

2018-2019 PRAYER GUIDE



“I URGE, THEN, FIRST OF ALL, THAT PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE. FOR KINGS AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY, THAT WE MAY LIVE PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES IN ALL GODLINESS AND HOLINESS. THIS IS GOOD, AND PLEASES GOD OUR SAVIOR WHO WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED AND TO COME TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.” (1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4)

PRAY FOR ALL LEADERS, PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF OUR CHURCH

- **CURRENT AND FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS** Wisdom in selecting them and their wisdom and humility before God.
- **PASTORS AND LEADERS** Pray for wisdom, discipline, purity, humility, patience, grace, love for God’s purposes, love for God’s Word, and love for God’s people.
- **CURRENT AND FUTURE STAFF** Pray that even now, God would be preparing the hearts of future staff to join us.
- **LAY LEADERS** Pray for gifted, passionate, and godly, men and women to come forward who will use their gifts as good stewards of God’s grace.

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- Pray for understanding and appropriate responses to the purpose of God’s church and this body. **“To call all people to be fully devoted followers of Christ.”**
- Pray we would “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Pray we would “be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Pray we would be intentional “to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12-13)
- Pray we would “proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.” (Colossians 1:28-29)
- Pray we would seek and save the lost even as our Lord did. That we would be intentional to develop loving, authentic relationships with those who do not know Jesus. (Luke 19:10)
- Pray we would not come to this church to be served, but to serve, and give our lives to others. (Mark 10:45)
- Pray we would be fully devoted followers of Christ ourselves, not merely people who call themselves Christians. That we would have hearts that are completely His so that as the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth He would be delighted to strongly support us. (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- Pray we would “suffer hardship with each other, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.” (2 Timothy 2:3-4)
- Pray, “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:5-6)

- Pray that we would encourage others and glorify the Lord “by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:2-5)
- Pray that we would continually walk in obedience to, and in the power of the Spirit of God. Pray that today more than ever that the fruits of the Spirit would be evident in our lives. “Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.” (Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-26)
- Pray that we help People take their next steps toward full devotion to Jesus. It’s our vision to see people connected and contributing to the movement of Grace Church. We are committed to discovering the best ways to communicate and helping people engage with our church family and their faith.
- Pray for our ministry in Africa and our partnership in CHAD where a pastoral commitment to leadership development will support a multiplying movement of church planting. Pray for our continued support in Southeast Asia and a total of 11 countries over 5 continents.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT YET A PART OF GRACE CHURCH

- Pray for the unchurched and de-churched; that we would learn to love them, and develop authentic relationships and friendships with more people without hope. Pray we would always treat people as people and not as projects. Pray that God would cause us to weep at the thought of them living another day without Christ. Pray we would be a community of salt and light. Pray we would be a church that lost people grow to know and trust as a place where truth is taught with grace, where everyone is welcome, and life change is happening.
- Pray specifically and by name for lost friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family. Pray for your “5.”
- Pray as we develop a movement of influencers in our community to make our city and county better.
- Pray for families to encounter Jesus and experience life change. Pray we continue to focus on the greatest investment we can make, which is an invitation extended to our family and friends to encounter the resurrected Christ.
- Pray as we continue to take opportunities to be For Wayne County and bless our community again through simple acts of service. Pray for God to show us new dimensions to be added to this movement.

FOR OUR TRUST IN OUR FAITHFUL GOD

- Providing more of His people who would be passionate to pray with us faithfully on weekends and regularly throughout the week.
- Providing us with gifted, passionate, and godly followers of Christ eager to give their lives to His glory and purposes.
- Providing financially for His work at our church
- Protecting us from pride, bitterness, gossip, slander, fear, and trusting in our flesh.
- Allowing the gatherings and meetings within our church to be glorifying to Him, not in any way encouraging people to think poorly of other gatherings of believers. Pray that He would ignite excitement in those He is calling to join us without causing others to feel abandoned or left out.
- Allowing us to be a church where thousands of His children come to believe in Christ, belong to His body, be trained in truth, be strong in ministry in our world.
- Allowing us to consider expanding our footprint. Our new venue is teaching us the kind of leadership and ministry it takes to launch additional sites. Pray as we examine our organizational leadership structure. Pray for God to guide us as we continue to navigate through new growth.
- Continued faith that God will take care of our needs, which include wise, biblical stewardship to financially plan for the future. “My God will supply all your needs.” (Philippians 4:19)

God has moved and we see the fruit! We anticipate His movement again in the life of our church this next year. Are you ready for His movement in your heart? Will you give Him total access for spiritual momentum to change you more and more into the image of Jesus Christ? We invite you to join us for the journey of God’s multiplying movement in and through Grace Church!

“AND I TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERCOME IT.” - MATTHEW 16:18