40 Days of Prayer



Are you ready for a 40 day prayer journey?

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." Hebrews 3:4

In just a few weeks the capital campaign phase for committing resources to build a new Ministry Center on CR 99 will get fully underway.

Scripture makes it very clear that no house, or Ministry Center, or any other journey in this life should be started without seeking the Lord's will and guidance. So, as we enter into the Building to Change Lives campaign to do a spiritual work with eternal consequences, the first thing we want to do is to reach out to God individually and collectively in prayer.

Through prayer, Jesus was able to multiply the loaves and fishes in a remarkable way. Through prayer, God can surprise all of us about the resources we can make available sacrificially to build a facility that will serve the Lord in a remarkable way in the Northwest side of Findlay and reaching out to all the surrounding areas.

Consequently, this is an introduction to a 40-day Prayer Guide. This time of prayer is twofold. First, through prayer, we want to align our own hearts with God's heart. Second, we seek God's will for the role we can play in the accomplishment of God's plan.

In addition, we want to ask God's faithful hand as we anticipate that Satan will oppose any church that seeks to advance God's kingdom.

The next page of this Prayer Guide is an example of one way you might choose to use the guide. Taking time to meditate on the prayer suggestion for each day and the accompanying scripture will help prepare you for prayer that day.

May God bless us all in a work to bring glory to His name!

From your Elders and the Building to Change Lives Prayer Team

Here is one example as to how you can use the following daily prayer pages.

Pray for us to have a spirit of humility and hearts that are in harmony with God's will for our church and for the future home that we will build to change lives.



Read and Meditate

Isaiah 66: 1-2

Day 1-Monday-February 1

This is what the LORD says:

All scripture is from the New International Version translation.

"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?

Has not my hand made all these things, Clocker of all and so they came into being?" Gardo at it was declares the LORD.

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Day 1

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²Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray for the Advance Commitment Team as they visit with people in our church about giving to the campaign.



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John 17:20-21

Day 2

²⁰ My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that a spirit of hospitality would characterize our church and that our future site would be a place where the light is always on, where the stranger is welcome, and where the lonely finds a family.



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Matthew 25:34-36

Day 3

³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that the design and inspiration of our new ministry center will reflect the heart of Christ to the community.



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Psalm 127:1

Day 4

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:	

Pray that as we encounter this new season we would have a fresh realization of God's immense power and believe that nothing is impossible for him.



Read and Meditate		
Jeremiah 32:17	Day 5	
	have made the heavens and the earth by your great drawn. Nothing is too hard for you.	
Reflection:	Prayer Journal:	

Pray for our small groups meeting together, that they would be a place where we can experience family, transformation, and impact.



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Romans 16:3-5

Day 6

- ³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. ⁴ They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.
- ⁵ Greet also the church that meets at their house.

Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for the joy of the Lord to overflow in our congregation. Ask God to help us exhibit that joy to our community throughout the week.



Read and Meditate	Day 7	
Philippians 4:4		
Rejoice in the Lord alwa	ys. I will say it again: Rejoice!	
Reflection:	Prayer Journal:	

Pray for our pastors and their families, that they would have wisdom, power, endurance, joy, and peace in all circumstances.



Read and Meditate		
Ephesians 6:19	Day 8	
Pray also for me, that w	henever I speak,	words may be given me so that I will
fearlessly make known t	the mystery of th	e gospel,
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Pray that God would strengthen and protect marriages in our church. Pray that our future site would be a place where marriages are restored and invigorated.



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Ephesians 5:21, 22, 25

Day 9

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Pray against the attacks from the enemy who will try to divide us and discourage us during this season. Praise God that he already has the victory.



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John 17:14-15

Day 10

¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray for the young adults in our congregation. Ask that the Lord would grow their faith to be strong and vibrant.



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Psalm 144:12

Day 11

Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:	

Pray that our future ministry center would be a place of healing for those suffering spiritually, emotionally, or physically, like a hospital for the sick.



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Acts 4:29-31

Day 12

- ²⁹ "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."
- ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that God would give us a heart for our neighbors. Ask that the Lord would break down barriers that keep us from reaching out, and help us to love our neighbors well.



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Mark 12:29-31

Day 13

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray for those who are hurting in our congregation, that God would reach out and comfort them.



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2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Day 14

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray that God would help us throw off the sin that so easily entangles us and fix our eyes on Jesus, so God can make us more like him.



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Hebrews 12:1-3

Day 15

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for our church staff and their families, that God would give them the strength and grace to equip the church for its mission.



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Isaiah 41:10

Day 16

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray our new ministry center would give us a greater capacity and opportunities for fulfilling our vision in our area.



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Ephesians 2:6-10

Day 17

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for the children in our church, that they would feel like they belong, believe in Jesus, and become disciples. Ask that the new ministry center would be a place where generations of our children are impacted with the Gospel.



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Matthew 19:13-15

Day 18

¹³ Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ¹⁵ When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:	

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that we would be able to give to God any anxieties we have during this season and remember how much he cares for us.



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1 Peter 5:7	Day 19	
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Cast all your anxiety	on him because he cares for you.	
Reflection:	Prayer Journal:	

Pray for the worship and tech teams, that the music and technology on Sunday mornings would be an avenue for authentic and intimate worship.



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Hebrews 13:15	Day 20	
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the fruit of lips that ope		ally offer to God a sacrifice of praise—
Reflection:		Prayer Journal:

Pray that we would be a church that hungers for God's word. Pray that small groups would be times of refreshment and growth in the word.



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Psalm 119:62	Day 21		
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At midnight I rise to give	e vou thanks		
for your righteous law			
Reflection:		Prayer Journal:	

Pray that God would supply all that we need (money, wisdom, patience, joy, volunteers) out of his infinite resources and that we would trust him to do it.

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Philippians 4:19	Day 22
And my God will meet al	I your needs according to the riches of his glory in

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray for our elders and their families. Ask God to give them refreshment, strength, and wisdom as they lead and serve our church family.



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Hebrews 13:17

Day 23

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray for our children's ministry volunteers. Pray God gives them a love for children in our congregation and that He would give them creativity and strength as they serve.



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Luke 9:47-48

Day 24

⁴⁷ Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. ⁴⁸ Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest."

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for Hancock County and the surrounding areas, the schools, businesses, and leaders. Pray that God would bring the 50,000 in this community to Himself.



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Jeremiah 29:7		
	d prosperity of the city to which I have carried you int or it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."	0
Reflection:	Prayer Journal:	

Pray that addictions would be broken in our church and that our future site would be a place where people would find freedom.



Read and Meditate	Day 26	
John 8:36		
So if the Son sets you fre	ee, you will be fre	ee indeed.
Reflection:		Prayer Journal:

Pray for our ministry workers, that God would give them endurance and joy as they serve on Sunday mornings.



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Psalm 84:10

Day 27

Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray that grace and peace would characterize our church as we encounter any problems that might arise in this new season.



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Ephesians 4:1-3

Day 28

¹As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for us to have sensitivity to the Spirit and for direction in regards to giving to the campaign. Ask God to give us a spirit of generosity as we pray about giving.



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2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Day 29

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for our church to have a global mindset and impact. Ask God to raise up future missionaries and church planters that can be sent out from our community.



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Matthew 28:19-20

Day 30

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for us to find rest in Jesus. Ask that our future ministry center would be a place of restoration and refreshment for the weary.



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Matthew 11:28-30

Day 31

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that God would increase the diversity in our church community, that it would be a place for people of every race, class, age, etc.



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Revelation 7:9

Day 32

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that we would help those visiting our church to get connected to our caring family. Pray against the barriers that would keep people away from fellowship.



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Acts 2:42-47

Day 33

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for parents, that God would give them patience, strength, wisdom, and joy as they love their children and train them up in the gospel.



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Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Day 34

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray that those in our community who are ready to give up would find hope in Jesus. Ask that our future ministry center would be a place where the discouraged find a sure hope in Jesus.



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Romans 5:1-5

Day 35

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that our future ministry center would be a safe, judgment-free place for people to share their burdens and confess their sins. Ask that we be a church that listens to each other and bears each other's burdens.



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Read and Meditate Romans 8:1		Day 36	
Nomans 6.1	Therefore, there is now	no condemnati	on for those who are in Christ Jesus,
Reflection:			Prayer Journal:

Pray that we would be quick to reconcile with one another when we have been wronged. Pray that no roots of bitterness would be allowed to fester.



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Matthew 5:23-24

Day 37

²³ Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray that God would be glorified for His incredible faithfulness to us. Reflect on how God has answered your prayers or how he has spoken to you during this season of prayer.



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Lamentations 3:22-23

Day 38

- ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
- ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Pray for fresh realizations of the gospel among our members, that we would never take it for granted. Pray that we would have a heart for the 50,000 and those disenfranchised, and be quick to share the Gospel with them in word and deed.



Read and Meditate

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Day 39

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, ^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Reflection:	Prayer Journal:

Pray for ongoing prayer and alertness as we continue to intercede for our church, our leaders, and our future site in the coming months.



Read and Meditate		
Ephesians 6:18	Day 40	
And pray in the Spirit or		ith all kinds of prayers and re- lways keep on praying for all the Lord's
Reflection:		Prayer Journal:

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:37-38

Thank you to Two Rivers Church as they shared their 40 day prayer guide as a template for our prayers.