; for renewed zeal for truth and virtue; that they would have opportunity to know God in Christ; that believers would know how to pray for their students.

PRAYERWALK:

As you walk around a school, pray for the teachers, administrators and other staff.
Pray
...for God to unite His people

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!... For there the LORD bestows His blessing, even life forevermore. Psalm 133:1, 3 (NIV)

We have been created and saved to unite in worship before You. There are times when we have worshiped together, tasting the joy of finally coming home as Your beloved daughters and sons. But we come to You now as a broken household. Minor differences have sometimes shattered friendships in the family of faith. At times we have ignored, despised or offended one another. Bring us together again. Train us in what is good. Restore what is pleasant. And bring to life the mighty blessing of being together as Your children.

The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one... so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. John 17:22-23

When we are divided by petty agendas or grudges, we are rightly ridiculed by the world for our foolish religious superiority. But when we are fused as one in Your purpose, co-working with You as You co-worked with the Father, we can reflect Your glory to all the world. You have loved us and saved us that we may bear Your beauty. Make us one so that the world will know the glorious love of the Father.

Pray
• For believers to set aside foolish jealousies, repent of sins against each other and be restored to vital unity.
• For divided congregations to become reconciled, reflecting Christ’s beauty.
• For churches in your city to work and worship together.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Health Care Workers

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble. The LORD will protect him and preserve his life; He will bless him in the land. Psalm 41:1-2 (NIV)

That God will equip health care workers of every kind to serve others with loving hearts; that God will bless them with perseverance and joy; that the pressure of their professions will not crush their families and friendships; that many will follow Christ.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray on or near the grounds of a hospital or clinic.
Theme 2

Seeking His Light

This week we will focus our attention on those who have yet to follow Christ. We will be asking God to awaken people from spiritual death. Persuasive words or demonstrations of kindness are not enough to cause people to turn toward God. If people ever come to follow Christ, it is because He draws them to Himself by bringing His light into their darkness.

People are not “lost” to God because they are misdirected or mixed up about religious things. God considers people to be lost when their relationship with Him is broken. That’s why He loves to hear prayer on their behalf—so that His love will be revealed. Pray in hope that there will be great awakenings to Christ, the Light of the world.
Pray
...to bring life from His people to the world

So everything will live where the river goes... by the river on its bank...will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail... and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing. Ezekiel 47:9, 12

You are sending a life-giving river to the world. Your life is already streaming from Your throne, releasing reviving power to us, and then through us to many more. Although the river may only be ankle deep at this hour, we anticipate days of grace when nothing will hold back the fullness of Your life from any place on earth. Unleash this river. Let it flow further than ever before. Remove whatever hinders Your goodness. Flood the nations that have not yet known Your boundless transforming love. Establish Your people everywhere, as if they were healing, nourishing trees amidst the nations.

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.” John 7:37-38

Stand again in our midst, as You did in that day so long ago. Cry out again, raising Your voice so that multitudes will hear. Call us to come to drink deeply of You. Satisfy our deepest yearnings. Fill us to overflowing so that we become life-giving streams to many others.

Pray

• That spiritually thirsty people will hear the voice of Christ calling them to Himself.
• For churches to become sources of healing for what is broken in our cities.
• For Christians to become conduits of God’s life to others.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Ministries

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you. 2 Thessalonians 3:1

That Christian ministries will be founded on God’s truth, anointed by God’s power and funded by God’s people; for refreshed vision and encouragement upon the dedicated workers who labor in specialized service designed to increase the impact of local churches.

PRAYERWALK:

Find a high point from which you can see much of the community. Pray that God would send needed Christian workers to your city and at the same time send Christian workers from your city.
Pray
...for God’s light to bring abundant life

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; and You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life. In Your light we see light. Psalm 36:7-9

From Your house there flows a river, a stream of steady love. Give our friends a taste of that love. Many keep themselves far from You. They are sure that You are angry with them, despising and punishing them. So they wander in the shadows where they think You cannot find them. Allow them to experience Your joy—the joy of Your heart when Your children simply love You. If You give them even a small sip of the fountain of Your favor, they will be drawn near to drink their fill. Overshadow them with the warmth of Your love and bring them all the way home.

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world. The one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” John 8:12

Jesus, light of the world, give our friends who walk in darkness more than a momentary glimpse of Your life-changing light. Call them to follow You. By walking with You, Your light will reach inside them with healing and transforming power. Your light will give them life.

Pray
- For people to experience Christ as life-giving light, exposing darkness and imparting wisdom to live like Him.
- For the light of the gospel to bring many people alive in Christ.

Pray On Behalf Of
... The Poor

I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor. Psalm 140:12

For God to establish the poor so that their spiritual and physical needs are met with dignity and stability; that God will release them from cycles of oppression and despair; that God will reverse every curse and multiply blessing.

PRAYERWALK:
Walk places of poverty and neglect. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you His eyes and His heart in order to pray from hope, not pity. What grieves or gladdens God as He walks amidst the poor?
Pray
...to open the eyes of the blind

How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God....The LORD sets the prisoners free. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD raises up those who are bowed down. Psalm 146:5, 8

You have long been our help and our hope. Since the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob You have promised blessing upon Your people. In Jesus that hope of blessing is confirmed. We are blessed in Him, and so we ask for Your blessing to come upon the spiritually blind and broken of our city. They may not consider themselves to be blind. They may not have known to call upon You for help. And so we pray on their behalf: Open the doors of spiritual bondage. Lift those who have been crumpled by sorrow. Open their eyes to see the beauty of Christ and the hope of trusting Him.

Jesus...said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Lord, we want our eyes to be opened.” Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him. Matthew 20:32-34

How would our friends answer if You asked them what they wanted from You? They may not know what they truly desire. Keep searching their souls. Find those who are desperate to have their vision restored. Move in Your immense compassion, gently touching them so that their eyes are open to You. Restore the spiritual sight of many throughout our city. Those who see You will follow You.

Pray
• For the eyes of the spiritually blind to be opened to recognize God’s love.
• That people would experience the amazing compassion of Jesus.
• For people who encounter Christ to follow Him faithfully.

Pray On Behalf Of
...Refugees

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Deuteronomy 10:18-19 (NIV)

For safe, legal immigration and for conditions to improve in homelands so that extended families will be united; for Christians to open homes and hearts to them; for the gospel to be conveyed clearly; for those desiring to return to homelands to be granted asylum and repatriation; that God would open the way for those desiring a new home to be resettled.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray prayers of welcome, protection and blessing for refugees and immigrants in your community.
Pray...
...for God to prevail over powers of darkness

The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies. ...“I will lead the blind by a way they do not know. in paths they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them.” Isaiah 42:13, 16

Come on, awesome God. You have heard our cry for help. In Your mercy and in Your might, arouse Yourself as our champion warrior. Raise Your voice as a shout of war denouncing the spiritual powers that still hold millions captive in our land. Lift Your voice again, but as a tender shepherd, to summon those who are oppressed or lost. Lead many to freedom, like a herdsman bringing his flock homeward. Fight this war in ways that we cannot. Lead us in ways of freedom that we will never discover on our own. Prevail over evil so decisively that our darkness is turned to Your light.

Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself...While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light. John 12:31-32, 36

Lord Jesus, Your suffering on the cross has broken and shamed every satanic power. You are now raised from death and exalted in resurrection life over all the earth. You did not die to merely conquer the evil one, but to bring people back into full relationship with You. Fulfill that great purpose in our day. Lift the light of Your glory among the people of our city. Be honored by the praise of Your people. Be exalted by the telling of the gospel. Cause many to come to You and become children of light who reflect Your glory.

Pray
- For God to deliver those afflicted by demonic powers in your city.
- For those trapped in cults or the occult, that the Lord would liberate them from darkness to walk in light.

Pray On Behalf Of...
...PASTORS

Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care...Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:2, 7 (NIV)

That pastors and church leaders will be filled with wisdom; that they will be honored by those they serve; that God will pour His Spirit upon them in power and humility, giving fresh intimacy with Jesus; for protection from the plots of the evil one against their families; that deep friendships with other pastors will grow.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray outside a church building for the pastor who serves that church.
Pray
...to rescue people from spiritual darkness

There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in misery and chains, because they had rebelled against the words of God...Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble. He saved them...He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their bands apart. Psalm 107:10-11, 13-14

Many are locked in lifestyles that hold them in darkness. Some search in vain for escape from the grim misery of their lives. Some feel the chill of death already overshadowing them. Hear their cry, O God. Penetrate prisons locked by pride. Shatter the habits that bind them like chains. Break the bars of resentment and hatred that keep them from authentic relationships of love. Light up the darkness of their lives so they can walk away from the grief of sin and follow You.

Men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil... But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God. John 3:19, 21

You constantly bring the light of Your love into many people’s lives. But again and again, they choose to love darkness, preferring to hide in the shadows of habitual sin. We pray that You would energize them by the great power of Your grace to take even one step toward the light of Your truth. And after that first step, give them another, and then another, until they find themselves drawn into the bright hope that they shall be changed.

Pray
- For God to subdue powers of evil that hold people in darkness.
- For the light of the gospel to expose the bondage of rebellion, and to illumine the hope of freedom in Jesus.
- For new believers to put truth into daily practice.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Prisoners and Their Families

You who seek God, let your heart revive. For the LORD hears the needy, and does not despise His who are prisoners. Psalm 69:32-33

That people in jails and prisons will hear the gospel and follow Christ; for fellowships of believers to multiply; that they be protected from violence and forces of spiritual evil; that the spouses and children of prisoners would be sustained, protected, provided for and honored rightly; that released prisoners find strength and wisdom to live abundant lives.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray near a correctional facility or jail. Or as you prayer walk your neighborhood, pray for the homes that have family members or loved ones in prison, even if you do not know which homes they may be.
Pray for Your Community
A Daily Prayer Guide: 16

Pray
...for the word of God to be understood

The unfolding of Your words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple. Psalm 119:130

We long for Your words to become alive in the hearts of our friends. In fear, pride or folly, some of them have darkened the windows of their lives. Even if they have heard the words before, we ask You to send Your word to them yet again. Give them humility of heart to listen and hear Your voice. Send word-bearers who are humble and wise, whose lives match the message. Even a small portion of Your word, when unfolded faithfully, can burst into radiant light. And with Your light bring life.

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45

Lord Jesus, when You unrolled the scrolls in synagogues, You surprised the crowds by opening the Scriptures like no one else had ever done. But You did more than merely open the words, You opened the minds of Your followers to understand. Unblock the minds of those who hear Your word today. Pour light upon the pages as they read. Clear away deception so they will comprehend the amazing greatness of what You have done.

Pray
• For people to read the Bible together, understanding what they read, and obeying what they understand.
• For the Scriptures to get into the hands of truth-seekers in your city.
• That the Spirit of God would illumine His word, bringing clarity and conviction.

Pray On Behalf Of
...University Students

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Psalm 71:17 (NIV)

Pray for many students to follow Christ; for the truth to radiate in a setting that is often hostile and cynical toward matters of faith; for students to make wise decisions, to form godly lifestyles and to shape their careers and ambitions to fulfill God’s global purposes. Pray for leadership to be strong among Christian groups on campuses; for the advance of movements of prayer and mission mobilization; for the ministries that focus on students.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray for students at a place of higher education.
### Pray For Your Community

#### A Daily Prayer Guide: 17

**Pray**

...for revelation leading to repentance

*I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You. Therefore I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes.* **Job 42:5-6**

We pray for the ones who have heard about You, and yet they remain stone-cold to You. Some have been told that You are the source of their suffering. Others are disappointed that You have failed to give them quick solutions to their problems. Reveal Yourself in all Your majesty. Vindicate Your reputation by disclosing Your mighty mercy. Allow them to see how their sin has brought incredible sorrow to Your heart. Disclose Your awesome kindness, so that their stony hearts melt in view of how determined You are to love them. Cause them to behold Jesus Himself—in all His excellence and humility. Receive them with joy as they turn to You.

“Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him. **John 9:36-38**

Some of our friends seem cynical or blind to You. But perhaps they would trust You if they came to know who You really are. Make Yourself known to them as You have revealed Yourself to millions of others. Show them that You are the same Jesus who acted in the Gospels with eye-opening power. May the spiritually blind come to see. May those who see come to believe. And may those who believe become dedicated worshipers.

**Pray**

- For the hard-hearted to encounter Christ’s love so clearly that they reject false ideas about God.
- For spiritually blind people to see Jesus Christ so that they trust Him and become full-hearted worshipers.

### Pray On Behalf Of

#### ... The Physically Disabled

*In all their affliction He was afflicted...In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, and He lifted them and carried them all the days of old.* **Isaiah 63:9**

That they will be surrounded with loving friends and family; for steady refreshment of their hearts toward God; for physical stamina and healing; for financial provision to cover the cost of therapy and special care; that they will know and display the love of God.

### PRAYERWALK:

Pray along the same route that a person with disabilities might use to move through your neighborhood, school or workplace. As you do, pray for someone you know with disabilities.
Pray
...for the light of the gospel to shine

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.

We know the anguish of living in the darkness of our hearts, stumbling over our fears, as if it were always night. Lord of light, we plead for our friends who shuffle along through their days, groping with uncertainty, as if they were blind. They have every good intention, but they cannot find their way. Bring light from heaven upon them, as You did for us. There is no way we can throw on a switch for them. There is no candle we can light. Lift the veil of darkness. Shine like the sun upon their hearts so that they follow You with joy.

Luke 1:78-79

Because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

You have promised to come like the dawn, slow and steady, but eventually brightening everything. When You came, Lord Jesus, You came like a sunrise, shedding life-giving light on those who were captive to a heavy spiritual darkness. Many could suddenly see. And they began to seek You. We ask You now for such an outpouring of Your light upon our city. Come upon the people of our community, surprising them with a different kind of dawn—coming not from the east, but instead, coming from above—revealing the tender power of Your love.

Pray
- For Christ’s light to shine into the darkened hearts of people you know.
- For God to visit your community, revealing His mercy to many.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Mothers

Proverbs 31:25-26, 28 (NIV)

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom...Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.

That God will powerfully refresh mothers in the honor and glory of motherhood; that they will be strengthened with grace, wisdom and love in serving their children; that they will be loved, protected and served by committed husbands; that mothers will model and express God’s own nurturing love.

PRAYERWALK:

Walk through your neighborhood, praying for mothers and grandmothers.
Theme 3

Seeking His Glory

As God works by the power of the gospel, people are transformed by Christ. Their families and communities begin to change, and God is increasingly thanked for His goodness. God receives more glory as people grow into the image of Christ and offer God explicit worship by His Spirit.

This week we are praying for every people group to be evangelized. We aren’t overreaching as we focus on the glory Christ will gain for the Father in a thoroughly evangelized world. Such hope is clearly promised in Scripture. God has been moving in tremendous ways in many parts of the world. Now is the time to pray that God will move even more powerfully so that He will be glorified by a movement of loving obedience in every people throughout the communities of the world.
Pray For Your Community
A Daily Prayer Guide: 19

**Pray**
...for His renown among all peoples

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples. Make them remember that His name is exalted...He has done excellent things. Let this be known throughout the earth. **Isaiah 12:4-5***

Living God, although You are heartily praised in our churches, You are lightly regarded, fiercely hated, or utterly ignored by many in our city. For too long You have gone anonymous. People do not recognize the good things that You do for them constantly. Your goodness is deemed to be luck or coincidence. Kindness is considered a random thing. Lord of glory, we ask You to do something great for Your name. Become famous for who You really are. Re-establish Your reputation among those who have forgotten You. Stir Your people to tell the story of Your glory in their lives so that You are praised beyond the walls of our churches.

*When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be Your name.” **Luke 11:2***

Jesus, You were jealous for Your Father’s glory. Everything You did, said and prayed was intended to reveal the singular beauty of the Father’s heart. Show us how to pray for His renown. Bolster our courage so that we pray large enough to match the great things that the Father longs to do in our community. May the marvels of the Father’s life and blessing soon become known and celebrated among those who have never experienced His love.

For believers to become story-tellers, recounting what God has done for them to friends and neighbors.

**Pray**
- That God will reveal Himself to people who have denied or defied Him.
- For God to be thanked for doing good things in your community.

**Pray On Behalf Of**
... Government Leaders

*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority. **1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)***

That they will be examples of righteousness to our society; that they will experience God’s wisdom in their deliberations; that they will speak and carry out dealings with truth; that they will not hinder the service and worship of Jesus Christ; that they will come to know, honor and follow Christ.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Visit a center of city, state or federal government. Pray on or near the site. Leave a short note for a particular official which describes your prayers for God to bless them.
Pray
...that His people would reflect His great name

Do something for the sake of Your name. For our backsliding is great; we have sinned against You... Why are You like a stranger in the land, like a traveler who stays only a night? Why are You like a man taken by surprise, like a warrior powerless to save? You are among us, O LORD, and we bear Your name! Do not forsake us! Jeremiah 14:7-9 (NIV)

Our sin has degraded Your reputation. We are ashamed to admit that we have sometimes dishonored Your name. When we backslide, in doubt and self-reliance, on looking unbelievers conclude that You are not to be trusted. They regard You as aloof, uncaring or even cruel. And so You have become a bygone memory, a phantom of the ancient past. Forgive us for failing to glorify You. We beg You to vindicate Your name. You are wise, mighty and good. Become great again in our sight. Be exalted in our city and glorious among the nations.

“Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” John 12:28

Our Father, we echo this, the prayer of Your Son, that in these days, Your renown would be greater than ever. You greatly glorified Yourself in Jesus. Now, as You have promised, glorify Your name yet again. If You are known truly, then You can be followed fully. Father, glorify Your name!

Pray
• For backslidden Christians to become faithful, God-honoring followers of Christ.
• For God to be glorified in the words, deeds and prayers of His people.

Pray On Behalf Of
... News Media

These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates. Zechariah 8:16

For people throughout the industries of broadcast and print media to come to know Jesus personally; that attitudes of cynicism will be changed; for those who love Christ to be strengthened in wisdom; for a growing emphasis in their work on that which carries virtue and conveys kingdom values throughout the city.

PRAYERWALK:

Visit a media center, a broadcast station or a publisher of print media. Pray for some of those who are associated with that particular enterprise.
Pray
...to display His love and power by answered prayer

*Hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You, as do Your people. 1 Kings 8:43*

Hear and answer lost people when they pray so that You will be glorified in their sight. No matter how stubbornly they may have fought You, regardless of how far they may have fled from You, have mercy and hear their cry. Hear their desperation with Your perfect wisdom. Be moved by their sorrows with Your boundless compassion. Act swiftly, responding to the weakest whisper of prayer. Demonstrate Your power, win their praise and call them to Your kingdom.

*They were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen remarkable things today.” Luke 5:26*

Lord Jesus, You responded with compassion to the faith of ordinary people as they brought their friends and family members to You. God worked in response to Your prayer with such astounding power that reports rippled throughout entire communities. Honor again the faith of ordinary people who cry out to You. Demonstrate the loving power of the living God so decisively that many will openly exclaim Your praise.

**Pray**
- For God to hear and to answer the prayers of people who do not yet know Christ.
- For Christians to pray for others in wise and sensitive ways.

**Pray On Behalf Of... Orphans**

*You have heard the desire of the humble. You will strengthen their heart. You will incline Your ear to vindicate the orphan and the oppressed. Psalm 10:17-18*

Pray for children who have lost their parents, or who are now in foster care away from their birth parents; for safe, loving, permanent homes with godly adoptive or foster parents; for healing from any effects of physical, emotional or sexual abuse; for siblings to be adopted together; for thousands of young people who have already “aged out” of adoptive services, that they will find wise mentors and a secure place in the family of God.

**PRAYERWALK:**

In many neighborhoods God is calling people to become foster or adoptive parents. Pray that they act in His grace, love and wisdom.
Pray For Your Community
A Daily Prayer Guide: 22

Pray
...to be recognized and honored by leaders

O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling...How blessed are all who take refuge in Him! Psalm 2:10-12

We pray for the leaders of our land. The same forces that exalted them to power could just as quickly turn on them. But angry voters and hostile armies are not their greatest danger. They stand before You, Almighty God, accountable for all their deeds. Because they govern Your little ones and make decisions concerning justice, they will answer to You for every choice and each word. And so we pray that they will submit their governance to Your greater wisdom. Give them hope in Your majesty as Judge of all the earth. May they come to honor You openly. Protect and encourage them as they find true refuge in You. Bless the cities and lands they serve for Your glory.

“When you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” After hearing the king, they went their way... When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house...they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Matthew 2:8-11

Lord Jesus, move upon our leaders so that they will give You glory. Governing leaders are still drawn to You for all the reasons they searched for You at Your birth. Some are threatened by Your coming kingship and so try to oppose You, as if they could rival Your majesty. Yet others wisely rejoice to welcome Your coming kingdom. Reveal Yourself so that leaders honor You as the only one worthy of worship in all the earth.

Pray
- For local, state and national officials to know the truth of Christ and His kingdom.
- For government leaders who do fear God to find courage to openly express reverence and honor for Jesus Christ.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Business People

But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth. Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)

Ask God to bless those who base business practices in righteousness. Pray that God will prosper those who pursue their business as mission for God’s kingdom. Pray for the gospel to spread in the marketplace; for righteous managers and executives; for creative, godly entrepreneurs. Pray that God would frustrate plans which escalate injustice.

PRAYERWALK:

As you pass through a place of business today, pray for Christ to be followed and for His name to be honored in that setting. Pray for God to bless all that expresses His kingdom.
Pray For Your Community
A Daily Prayer Guide: 23

Pray
...for every people group to hear the gospel

Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples... And let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”
1 Chronicles 16:23-24

May the word of Your coming kingdom be announced with such winsome clarity that all the peoples of the earth will hear of Your salvation. You have brought people from distant nations to the cities of our land, but still there are many far from You. Send Your word out like a song, so that the sweet reality of Your love seeps into the souls of those who hear. May Your love be told as an epic story so that people are amazed by the beauty of what You have done for them. Let Your story be told again and again, until every person on earth and every group of our community has heard the story of Your glory.

“Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:39

One man reported the things You did for him to his own family. Then the news went beyond his household so that the whole city heard. Do the same thing yet again in our city. May one relay the gospel to another, and then throughout their households. Make Your word resound through neighborhoods and networks of friends. Fill our entire community with fresh tellings of the gospel. And from our community, send the message to many peoples and places across the face of the earth.

Pray
• For believers to tell their families the story of what Jesus has done for them.
• For the glory and greatness of the gospel to be conveyed in heart-stirring music.
• For gospel movements to surge through whole cities.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Men

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me. Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

That men will seek God and honor Him in faithfulness, wisdom and truth; for their identity to be centered in Christ-like servant leadership; that the vision of their lives would be to serve and advance God’s purposes.

PRAYERWALK:

Ask God to help you focus prayers of blessing on a few of the men that you see today.
Pray For Your Community
A Daily Prayer Guide: 24

Pray
...that many would know and follow Him

Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come, and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, “Let us go at once to entreat the LORD and seek the LORD Almighty. I myself am going.” And many peoples and powerful nations will come. Zechariah 8:20-22 (NIV)

We praise You for the great movements to Christ in far-off places of the earth. Chain reactions of faith are drawing many thousands to You every day. First a family, then a clan and then many throughout entire peoples suddenly surge toward Christ. Yet we can be satisfied if only a few visitors come to our Sunday morning worship. But since Your promise is greater, our hearts know better. Revivals will restore Your wayward people, but we ask You to fulfill Your promise for great awakenings to draw many and mighty nations to seek You. Make our city the scene of such escalating movements.

The Pharisees said to one another... “Look how the whole world has gone after Him!” John 12:19 (NIV)

Lord Jesus, even Your enemies felt that the whole world was coming to You. Great throngs sought You in the cities. Crowds found You in the countryside. Leaders came to You in secret. In our day, and in our community, we ask that You would call forth movements of inquiry, repentance and faith. Train faithful followers to become fruitful leaders who will draw even more to seek You.

Pray
- For the Spirit of God to ignite the hearts of many to seek and to know Jesus.
- For God to raise up disciple-making men and women to sustain new Christward movements.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Health Care Workers

I will set My justice for a light of the peoples. Isaiah 51:4

For native peoples who live in or near your community to be honored for who they are and for all God intends them to be; that God would heal the wounds to our nation that have resulted from broken treaties and mistreatment; that the tribes will be treated justly and find their destiny and highest dignity; that churches will flourish among them and that God’s praise will resound in native languages.

PRAYERWALK:

As you prayerwalk, consider the native peoples who first dwelt in the area that has become your city. Pray for their descendants.
Pray
...for God to be worshiped by all peoples

All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous deeds. You alone are God. Psalm 86:9-10

You have set Your heart to call forth a worshiping people from every language and land. You have made them, and by the blood and life of Christ You have re-made them, some from every people. The coming extravaganza of worshipers is more certain than today’s headlines. And so we pray with confidence: Complete what You have begun! Surpass Yourself by exhibiting even greater deeds of healing and power. Become famous for transforming lives. Gather worshipers from the diverse peoples in our community. Be honored as the only living God. And may Your praise resound in all the earth.

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. John 4:23

We do not have to persuade You to seek worshipers. You have yearned to be worshiped with a passion that is ancient, vast and forceful, beyond human description. It is right for us to plead that Your love would be answered by love-filled worship from all peoples. Now is the hour. Search our community and find the devoted worshipers You have so long desired.

Pray
• For worship leaders to be filled with God’s Spirit and focused on biblical truth.
• For Christians to find themselves energized by the Father’s zeal to be truly worshiped in love.
• For Christ-centered worship to emerge in every ethnic community of your community.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Judges and Law Enforcement

Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right. Psalm 106:3 (NIV)

Pray for wisdom, principled patience and gentle authority; for physical and emotional protection; for strength and blessing for their families; that they will become agents of God’s hand to resist evil and bring an environment in which heaven’s justice can increase.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray outside the nearest police station or court. Leave a short personal note for judges or police leaders letting them know how Christians are praying for them today.
Theme 4

Seeking His Righteousness

Righteousness is sometimes misunderstood as merely being right. But righteousness has nothing to do with religious superiority. It is simply life rightly lived in God’s sight. Because of Christ’s life and power, broken people can be changed to live in Christ’s righteousness.

God has purposed to bring about much more than personal righteousness. The kingdom of God is marked by peace, joy and righteousness lived out in everyday life (Romans 14:17). God desires to change many people at once so that the righteous character of Christ goes on display throughout entire communities.
Pray
...for the righteousness of a few to bring blessing on many

Abraham will surely become a great nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed...For I have chosen him so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.

*Genesis 18:18-19*

As Abraham prayed for the city of Sodom, You disclosed Your ways to him: Because of the righteousness of a few, You would show mercy and bring blessing on many. We approach You now as Abraham's children by faith, that You would have mercy and bring blessing on our community. We cannot claim to have fully lived out the justice and righteousness of Christ. Do more than forgive us. Reform us and train us to be the righteous people that You have long desired. As You transform our lives in Christ’s righteousness, even though we are few, bring about some of Your long-promised blessing upon many of our community.

...for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. *Matthew 3:15*

Lord Jesus, when You stepped forward to be baptized, You were not seeking to be made righteous. You had lived a perfect life and had no need to be washed clean. Instead, You were seeking to fulfill a larger purpose, that many would be transformed by Your life in order to live right lives. Fulfill what You began. Make many people righteous in the sight of God as they follow You in faith. May their lives become a spectacle of Your character, justice and truth in the sight of many of our community.

That people will trust and follow Christ, and live right lives by His power.
That justice would be pursued by Christians of your community.

Pray
- That people will trust and follow Christ, and live right lives by His power.
- That justice would be pursued by Christians of your community.

Pray On Behalf Of
... Unemployed People

*That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. Ecclesiastes 3:13 (NIV)*

That God will meet the needs of those without work in a way that they can clearly thank God for His provision; that they will soon find meaningful employment and glorify God for it; that God will open the way for righteous trade so that the entire city prospers in His provision.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Pray for those in neighborhoods who have recently lost their job or are struggling to find one.
### Pray

...to intervene in order to bring forth justice

_Arise, O LORD, in Your anger...O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous. For the righteous God tries the hearts and minds...God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day._

_Psalm 7:6, 9, 11_

Every day You behold the evil of those who exploit the weak, abuse the young or cheat the poor. And every single day You smolder with rage at the sight. Arise, O Judge of all the earth! We cry out for justice, not because we are righteous, but because You are righteous. Only in You is highest righteousness, and at the same time, utmost mercy. And so with awe and fear we approach You, knowing our brokenness. We call on You to restrain runaway evil. And at the same time, we ask You to redeem broken people to become like Your Son. Examine our hearts and reshape our minds, so that we love what is delightful in Your sight.

_Will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth? Luke 18:7-8 (NIV)_

We want to answer “Yes,” to Your question. You will indeed find faith on the earth. May we be among those found praying for You to overturn the works of darkness. We now approach Your court to present our case, even if we must come daily to repeat the same appeal again and again. Overrule the evil that abuses many people of our land. Intervene to bring justice. When You return, we want to be among those who never gave up asking You to put Your justice on display within the days of history.

**Pray**

- For the laws of the land to be framed upon God’s standards of righteousness.
- For God to overturn the status quo of injustice and entrenched evil.

### Pray On Behalf Of

... Youth

_Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace... Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD! Psalm 144:12,15 (NIV)_

For teens to radically and completely commit their lives to Christ; to make wise choices; for older mentors; for authentic friendships with their peers who are following Jesus; for open trust and communication with parents; for God’s intentions for their generation to come forth in fullest measure.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Pray with your eyes open or people in their teens. Envision them following Christ five, ten or more years from now.
**Pray**

*...to inspire a yearning for righteousness*

While following the way of our judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You eagerly. Your name, even Your memory, is the desire of our souls....Indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently; for when the earth experiences Your judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. *Isaiah 26:8-9*

In these drastic days Your dealings are as mysterious as they are magnificent. We watch and yearn in hope for You to vindicate Your good and great name. Though darkness appears to prevail, You will not fail to bring Your kingly rule upon the earth. We pray for those who pursue evil, heedless of Your love or Your judgment. Show them mercy! Reveal to them the excellence of Your wisdom and the beauty of Your righteousness. Awaken many to the great hope of Your coming, and may they come to welcome Your Lordship now.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.* *Matthew 5:6*

Of course we like the idea of living righteously. It sounds proper and virtuous. But we may have treated true righteousness as if it were merely an option for the super-committed. But the beauty of Christ’s righteousness is among Your greatest gifts. Ignite a deep and increasing desire for the risen, living Jesus to bring about His life in our midst. Cause this longing to be as all-consuming as hunger, and as powerful as thirst. Satisfy our hope to see the righteousness of God flourish in our community.

**Pray**

- For God to free people from hypnotic delusions of sin to experience the satisfying joy of life in Christ.
- For God to awaken in people a yearning like hunger to live in the fullness of Christ’s righteousness.
- For transformed lives to bring about changed communities that reflect the light and love of Christ.

**Pray On Behalf Of**

*... Substance Abusers*

On the day the LORD gives you relief from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage. *Isaiah 14:3 (NIV)*

That God will break every form of bondage, including alcoholism and drug addiction. Pray for wise counselors to bring intervention and help; that God will heal their minds and bodies; that they will turn from self-centeredness to living their lives for Christ.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Consider those in your neighborhood who may be bound by addiction to drugs or alcohol. Ask God to free them.
**Pray For Your Community**

**A Daily Prayer Guide: 29**

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The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me...To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD...So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins. They will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

*Isaiah 61:1-4*

Send Your Spirit upon Your people. Plant seeds of hope in the hearts of the downcast. Cause them to grow quickly and spread widely, implanting righteousness where there was none. Raise up Your people to rebuild devastated communities, even places considered dead for generations. The remade city does not consist of steel beams or sleek glass. The community You are creating is alive and powerful with righteous life, renewed from within, growing slow and strong like a forest of solid oaks. Come upon us Spirit of God. Bring the promised time of favor for our community.

“*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.*”...

*And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*  

Luke 4:18-19, 21

The Spirit of the Lord is still upon You, Anointed One. Because You live with resurrected power, the same “year of favor” continues to this day. Push this promise to even greater fulfillment in this hour. Pour Your Spirit upon all of Your people. Extend favor upon entire communities, giving many the opportunity to hear Your word, to see Your love and to be lifted from all that binds them.

**Pray**

- For God to empower Christians by His Spirit to renew their communities.
- For many to experience God’s favor

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*But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us.*  

*2 Corinthians 7:6 (NIV)*

That God’s healing presence will reach them; that the light of truth will dispel lies and the oppressive power of Satan; for helpful counsel; for the healing of long-standing wounds of mind and soul; that they would know the comfort and joy of the Holy Spirit; for the renewing of their minds in Christ.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Pray for people you see today who may be downcast, even though they appear to be cheerful and strong.
Pray for freedom from terror

*In righteousness you will be established. You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; and from terror, for it will not come near you. Isaiah 54:14*

Come Prince of Peace! Reports of random violence in faraway lands have now become threats of impending terror close to home. In this darkened day, we see no right way to respond to the looming threat of evil. We stand with You in the singular goodness of Your righteousness. Your righteousness has already triumphed over hell itself. Give Your people a bold hope that under the influence of Your Lordship, there can once again be civil community life. Only such hope can withstand the fearsome force of terror itself. Established on the rock of Your righteousness, may our friendship overcome fear. As we obey You by loving neighbors as well as enemies, cause our kindness to become contagious.

To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. *Luke 1:74-75*

Give Your people a way to live uprightly for Your glory in wide-open, public ways. We have presumed that persecution is something long ago or far away. But now we face hostility. We cannot rescue ourselves. It is Yours to save. It is ours to serve. Establish Your people in the safety of following Christ in the virtue of His righteousness. Do not give us the beauty of His holiness apart from the vulnerability of His suffering. Grant Your people a way to worship and serve You fearlessly in the midst of reprisals so that Christ will be glorified.

Pray
- For believers to live free from fear and to become peace-bearers in your city.
- That churches and believers worldwide would be delivered from persecution.

Pray On Behalf Of
...Fathers

*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)*

That fathers will look to God as the ultimate spiritual head of their household, serving and caring for their families; that God will instill a vision for wholesome, supportive fatherhood among the fathers of the city; that absentee fathers would change their lifestyles to nurture their wives and children; that children will see the character of the heavenly Father in the lives of their dads.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Pray for the fathers in your workplace or near your home
Pray
*...to establish righteous leaders*

*Then I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. After that you will be called the city of righteousness, a faithful city. *Isaiah 1:26*

You know the hearts of our leaders. They have hoped that right and wise governance would be a reality in our communities. You recognize their motives to desire the greatest good. But You also know how they may have been tempted or compromised. Grant them the humility of sober hope, a hope that guards against the worst of wickedness, but stubbornly aspires to the heights of Your righteousness. Restore their courage to do what may be unpopular. Purify their motives and give them strength to do the right things for all the right reasons. May our community become notorious for righteous and wise leaders. May it be acclaimed as a place of faithfulness.

*Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.* *John 7:24*

Lord Jesus, our leaders are constantly pressured to please different groups and agendas. To prolong their power, they are tempted to tell white lies that are not clearly false, but are not really true. Lord of truth, fill them with the fear of God. Give them confidence in Your ways, so that they will act according to Your righteousness.

Pray
- For judges, court officials and lawmakers to fear God.
- For corruption to be purged from our justice system.
- For business leaders to pursue more than profits, but community-wide righteousness.

Pray On Behalf Of
*...Agricultural Workers*

*For the LORD your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.* *Deuteronomy 16:15 (NIV)*

That God will abundantly bless families who farm, ranch or support agricultural industries; that they would follow Christ and find ways to be part of life-giving churches. Pray especially for migrant workers who sometimes face injustice and great difficulties.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Pray in a rural area for God’s blessing on the land and the families He has placed there.
Pray

...for community-wide righteousness

*Hosea 10:12*

Sow with a view to righteousness, reap in accordance with kindness. Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the LORD until He comes to rain righteousness on you.

For years fellow Christians have served our city in many ways. We envisioned tremendous moves of God following after our labors and prayers. But having done what we can, our city seems only slightly improved. How long until we see the harvest of transformation? We seek You, life-giving God. Visit our community with power and life from heaven, like a slow, steady rainfall. Cause our caring deeds to be as seeds that sprout to life and bear lasting fruit. Manifest Your vast presence, even in our small acts of kindness, so that many more come to seek You and the righteous life You give. Bring forth long seasons of city-wide righteousness.

*Matthew 6:33*

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

As individual believers, we stand before You in the marvelous righteousness of Christ. But we want more than being right with You in a personal way. We desire Your kingdom and Your character throughout our community. This is not too much to hope for. Your jurisdiction already extends to all the streets, homes and businesses of our city. Cause many more to serve You as Lord and King. By their eager obedience cause Your kingdom to come so that Your will is actually done in the affairs of business, education and governance.

Pray

- For believers to seek God’s kingdom above all other things.
- For Christ’s Lordship to change people in their personal life as well as in their public affairs.

Pray On Behalf Of

... Arts and Entertainment

*Exodus 35:31, 33 (NIV)*

He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts... to engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship.

That God will inspire artists and those in the entertainment industry with creativity and wisdom that reflect God’s beauty; that they will seek God themselves and come to follow Christ with courage; that their work will bring strength, goodness and hope to our communities.

PRAYERWALK:

Visit a theater, art museum or place of entertainment for the purpose of praying for the artists and those working in support capacities.
Theme 5

Seeking His Peace

Jesus did not promise that peace would prevail in this age. He actually assured us that there would be great conflicts until the end. Nevertheless, it is always right to pray for God to bring peace.

God’s peace is not absence of war, it is the infusion of heaven’s life on earth. Christ’s peace is what love looks like, as people learn to walk in God’s ways and live in His power. Although peace will not prevail in this age, we can be sure that the risen Lord is creating outbreaks of heaven’s peace in every community as a sign that His kingdom is on the way.
Pray
...for Christ to bless the nations with peace

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice. *Genesis 22:18*

You disclosed Your purpose to Abraham, assuring him that You would bring about a marvelous destiny amidst every people. When this ancient purpose comes to be fulfilled, tangible blessing will abound in every language and lineage of humankind. The promise of Your blessing means that the story of every people will somehow culminate with exhibitions of the righteousness, peace and joy of Your kingdom. We ask You to bring forth the most basic blessing: Your peace, well-being and hope amidst every segment of our city. Increase this peace so that respect, honor and goodwill flows between the diverse peoples of our community.

*Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.* *John 8:56*

Abraham saw You coming. He envisioned Your day, Lord Jesus. He rejoiced to see Your coming glory throughout all peoples, cultures and nations. Open the eyes of our hearts so that we, like Abraham so long ago, will envision the peace of Your kingdom in our midst. Give us faith to labor and pray, so that we become Your blessing in our city. Cause Your people to rejoice in glad confidence that Your peace will ultimately prevail.

Pray
- For respect, honor and goodwill to be formed between diverse peoples and races that live in your community.
- For culturally relevant churches to be planted among every ethnicity of your community.

Pray On Behalf Of
... the Military

*A centurion came to Him, asking for help...When Jesus heard this, He was astonished and said... “I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”* *Matthew 8:5, 10 (NIV)*

For the gospel to spread through the special relationships of military life; for courage and protection in the danger of battle; for wisdom and the fear of the Lord when military personnel are called upon to do the work of governing and enforcing law; for grace upon chaplains and other spiritual leaders; that God will fortify families stretched by numerous moves and separations.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Pray near a military base or establishment.
**Pray For Your Community**

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**Pray**

...for Christ to restore relationships

*I have hidden My face from this city because of all their wickedness: Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace...It will be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them. Jeremiah 33:5-6, 9*

Many of our city have surmised that there will always be conflict between races, religions, genders and generations. Our family ties, our friendship bonds have weakened, blighted by the wickedness of selfish ambition and jealousy. We will never again turn toward each other if Your face remains turned away from us. Turn toward us Lord God! Forgive our wickedness. Heal our broken souls. Persuade our cynical hearts that You can bring abundant peace. Do it for Your glory, Lord God. Become famous for bringing peace to our community.

*If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:42*

In the hostilities of our community we can do little more than merely negotiate temporary truces. We have proven ourselves powerless to heal broken relationships. Only You, Lord Jesus, can change the hearts of people to bring forth heaven’s peace. We are blind to what You bring, a grace that truly renews relationships of every kind. Lift the blinders from our eyes. Reveal Your ways and help us to walk in them.

**Pray**

- For hostile relationships to be reconciled in Christ.
- For believers to recognize God-given opportunities to make peace in their neighborhoods and networks.

**Pray On Behalf Of... Broken Families**

*The L ORD...sustains the fatherless and the widow. Psalm 146:9*

Pray for healing of broken or embittered relationships; for comfort when a family member has passed away. Pray that the Father heart of God will overshadow children, that they would know the joy of being part of God’s family; that God will meet financial needs, bring supportive friends and grant hope to many who come to follow Christ.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Apartment buildings often house fragmented families. Pray around an apartment complex, focusing prayers on those who have been bereaved or divorced.
Pray

...for God to restore children to their parents

All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children’s peace. *Isaiah 54:13 (NIV)*

You have given parents the great responsibility to become the pattern that their children will follow. Even the best of parents in stable homes can fail to guide their children well. Children often rebel with no apparent cause. So we approach You, our marvelous Father in heaven. Make Your presence known in our homes. Reconcile wayward parents to their children. Restore prodigal sons and daughters to their parents. Open our minds and lives to receive You as our teacher. And may Your peace be great in homes throughout our community.

*And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them...And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them. Mark 10:13, 16*

When parents brought their kids to You, Lord Jesus, what kind of blessing did You pray? What did You bestow upon the little ones? What kind of hope for them was in Your heart? As we pray today, we bring the children of our community to You. Young or old, we still present them to You. We imagine You taking them in Your arms, healing their hearts and touching their inmost brokenness. Give us ways to speak Your words of blessing so that our children will fulfill Your highest desires.

**Pray**

- For parents to bless their children, speaking openly about God’s plans for good in their lives.
- For daughters to live with single-minded zeal to love and serve Jesus.
- For sons to focus the passions of their hearts on Christ and His kingdom.

**Pray On Behalf Of**

... Laborers

*Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Psalm 128:1-2 (NIV)*

Pray that God will reveal the dignity and honor of doing work as unto Christ; that workplaces would be a setting of safety, joy and friendship; for workers to be treated with justice and dignity; for continued employment in the changing global economy; for many to follow Christ and serve Him openly in the workplace with co-laborers.

**PRAYERWALK:**

Almost every community has factories, construction sites or other places of industry. Pray for the laborers in these places.
Pray For Your Community
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Pray
...for enemies to be blessed

*When a man’s ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*  *Proverbs 16:7*

We like to think that we have no personal enemies. But in fact we avoid the ones we fear and ignore the ones we have wronged. We have often failed at making peace. Left on our own, we will only succeed in defending ourselves. We want to please You in all of our relationships. Do more than just forgive us; empower us to forgive. Train us in Your ways. Reform our attitudes. Give us hearts to bless the ones who may have harmed us. Grant us favor, even with those hostile to us, and cause us to live in peacemaking ways that please You.

*But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.*  *Matthew 5:44-45*

Even as Your enemies nailed You to a cross, You cried out for God to forgive them. In our day we see enemies of the cross rising up with alarming strength. Make us to be Your sons and daughters who prove Your love by enduring the hostility of those who hate You with prayers of blessing. Give these, Your enemies, what none of us deserve: the forgiveness and blessing of Your love.

Pray
- That believers would love and pray for their enemies.
- For those who oppose Christ to experience His mercy.
- For Christians suffering under oppressive governments to remain faithful, in all things following Christ’s example.

Pray On Behalf Of
... the Athletic Industry

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory... Wealth and honor come from You... In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.*  *1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NIV)*

Pray for those in support roles and those with higher profiles, that they will know Christ and fulfill God’s calling in their lives. Pray that athletes would be good examples of dedication, commitment and courage; that they will live with integrity and carry out the responsibility of wealth and reputation; that God will reveal His calling and purpose for the students and coaches in college and university programs.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray on-site at the scene of an upcoming sports event near you.
Pray

...to calm the storm of war

He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war. Isaiah 2:4

Intervene by Your authority in the affairs of the nations. Calm the storm of war that rolls across the face of the earth. Accomplish what thousands of diplomats could never achieve. Isaiah’s promise speaks of what You will do at the very end of the age. But we dare to ask that in our day You will move to bring an outbreak of peace that will signify, in a momentous way, the peace of the age to come. As You bring an end to relatively small conflicts in our community, reveal Yourself as the powerful peacemaking King that You are.

In His name the nations will put their hope. Matthew 12:21 (NIV)

For many reasons, people from many nations have arrived in our city. Some have come with dreams of prosperity and peace. Others are exiles and refugees, with lingering anger and despair. Disappointment affects them all, despite the best intentions of nice neighbors and appointed leaders. May this be the time, Lord Jesus, that the nations look to You. And may this city be the place where You are seen to be the sole hope of the nations. Reveal Yourself now by Your Spirit so that families, clans and entire peoples are moved to hope in You.

Pray

- For God to resolve racial or ethnic conflicts that may persist in your community.
- That people from distant lands will come to encounter the hope that is in Jesus.

Pray On Behalf Of

... Ethnic Communities

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him. Psalm 22:27 (NIV)

That God will bring racial harmony; that long-standing offenses may be healed by the forgiveness that begins in Jesus; that Christians show honor and act in Christ’s reconciling power; that the beauty of distinctive languages and cultures would be on display in local churches.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray blessings in a neighborhood with an ethnic identity different than your own; or pray blessings upon a business owned by people of another ethnicity than yours.
**Pray For Your Community**

**A Daily Prayer Guide: 38**

**Pray**

...to gather all peoples in worship

*This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD...when the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD. Psalm 102:18, 22*

What has been promised must be fulfilled: You will save and create a people from all peoples. Since the day Christ rose from the dead You have been forming this new body of worshipers. This global people will name You with praise that resonates throughout the earth. We long to hear that song. But at this hour we are not yet gathered as one people. We still find ourselves separated and segregated in our cities. Hear us as we unite our prayers. Look with favor upon us as we gather to serve You in worship. Assemble us before You as one family drawn together from many peoples.

*He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.’” Mark 11:17*

Lord Jesus, continue what You began to teach us. Correct our jaded and stale ideas about worship. Instruct our hearts so that we blaze with hope for the destiny of all peoples. The global people You are forming will become so diverse and numerous that we will never fit in any of our church buildings. Be pleased with our humble gatherings, but form us to be a global house, made without hands, coming together as summoned from every culture, language and race. Call diverse assemblies of the peoples to worship You together in the beauty of truth and in the fullness of Your Spirit. As we come to You, make Your home with us.

**Pray**

- For city-wide worship events that bring the community together in festivals of praise.
- For churches divided by different traditions to experience unity in worshiping Jesus

**Pray On Behalf Of**

... the Unborn

*For He will deliver...the afflicted who have no one to help. He will...save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight. Psalm 72:12-14 (NIV)*

That these precious children will be acknowledged and honored by all; for each of them to find sheltering homes; that the awful waste of their lives would cease; that they would come to Christ at an early age; for the parents of unborn babies, that God would turn their hearts toward their children.

**PRAYERWALK:**

As you pray for your neighbors or coworkers, pray that God will break the power of self-centered lifestyles that disregard children, and that He will forgive and heal those who have harmed their children in any way.
Pray
...for Christ’s Lordship to be welcomed by the nations

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you. He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey...And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; and His dominion will be from sea to sea. Zechariah 9:9-10

Before You come to bring an end to the age, You will come in triumphant humility, to bring a better salvation than anyone expected. Your voice will be lifted up, somehow speaking so that everyone will hear. What You say will be gentle, disarming evil powers without conventional weapons. Already many have heard Your voice. Already You have been speaking peace in the midst of war. We welcome You as You come to our community. Without waging a war of conquest, You have already conquered our hearts. You will soon be utterly victorious over evil. Come magnificent King! Our hope is fixed on You.

And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. Luke 8:40

We cannot know when You will come again, but find us waiting expectantly when You do. We are not merely waiting for the end of all things. Instead, we are waiting for You to begin all things that last and matter. And that’s why we do more than wait for You. We welcome You. As an act of love, we welcome You. May our expectancy incite others of our community to receive You. May there be many in our community who love Your kingdom and Your appearing. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Pray
• That Jesus will be expected and loved by many who wait eagerly for His return.
• For a visitation of Christ’s peacebringing presence to be welcomed by millions across the face of the earth

Pray On Behalf Of
... Elderly People

Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way. Genesis 24:1

That God’s strength and peace will be poured out on everyone who is advanced in years. Pray that they may be honored, that they may be cared for; that loneliness be banished through lasting friendships and family bonds; that sickness be lifted; that they may live to see their prayers answered; that their latter years will be significant, reflecting the glory of God.

PRAYERWALK:

Pray for the oldest person you know in your neighborhood. Or pray at a retirement community or an extended care facility.
Pray
...for Christ to visit our communities with His presence and transforming power

The LORD is God, and He has given us light. Psalm 118:27

Lord God, give us light so that Jesus becomes utterly marvelous in our eyes. Make us strong in hope and eager in expectancy. Give light to many throughout our city, so that Jesus will be welcomed, followed and loved.

When He came near...the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Luke 19:37-40 (NIV)

You have come, not by campaign or by conquest. You come in the name of the everlasting God, to be our king. You are the Lord. Be welcomed in our city in the same way You were received on that triumphal ride so long ago. Many people had tasted the sweet freedom of the gospel of Your kingdom. They had seen Your humble might in overcoming evil powers. They raised their voices exclaiming You as altogether unique. They loved the idea of You as their Lord.

Do such great things, wondrous things, in our community. Act in answer to prayers in Your name. Heal, restore and reconcile. Make people different in ways that defy simple explanations. Move in ways that are open and public that cannot be dismissed. Bring about a groundswell of open praise. And may the peace of Your kingdom in our community be as great as Your glory in heaven.

Pray
- For Christ to do great things through His people.
- For people to experience healing, restoration, and reconciliation in the name of Christ.

Pray On Behalf Of
... The Coming Generation

When the chief priests and the scribes saw ... the children who were shouting in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants...You have prepared praise for Yourself’?” Matthew 21:15-16

That many who are now small children would soon become passionate followers of Christ; that during their lifetimes they will finish evangelizing the world; that they will endure suffering to overcome evil and bring forth the promised blessing of God upon all peoples; that they will give Christ the finest whole-life worship of all history.

PRAYERWALK:

Walk your city thinking of the people who will live there in years to come, should the Lord delay His second coming. Pray for the generation that will be dwelling in your city when Christ returns.