

**WEEK
FOUR**

Equip the church with training and resources you need to joyfully participate in Kingdom mission.

We pray for Spirit-led courage and creativity to activate our gifts, talents, and passions in the Body of Christ for this vision. Jesus, please help us discover, encourage, and activate the amazing spiritual gifts and talents within our church family and help us find new creative ways for these gifts to be used to increase our impact for God's Kingdom mission. Reveal to each of us, our Home Church, and our sites, specific ways we can embrace and be involved in this vision with our gifts and ways we can equip one another as a church to fulfil your Great Commission.

Put prayer into action:

Reflect on this question. If you could use your gifts, talents, and passions in any way to participate in this vision, what would you want to do? Think about those around you in our church, at home, or at work and think about the acronym ICNU. ICNU is short-hand for 'I see these gifts in you.' Share with the person(s) at The Meeting House who are making a difference and tell them how much you appreciate the gifts and abilities that you see in their life (ICNU).

Easter Sunday

We pray that our church would exercise Spirit-led creativity and courage to invite friends, family, and co-workers to experience the living Christ with us on Easter Sunday across all of our sites.

The Meeting House**Prayer Guide for Month of Prayer
March 24 to Easter Sunday**

"Prayer is essential for our ability as a church to accomplish the vision God has given us. It is so important that we have stated our need to pray for Spirit-led courage and creativity as a core vision component. Church history has shown us that new movements of God come as his people pray. God is inviting us to step forward into a bold vision, one that we cannot realize with just human effort, talents, or strategic plans. We need to humble ourselves and ask for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. This month of prayer is one way we can highlight this need and invite our whole church family to actually pray in a focused way for this new vision."

Each week during our month of prayer we want to pray into our need for spiritual renewal and Holy Spirit empowerment as individuals and as a church together. Prayer for our collective hunger to know, love, and obey God is the foundation for this month of prayer. Everything we do flows out of our desire to know and be changed by Jesus.

**WEEK
ONE**

Engage people who have never meaningfully encountered the good news of Jesus.

We pray for Spirit-led courage and creativity in sharing our faith in Jesus. We pray for nudges, promptings, and opportunities from the Spirit for us to share our faith with those having meaningful encounters with the good news of Jesus. We pray the spiritually curious people in our lives would respond to the ways the Holy Spirit is drawing them to

Jesus. We pray that the deeper needs of anxiety, confusion, pain, anger, or indifference they feel would be met through the relief of God's love.

Put prayer into action:

- A.** Invite the Spirit to nudge you with a name or names of those you could initiate a spiritual conversation with.
- B.** Invite a spiritually curious friend to explore Jesus on Good Friday or Easter Sunday with you at your site.
- C.** Pray that the spiritually curious people in your life would be open to exploring what Jesus' death and resurrection means and why it matters today.
- D.** Pray for the planning of the Good Friday and Easter services, that teams will be open to the Spirit's leading and sites can help guests feel valued and welcome.

WEEK TWO

Evolving from one church many locations to one family many expressions.

Pray for Spirit-led courage and creativity to innovate and take risks to share Jesus' love with our local communities. Pray that each of our sites and churches (we are tracking with) will discover fresh expressions of Jesus that creatively engage local communities with the love and message of Jesus. Pray for the burgeoning local vision(s) that are beginning to stir in your hearts. Pray for local compassion engagement and imagine ways you can grow your impact on the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs in your city.

Put prayer into action:

In Home Church and other settings, talk about and make lists of ways you see God already at work in your site and local community. How can you partner with what God is doing? What new innovations or risks could your site take to better engage the people in your local city, community, or neighbourhood? Share these ideas with your Elder and Lead Pastor.

WEEK THREE

Embrace our role as leaders in a growing Anabaptist movement.

We pray for Spirit-led courage and creativity as we take a lead role in the creation of a new network of churches and church leaders called Jesus Collective. Jesus, use us to help facilitate community and training for the many pastors and other churches looking for a Jesus-centred movement in which to belong, learn, and grow. Bring us closer to your vision of unity across the Church and help us use Jesus Collective to amplify not our own voice, but your message. Help our community be encouraged by the vision of being part of something bigger than ourselves. May we be able to do together what we could not do on our own.

Put prayer into action:

Visit jesuscollective.com and learn two things.

- 1.** Learn about the overall vision and purpose for Jesus Collective.
- 2.** Read specific examples of church leaders in North America and beyond who are sharing their experience for why something like Jesus Collective could help them grow as leaders and reach more people.