

The Resurrection Prayer List (1.1)

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Now

1. **Daily Prayer** - Father, lead our whole congregation to pray to you daily, deepening our relationships with you. Help us learn to ask, seek, and knock for our individual and church needs, every day. Help us all to embrace a culture of honesty in our struggle to grow in intimacy with you.
2. **The Kingdom** - Our Father, your will be done, and your kingdom come in our lives, church, and region. We want your plans, your way. Teach us. Change us. Use us.
3. **Our Calling** - Jesus, help us become a *Gospel-Centered Movement, Trusting God in Worship, Training, and Mission*, throughout the East St. Louis river valley.
4. **Trusting the Gospel** - Lord, we pray that the Resurrection now and always be especially known for our deep love and faith in your Gospel. Help us all to believe the Good News of Jesus' Love, Authority, and Finished Work, be changed by it always, and share it with love, passion, and consistency. The Resurrection exists because of the Gospel of Jesus; help us to live and function in this truth, always. First things first, and Jesus is first, always.
5. **Joy!** - God, you are most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in you. We have struggled deeply to remain joyful in our difficulties. Please change this in us now! Teach us to be sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as we remember your faithful love and promises for our good. Please Father, make us a church filled with abiding joy in Jesus Christ, at all cost. Show us the way. Open our eyes to your goodness always. Help us remember that, "If you live gladly to make others glad in God, your life will be hard, your risks will be high, and your joy will be full."
6. **God's Power** - Jesus, increase our faith, endurance, love, and godliness, and success. Help us to trust you instead of ourselves. Your timing, not ours. Help us to seek out ways to honor you by trusting in your abilities and resources rather than our own. Make us great in faith. Fill us with prayer. Enable us in regular fasting. Where we are weak, you are strong. We want to glorify you, Jesus, in all that we do and are.

7. **Wholehearted Love** - Holy Spirit, purify our hearts, minds, and thinking, and so fill us with love for you and others that we want to be wholehearted with you in every aspect of our lives. Fill our church with stories of deep, lasting repentance and life-change. Help us to handle our relationships and lives with character, godliness, and a willingness to be wronged. Help us offer you and others the gift of costly love, just like Jesus. Lord, we want to be wholehearted in our love for you. We want to love what you love, and hate what you hate. Make us like Christ in mature love.

8. **Daily Bible Reading** - Jesus, please enable our whole church to desire and practice studying your Word every day of our lives. Help us to overcome excuses and have a deep hunger that is met only in the Bible. Then satisfy our newfound hunger every day!

9. **A New Team** - Holy Spirit, lead us to assemble a new team of at least 10 worshiping, discipling, missionary families. Send us at team of Evangelical Christians with wisdom and spiritual maturity. We need a solid core of maturity, to succeed in discipling the less mature. We are asking in faith for you to assemble this team in by mid summer of this year, so that we can train together, become a new team, and resume your mission this year. Please be gracious to us and fully answer this prayer in a powerful way, we ask in Jesus name.

10. **Worship Sundays** - Holy Spirit, please assemble a new worship team, to lead us in musical prayer and worship sufficient for each Worship Sunday. We are weak, afraid, and unskilled. But we are called to honor and enjoy you. Help this team become worshipers who are ready to lead our people in musical worship.

This Year

11. **Improved Discipleship** - Jesus, teach us to have a truly helpful and effective plan to disciple every person you send us into a wholehearted, vibrant relationship with you, and into comprehensive human maturity, during this calendar year. Help us learn from our past and trust you into a new season of discipling and being disciples. Give us a clear plan. We are asking you to make us a church with 100% participation in being and making wholehearted disciples. We have never seen this happen before, so we are unsure what excellent discipleship looks like. Show us the way.

12. **Spiritual Gifts** - Holy Spirit, please deeply manifest your presence in our people, through all your free spiritual gifts. Help us to boldly, lovingly, and humbly edify and correct, administrate and serve, prophesy and heal, sing in tongues and preach the Gospel with simplicity and clarity. Send us people to help us establish a culture of true spiritual maturity without shame, pride or fear.

13. **Funding** - Jesus, please provide a clear funding plan for our congregation. Please provide for Pastor James to be focused on only vocational ministry, provide a home-base location, and provide for us to advertise, and to offer benevolence, counseling, and outreach ministries.

14. **Evangelism** - Holy Spirit, give our new team faith and a plan to faithfully share the Gospel with our immediate neighborhoods. Once you build our new team, grant us to lead people into faith, conversion, repentance, baptism, and transformed lives. Build such an excitement about your Gospel, the life-change it brings, and the beauty of knowing Jesus, that we are set on an unstoppable course of growth, according to your will and timing. Bring in the elect people of God, according to your great promises in Christ, and make us a faithful witness.

15. **The Network** - Holy Spirit, please form an interdenominational network of church planters and existing ministries focusing on a gospel-centered discipleship in and around East St. Louis. Bring the right partners. Show us how us how to build this network, one step at a time.

16. **Awaken Love Trip** - Father, please provide the financial resources for Kristin and others to travel to Kenya this year, in an exploratory trip to plan for a health clinic, and other future Kenyan ministries.

Medium Range

17. **Youth Ministries** - Father, grant us the plans, resources, and people necessary to have an effective ministry focused on the particular youth in our region. We want to raise up the next generation for you! We want to break through cycles of fatherlessness, drug abuse, poverty, hopelessness, and living far from God. Enable and train us to lead young people in love, hope, faith, endurance, joy, servanthood, and overall godliness. Make us faithful in pointing the next generations successfully to Jesus, your Son.

18. **Counseling & Recovery** - Father, please provide the skilled people and plans necessary for us to establish excellent Gospel-centered counseling and substance recovery ministries. Bring healing!

19. **Next Church Plant** - Lord Jesus, please help us reach sufficient maturity to plant a daughter church in or near East St. Louis within 5 years (Target: 2020). Show us next steps, and bring the right leaders, we pray.

20. **Original Music** - Holy Spirit, give us the people, ability, time, resources, and passion to create lots of original music about our unique experiences of trusting you. Give us great songs about trusting you in the daily cross of discipleship, and about trusting you in the painful glory of your Gospel mission. Give us songs about trusting you in the moment-by-moment struggle into a deeper relationship of prayer, fasting, and holiness, while we are still so weak. Fill our church with great songs of the Gospel.

Long Range

21. **Reaching the Whole Valley** - Father in Heaven, claim the entire East St. Louis valley for your kingdom in a special, powerful, God-glorifying way. Let the world see your beauty, power, and love through amazing stories of redemption in this special place. Your kingdom come, your will be done in this place as it is in heaven. Help us to play our part well, by networking existing churches, by planting new churches, and by shaping our ministries for this people and these needs. Be our God and make us your people as one, throughout the 26 cities, towns, and villages in the American Bottom river valley surrounding East St. Louis. We are trusting you for vibrant, Gospel-centered churches in every village in the River Valley, in our lifetime. Amen.

22. **24/7 Prayer & Worship** - Father in Heaven, please provide people with the skills and heart to produce 24/7 prayer and worship, in progressive stages, over the next 10 years (Target: 2025). Show us next steps.

23. **Comprehensive Discipleship** - Jesus, guide us into a clear, comprehensive, wholehearted plan to be and make disciples. Focus us on trusting you in worship, training, mission. Show us how to be human really well. Help us lead our specific people-groups into the full maturity you died to make a reality in their lives. Help us lead many to overcome drugs, poverty, selfishness, fatherlessness, broken relationships, the world, the flesh, and the devil. Make us excellent disciples and disciplers.

24. **Ministry Training Base** - Holy Spirit, we pray that all our experiences, our successes and failures, build us into an effective ministry training base. We pray that, according to your will and timing, people might hear of the effective work of faith in the East St. Louis river valley, and come to be trained, equipped and sent into this and other fields, near and far. Send teachers, learners, servants, Christians. We want to bear fruit 30, 60, 100 fold, in Jesus name.

25. **Awaken Love Future Ministries** - Jesus, please provide the resources, skills, and plans necessary for us to help our Kenyan mission partners in healthcare, vocational training, discipleship-oriented theological training, and business-oriented financial sustainability.