

LORD, I PRAY...

3-WEEK PRAYER GUIDE FOR CHANGE
IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

“LORD, I appeal to you. My God, I trust in you.”

Psalm 25:1-2a

HOW TO USE GUIDE

This 3-week prayer guide will help you to pray for The Glade Church and the community as we prepare for Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

Each day has five things to pray based on God's Word.

Grab your bible and a pen. There is space on each page for you to write whatever the Lord lays on your heart: specific situations, concerns, or people you're lifting up in prayer.

Each prayer suggestion is based on a passage of Scripture, so you can be confident that you are praying great prayers... prayers that God desires for you to pray, because they're based on His Word.

INTRODUCTION

If you're like me, not many days go by without using the word hope and it being connected to a prayer.

"Lord, I hope I'm on time for this meeting!"

"Lord, I hope the game isn't rained out."

"Lord, I hope it's not cancer."

"Lord, I hope he'll understand."

"Lord, I hope she isn't angry."

"Lord, I hope you hear this!"

Hope is usually connected to some kind of change we desire. From the smallest of things to the biggest concerns, our lives are shaped, directed, motivated, and frustrated by hope.

Everyone hopes. Everyone hooks their hope to something or someone. No one ever purposely hopes in what is hopeless. Everyone longs for hope that is sure.

To be human is to hope.

Scripture has much to say about our longings, that is, the desires that animate us and shape our lives. It tells us what to love and what to hate, what to desire and what to forsake, and what is good for us and what will harm us. Much of the drama of hope in our lives is not that we don't get what we hope for, but that we spend so much of our time hoping for the wrong things. Did I hear an amen?

INTRODUCTION

There is only one place to look for hope that is secure.
Consider these verses:

- *“You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.”*
Psalm 119:114
- *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*
Jeremiah 29:11
- *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”* Romans 15:13

With this truth in mind, the hope we have in Christ, let's pray for our church and community.

What will happen when we pray to the God who says we cannot even begin to imagine the things He has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9) and who earnestly seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

May this prayer guide renew our hope and give us courage, perseverance, and joy as we lift up our church and community.

Pastor Mark

WEEK ONE

*Dear Lord,
I pray for my
Glade Church
family.*

MONDAY

Dear Lord, what a privilege it is to speak to you in prayer. I pray we are a prayerfully-dependent church. Help The Glade Church turn to you in...

Acts 4:24-31

CORPORATE PRAYER

"When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God" (v 24).

CONFIDENT PRAYER

'Sovereign Lord,' they said, 'you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them'" (v 24).

CONSISTENT PRAYER

"They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen" (v 28).

COURAGEOUS PRAYER

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness" (v 29).

CONFORMING PRAYER

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (v 31).

TUESDAY

Dear Lord, I pray we are a holy church. Take The Glade Church and make us more like Christ, set apart for you. Transform us into an increasingly...

Romans 12:1-5

SACRIFICIAL CHURCH

"I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God" (v 1).

COUNTERCULTURAL CHURCH

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world..." (v 2).

TRANSFORMED CHURCH

"... but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (v 2).

HUMBLE CHURCH

"Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment" (v 3).

COMMITTED CHURCH

".. so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (v 5).

WEDNESDAY

Dear Lord, I pray The Glade Church is a global church who is working through our community, nation, and nations taking your gospel to the world. Therefore, give us...

Colossians 1:3-8

GRATEFUL HEARTS

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus" (v 3-4).

GOSPEL FAITHFULNESS

"... about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel" (v 5).

GOSPEL FRUITFULNESS

"In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing through the whole world..." (v6).

GRACIOUS ENGAGEMENT

"... just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace" (V 6).

SERVANTS TO SEND

"You learned [the gospel] from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf" (v 8).

THURSDAY

***Dear Lord, I pray The Glade Church is a united church.
Help us to be increasingly...***

Ephesians 2:11-22

THANKFUL

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (v 13).

UNITED

"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility" (v 14)

DIVERSE

"[Christ] came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near" (v 17).

CO-OPERATIVE

"You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people" (v 19).

GROWING

"And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (v 22).

FRIDAY

***Dear Lord, I pray The Glade Church is a growing church.
Give your people in this community...***

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

MANY TYPES OF CHURCHES

"The Lord has assigned to each his task" (v 5).

MANY TYPES OF WORKERS

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow" (v 6).

ONE SOURCE OF GROWTH

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (v 7).

ONE SPIRIT OF UNITY

"The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose" (v 8).

ONE GOAL

"You are God's field, God's building" (v 9).

WEEK TWO

*Dear Lord,
I pray for my
community.*

MONDAY

Dear Lord, I pray for wise relationships in the community. Father, You have brought your people into relationship with you and with each other. Help us to pursue...

Proverbs 15:1-7

WISE PERSPECTIVES

"The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good" (v 3).

WISE FRIENDSHIPS

"The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit" (v 4).

WISE FAMILIES

"A fool spurns a parent's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence" (v 5).

WISE PEOPLE AND LEADERS

"The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings ruin" (V 6).

WISE SCHOOLS

"The lips of the wise spread knowledge, but the hearts of fools are not upright" (v 7).

TUESDAY

Dear Lord, I pray for the workplace in the community. You, who worked for six days in creation are always at work in your world. Help us to remember...

Genesis 1:28; 2:15; 3:17-19

THE BLESSING OF WORK

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number'" (1:28).

THE CALL OF WORK

"Increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it" (1:28).

THE CARE OF WORK

"... to work it and take care of it" (2:15).

THE CURSE OF WORK

"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it" (3:17).

THE OPPORTUNITIES OF WORK

"Be fruitful ... fill the earth" (1:28).

WEDNESDAY

Dear Lord, I pray for rest in the community. You, who rested on the seventh day, I bring before you...

Hebrews 4:1-13

BUSYNESS IN THE COMMUNITY

"Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest" (v 11).

SUNDAYS IN THE COMMUNITY

There remains then a Sabbath-rest for the people of God" (v 9).

REST IN THE COMMUNITY

"For anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his" (v 10).

WITNESS IN THE COMMUNITY

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword" (v 12).

RECREATION IN THE COMMUNITY

"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight" (v 13).

THURSDAY

Dear Lord, I pray for creativity in the community. You have made all things. Work in creative industries and the arts...

Exodus 35:30-36:1

THE GOD OF CREATIVITY

"... and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills" (35:31).

ART FROM THE CHURCH

"He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work" (v 35).

GIFTS OF CREATIVITY

"Every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability..." (36:1).

ART FOR THE CHURCH

"... to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary" (36:1).

OBEDIENCE IN CREATIVITY

".... are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded" (36:1).

FRIDAY

Dear Lord, I pray for care in the community. There are many in our community who are hurting. Help me and The Glade Church to offer...

Luke 10:25-37

INTENTIONAL CARE

'Love the Lord your God' ... and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (v 27).

FREQUENT CARE

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers" (v 30).

COMPASSIONATE CARE

"When the priest saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite..." (v 31-32).

SACRIFICIAL CARE

"The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him" (v 34).

CORPORATE CARE

"The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said" (v 35).

WEEK THREE

*Dear Lord,
I pray to be
a witness.*

MONDAY

***Dear Lord, I pray for the salvation of our community.
You, who desires all people to hear the gospel and be
saved, help people in this community to...***

Jonah 3:1-10

GO

"Go to the great city of Nineveh..." (v 2).

PROCLAIM

". and proclaim to it the message I give to you" (v 2).

OBEY

"Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went" (v 3).

BELIEVE

*"The Ninevites believed God. A fast was pro-claimed, and all of
them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth" (v 5).*

TURN

*"When God saw what they did and how they turned from their
evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction
he had threatened" (v 10).*

TUESDAY

*Dear Lord, I pray for the young people in our community.
Work across this community to save...*

Psalm 139:13; Proverbs 4:1-6

THE UNBORN

“For it was you who created my inward parts...” (Psalm 139:13).

TODDLERS

“... still tender, and cherished by my mother” (v 3).

CHILDREN

“Then he taught me, and he said to me...” (v 4).

TEENAGERS

“Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them” (v 5).

COLLEGE STUDENTS

“Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you” (V 6).

WEDNESDAY

***Dear Lord, I pray for the older people in our community.
Help The Glade Church to remember those who are...***

Psalm 71

AGING FAITHFULLY

"From my birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb" (v 6).

AGING PAINFULLY

"Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone" (v 9).

AGING EVANGELISTICALLY

"Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come" (v 18).

AGING HOPEFULLY

"Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again" (v 20).

AGING JOYFULLY

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you" (v 23).

THURSDAY

Dear Lord, I pray for the international people in our community. There are many living in our community from overseas who are yet to hear the gospel. Please...

Acts 16:11-15

OPEN DOORS

"We travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia...On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river" (v 12-13).

OPEN MOUTHS

"We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there" (v 13).

OPEN EARS

"One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth" (v 14).

OPEN HEARTS

"The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message" (v 14)

OPEN HOMES

"When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home" (v 15).

FRIDAY

Dear Lord, I pray for the future and heavenly city. Thank you for the promise of a heavenly city. Help your people to...

Revelation 21:1-5

LIVE FOR IT

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...!" (v 1).

LABOR FOR IT

"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven..." (v 2).

LONG FOR IT

"prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband" (v 2).

BE COMFORTED BY IT

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain" (V 4).

HOPE IN IT

"Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true" (V 5).

OUR MISSION

LEADING PEOPLE TO
TREASURE CHRIST
AND COURAGEOUSLY
MAKE HIM KNOWN

CHURCH VALUES

WE ARE –

- WORD-CENTRIC • PRAYERFULLY-DEPENDENT
 - SPIRIT-EMPOWERED • OTHERS-FOCUSED
 - COMMUNITY-OBSESSED • JOYFULLY-GENEROUS
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CHURCH STRATEGY

EVERY MEMBER –

- TREASURING CHRIST • GROWING TOGETHER
- SERVING ONE ANOTHER • IMPACTING THE WORLD
- GIVING GENEROUSLY



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