

WEEK ONE: RENEW US

Praying for ONE Church, our ministries, our leaders, and our people

Day 1: Make Room to Listen

Read: Psalm 139:23–24; 2 Timothy 3:16–17

A crowded life can leave little room for an honest conversation with God. We move from one responsibility to the next, never pausing long enough to examine the thoughts we allow to consume us.

Today, begin by opening Scripture and making yourself available. His Word teaches us, corrects us, and helps us recognize where our lives need to change. As we pray for renewal at ONE Church, we begin by inviting God into our own hearts.

We can ask Him to change our church while also asking, “Lord, what needs to change in me?”

Prayer prompt: Ask God to help you receive and obey His Word. Name one distraction you need to set aside and one area of your life that needs His attention. Pray, *“Father, search my heart. Show me where I need to repent, where I need to trust You, and what obedience looks like today.”*

Day 2: We Need More Than a Plan

Read: John 15:1–8; James 1:5

A branch does not produce fruit by trying to look impressive. It bears fruit because it remains connected to the vine. Jesus uses that picture to describe our dependence on Him. Planning and preparation have a place in what we do, but a full church calendar cannot replace a living relationship with Jesus. We need His wisdom in our decisions, His love in our conversations, and His strength in our service.

As we consider the future of ONE Church, our deepest need is not simply to know what comes next. It is to remain close to the One we are following.

Prayer prompt: Pray for our pastors, staff, church board, and ministry leaders. Ask God to give them wisdom, integrity, courage, and a deep love for Jesus. Remember their families and their need for rest. Pray that our church’s decisions would grow out of dependence on Christ rather than pressure to impress.

Day 3: A Different Kind of Hunger

Read: Matthew 6:16–18; Isaiah 58:6–7

Fasting creates an interruption in our usual patterns. Something we normally reach for is no longer immediately available, and that interruption can become an invitation to pray. The purpose is not to prove our determination or earn a better answer from God. It is to practice dependence and offer Him our desires.

Isaiah also reminds us that fasting belongs alongside compassion. Time spent seeking God should shape how we treat people. As you practice self denial, pay attention to what surfaces in your heart. Bring your impatience, your need for control, and your appetites before Him. Ask Him to make you more loving, not merely more disciplined.

Prayer prompt: Talk honestly with God about what your fast is revealing. Ask Him to deepen your desire for His presence and your concern for others. Pray for ONE Church’s ministries and volunteers, asking that our service would flow from love rather than obligation. Consider one way to encourage someone who serves.

Day 4: Start Where You Are

Read: Hebrews 4:14–16; Romans 8:26–27

You may sit down to pray and discover that you do not know what to say. Your thoughts wander. Your words feel ordinary. Someone else always seems more comfortable praying aloud.

The invitation in Scripture is that, through Jesus, we can approach God with confidence, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. You do not have to become skilled at prayer before beginning to pray.

Start with gratitude, an honest concern, or a simple request for help. At ONE Church, we want prayer to be something we practice together, not something we leave to the people holding microphones.

Prayer prompt: Tell God how you are actually doing. Pray for those in our church who are new to faith, returning after a long absence, or struggling to pray. Ask Him to help us welcome questions and encourage spiritual growth. Pray, “Lord, teach us to come to You honestly and often.”

Day 5: Faith Beyond Sunday

Read: Mark 1:35; Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Jesus made time for prayer in the middle of a demanding ministry. His example invites us to consider where prayer belongs in our ordinary routines. Faith is formed around dinner tables, during car rides, before difficult conversations, and in the quiet moments no one else sees. Think about this as we seek to invest in the next generation. Children and students need more than information about God; they need opportunities to know Him and examples of people who follow Him. A simple prayer offered together can become a meaningful beginning. We do not need a perfect household to start practicing a faithful rhythm.

Prayer prompt: Pray for ONE Kids, our students, and everyone who teaches, mentors, and cares for them. Remember parents, grandparents, foster families, and other trusted adults. Ask God to help the next generation know Jesus personally. Choose one ordinary moment today when you will pause to pray with someone else.

Day 6: Bring the Hard Things

Read: James 5:13–16; 2 Corinthians 12:7–10

Some needs are difficult even to say aloud. A diagnosis. A strained marriage. Grief that has not become easier. We can bring these things to God without minimizing them. We pray for healing, and we also affirm that God works through medical care.

James invites us to pray for one another, while Paul reminds us that God’s sustaining grace matters when suffering remains. Continuing pain does not prove that someone has failed to believe enough. Our calling is to ask boldly, trust God honestly, and remain present with one another. A caring church keeps loving people when their stories are still unresolved.

Prayer prompt: Bring before God someone at ONE Church who is sick, grieving, overwhelmed, or facing a difficult decision. Ask specifically for healing, provision, wisdom, and strength. Remember caregivers and family members. Then consider a practical way to help carry that person’s burden through a conversation, a meal, or your presence.

Day 7: A Wholehearted Yes

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24; Romans 12:1–2

God desires more than a few improved habits. He calls us to belong to Him completely. After giving us new life in Christ, He invites believers into entire sanctification: His gracious work of cleansing the heart from inward sin and filling us with wholehearted love through the Holy Spirit.

This is received by faith following complete surrender, not earned through spiritual effort. It is not instant maturity or freedom from human limitations; growth in grace continues. Today, bring God the places you have kept guarded. Your ambitions, relationships, preferences, and future can all become part of a wholehearted yes.

Prayer prompt: Offer every part of your life to God, naming anything you have been reluctant to surrender. Pray, "Father, cleanse my heart and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Make my love wholehearted. I trust You to do what I cannot do in myself." Ask Him to make ONE Church a holy and loving people.