

PRAYER GUIDE

Week of Prayer and Fasting January 15-21, 2023

As we enter a new year and look ahead to all that this year will bring, we are filled with excitement and longing as we anticipate the completion of our new Worship Center and expansion. More than that, we desire to see God do great things in our personal lives and in our Church Family. Take time to pray through the following guide, bringing praises, thanksgivings, and petitions to God. Let us look to Him as the Source and Sustainer.

Day 1: Pray for personal revival.

Read and pray Psalm 42:1. Ask God to give you a greater hunger and thirst for Him. Ask God to do greater things in your daily *walk* with Him and in our ongoing *work* as a church! Ask God to show you ways He can better glorify Himself in your life. Let us pray that God would be honored for who He is and what He has done for us.

Day 2: Pray for God's direction.

Ask God to guide Pastor Phillip, our Ministry Team, and those serving on Leadership Teams. Pray for wisdom, discernment, peace, and unity. Pray for our staffing and ministry needs, specifically a school Superintendent and Missions Pastor as these are two important roles in our Kingdom efforts. Pray that God would lead us into the future He has for us, and that we would be willing and eager to follow.

Day 3: Pray for God's protection.

Ask God to guard us from anything that would hinder or entangle us (Hebrews 12:1-2). Remember we are fighting against spiritual warfare. Read and pray through Ephesians 6:10-20. Pray against the enemy's schemes. Christ taught us that the Church will prevail (Matthew 16:18-19), so pray for power to overcome and God's protection to see us through.

Day 4: Pray for God's hand and favor to be upon us.

Read Psalm 90:17 and ask God to have favor on us and establish the work here. Pray for the construction work: all of the workers, contractors, managers, and overseers. Ask God to make it clear (1) who we are as a church and (2) where we are. Pray that the facilities will facilitate greater ministry. Also, pray for Mt. Juliet Christian Academy and Rutland Place.

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Day 5: Pray for a harvest of people to be saved.

We want to see a movement of people come to saving faith in Christ in Mt. Juliet and this region! Read and pray 2 Corinthians 4:4. Ask God to remove the spiritual blinders from those hearing the Word that they might see God with a heart of faith. Read and pray about the parable of the soils in Mark 4:1-20. Let us pray that the hearts of both the saved and unsaved would be responsive and obedient to the Word. May God embolden us to share our faith with others.

Day 6: Pray for laborers for the harvest.

Read and pray through Mathew 9:37-38. We have great needs for volunteers in several ministry areas, and we have needs that don't even have ministries yet because we don't have the volunteers: new and additional Small Group Leaders, Ushers, Parking Lot, Worship Team, and more. Ask God to open your eyes and heart to areas of service in which He has gifted and is calling you to serve. Ask God to raise up volunteers to meet all of our needs. Pray that God would expand our ministries and community engagement because of the willing laborers as we serve our community.

Day 7: Praise God for His provision and faithfulness to us.

We celebrate the faithfulness of God's people that are following God's vision for our church as you've given generously for Kingdom advancement! For example, we are nearing \$3 million given toward our Faith. Forward. Future. Campaign in just two years! Ask God to continue to provide for all of our needs: helping us to resolve debt, raise the funds for the campaign, and support ministry needs. Ask Him to help us be faithful stewards of all He has given.

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