

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.

WEEK TWO: SEND US

Praying for Kokomo, Howard County, and the people around us

Day 8: Love the Place You Live

Read: Jeremiah 29:4–7; Luke 18:9–14

God told His people living in exile to seek the well-being of the city around them. They were to build lives, care for their neighbors, and pray for that place. Kokomo is not simply the backdrop to our church’s activities. It is home to people God calls us to love.

It would be easy, even human of us, to focus on what frustrates us. Humble prayer helps move us to ask for the good of our community while offering ourselves in service.

Prayer prompt: Pray for your neighborhood, for Kokomo, and Howard County. Ask God to give wisdom and integrity to local officials, judges, and public servants. Remember first responders and their families. Pray, “Lord, help me seek the good of this community, and show me where I can contribute.”

Day 9: When Change Takes Time

Read: Psalm 13; Galatians 6:9–10

I wish my prayers ended with an immediate change in circumstances. Sometimes we are still carrying the same concern after months or years. Psalm 13 gives us permission to ask difficult questions while continuing to turn toward God. We do not have to pretend that waiting is easy, and we should be careful about offering quick explanations for another person’s pain.

Faithfulness may look like praying again, showing up again, or offering kindness when the results remain unseen. As we pray for our community, we ask God to sustain the people doing patient work whose fruit may take time to recognize.

Prayer prompt: Pray for teachers, school administrators, counselors, and others investing in children and families. Ask God to give them wisdom, encouragement, and endurance. Bring Him a situation in our community that seems slow to change. Pray for the strength to remain hopeful and helpful without demanding a timetable.

Day 10: Grace Gets There First

Read: Luke 19:1–10; Ephesians 2:8–10

When Jesus stopped beneath the tree and called Zacchaeus by name, He saw more than a reputation. He saw a person who needed salvation. We call God’s gracious work that draws and enables people to respond to Him prevenient grace (grace that goes before our response).

That gives us hope as we pray for friends and neighbors. Their future does not depend on our ability to deliver a flawless speech. We can listen carefully, speak honestly about Jesus, and trust God's work without trying to control the situation. No person or story should be dismissed as beyond His reach.

Prayer prompt: Name three people in your life who do not yet know Jesus. Ask God to help them recognize and respond to His grace in repentance and faith. Pray for opportunities to listen, serve, and share the gospel. Ask Him to remove impatience or judgment from the way you approach them.

Day 11: Put a Name to the Need

Read: Galatians 6:2; 1 Timothy 2:1

It is possible to pray for "the needs in our city" without ever allowing those needs to become personal. Intercession means bringing others before God, and it becomes more attentive when we remember that every need belongs to someone. Behind a difficult situation is a person with a name, relationships, and a story we may not understand. We cannot carry every burden ourselves, but we can refuse to look away from the person in front of us. Prayer helps us exchange distant concern for personal compassion. As we ask God to act, we can also ask how He would have us respond.

Prayer prompt: Pray for someone you know who is facing financial strain, addiction, loneliness, housing insecurity, or family instability. Ask for help that honors that person's dignity and addresses real needs. Pray for community ministries serving people in these situations. Ask God to show you one practical, respectful way to help.

Day 12: One Mission, Many Churches

Read: John 17:20–23; Acts 4:29–31

Jesus prayed for the unity of His followers. That should shape how we pray for the churches around us. We can remain grateful for our own congregation without treating another church's faithfulness as a threat. When people encounter Jesus, receive care, and grow as disciples through another ministry, there is reason to rejoice. Praying together does not give us greater leverage over God; it teaches us to seek Him as a people who belong to one another. Our shared concern is larger than attendance at one address. We want the name of Jesus to be honored throughout our community.

Prayer prompt: Name another church in Kokomo, and pray for its pastor, congregation, and ministry. Ask God to strengthen faithful gospel witness across our city. Pray against jealousy, suspicion, and unnecessary division. Ask Him to show ONE Church where cooperation, encouragement, or shared service could express the unity Jesus desires.

Day 13: Keep Praying, Keep Loving

Read: Luke 18:1–8; 1 Corinthians 13:4–7

A moment of compassion can move us to act. Sustained compassion asks us to keep caring after the moment has passed. Jesus taught His followers to pray without giving up, and that perseverance belongs alongside patient love. People are not deadlines to meet, or outcomes to produce. Some relationships require difficult conversations, healthy boundaries, and a willingness to stay faithful over time. As we pray for Kokomo, we are asking for more than enthusiasm for a single event. We are asking God to form in us a steady love that remains attentive when serving becomes inconvenient.

Prayer prompt: Pray for local ministry workers, nonprofit staff, healthcare workers, and volunteers who may be discouraged or exhausted. Ask God to renew their strength and provide meaningful support. Return to a prayer concern you have nearly abandoned. Pray, "Lord, help me remain faithful without becoming demanding, resentful, or withdrawn."

Day 14: Loved, Filled, and Sent

Read: John 20:19–22; 2 Corinthians 13:14

We worship one God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And we approach the Father through Jesus with the Spirit's help. The risen Jesus met His disciples in their fear and sent them into His mission. We also need both His presence and His sending. Time with God is not an escape from the people around us; it prepares us to love them faithfully. The workplace, neighborhood, classroom, and grocery store can become places where we practice patience, offer encouragement, and speak about our hope. You do not need a platform to be available to Jesus. You need a willing heart and an obedient next step.

Prayer prompt: Offer God the places you will go and the people you will encounter today. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice opportunities to serve and speak with grace. Pray that ONE Church would carry Christ's love beyond our building. Ask God to widen your concern beyond familiar people and places.

WEEK THREE: YOUR KINGDOM COME

Praying for our nation, the global Church, and the world

Day 15: A Kingdom Bigger Than Our Preferences

Read: Matthew 6:9–10; 1 Timothy 2:1–6

Jesus teaches us to begin with the Father's Name, kingdom, and will. That order challenges the instinct to make prayer entirely about the world we would prefer. As we pray for our nation, we bring real concerns, but we also place our loyalties and assumptions before God.

Paul calls us to pray for those in authority, not only those we support. We ask for wisdom, justice, peace, and opportunities for people to know Christ. Our hope cannot rest on a leader or institution doing what only Jesus can do. We pray as people whose deepest allegiance belongs to Him.

Prayer prompt: Pray for the President, Congress, judges, and other national leaders, including those with whom you disagree. Ask God to restrain evil, expose corruption, protect vulnerable people, and guide wise decisions. Pray, "Father, let Your will shape my hopes for this nation, and let the character of Jesus shape my words."

Day 16: Lift Your Eyes

Read: Psalm 96:1–3; Revelation 7:9–10

John's vision of people from every nation, tribe, people, and language worshiping before the Lamb invites us to imagine a family much larger than our familiar surroundings. God's saving purpose is not confined to one culture or country. Praise helps us remember that the Lord we worship at ONE Church is worthy of worship throughout the earth. It also challenges the assumption that our own experience is the center of everything.

Today, let gratitude expand your prayers. Thank God for believers you have never met, worship offered in languages you do not speak, and the grace that unites us in Christ.

Prayer prompt: Spend time praising God for His holiness, mercy, faithfulness, and saving love. Choose a country other than your own and pray for its people and churches. Thank Him for the gifts and witness of Christians whose lives differ from yours. Ask Him to replace narrow concern with a generous love for His world.

Day 17: Put Your Yes on the Table

Read: Matthew 9:35–38; Matthew 28:18–20

Jesus told His disciples to pray for workers, and He commissioned them to make disciples. Prayer for mission includes asking God to send others, but it also invites us to become available ourselves. That availability may involve a new relationship, consistent generosity, local service, or a calling that changes the direction of our lives. We do not need to predict every detail before offering God our willingness.

As this season of fasting continues, consider whether you have made room for His priorities to reshape your own. The question is not only, “Who will go?” It is also, “Lord, how are You asking me to participate?”

Prayer prompt: Pray for missionaries, local pastors around the world, and those preparing for ministry. Ask God to provide encouragement, resources, and faithful partners. Pray that men and women in ONE Church would recognize and answer His calling. Offer Him your time, abilities, finances, and future without deciding in advance what He may ask.

Day 18: Our Daily Bread

Read: Matthew 6:11; 1 John 3:16–18

Jesus teaches us to ask for daily bread. That simple request reminds us that ordinary needs belong in prayer, and that we are dependent on God. The word “our” also invites us to look beyond our own table.

As we ask for provision, we remember neighbors and people across the world who need food, clean water, shelter, and safety. John connects love with practical generosity. We cannot meet every need, but we can place our resources before God rather than treating them as unrelated to our prayers. Gratitude for what we have can become a willingness to share.

Prayer prompt: Pray for people facing hunger, displacement, disaster, or the loss of their livelihoods. Ask God to provide help and protect those delivering it. Remember missionaries and compassionate ministries serving alongside local communities. Thank Him for your own provision, and ask how generosity might become part of your response today.

Day 19: Let Mercy Begin Here

Read: Matthew 6:12; Ephesians 4:31–5:2

It is easy to ask God to address the sins of a nation while protecting the sins of our own hearts. Jesus brings forgiveness into the center of prayer. We come as people who need mercy, and we are called to extend mercy to others. That begins with honest confession rather than a defense of our intentions.

Where have contempt, prejudice, dishonesty, or indifference taken root?

Forgiveness does not excuse evil or remove the need for justice, but it does refuse to let hatred govern us. A reconciling church must be willing to practice the repentance it hopes to see in the world.

Prayer prompt: Confess a specific attitude, action, or pattern God is bringing to your attention. Receive His forgiveness and ask for strength to turn from it. Pray for reconciliation across racial, cultural, political, and personal divisions. Bring before Him someone you find difficult to love, asking for both wisdom and a merciful heart.

Day 20: Stand Firm in Love

Read: Ephesians 6:10–18; Hebrews 13:3

Paul takes spiritual opposition seriously, but he also makes clear that our struggle is not against flesh and blood. People are not the enemy, even when their actions must be resisted. The armor he describes includes truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and readiness rooted in the gospel of peace.

Prayer helps us stand firm without surrendering our character to fear or hatred. Today, remember believers whose faithfulness carries a significant cost. We can ask for their protection and deliverance while also praying for courage, endurance, and freedom to continue bearing witness to Jesus.

Prayer prompt: Pray for persecuted Christians, imprisoned believers, and churches worshipping under threat. Ask God to protect families, strengthen faith, and open paths to safety and justice. Pray also for those causing harm, to turn toward Christ. Ask the Spirit to make your own witness courageous, truthful, and free from contempt.

Day 21: This Is How We Live

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; Acts 1:8

The final day of a guide does not need to become the final day of a habit. These weeks have invited us to bring our hearts, our church, our city, and our world before God. Some prayers may remain unanswered in ways we can understand. Some next steps may still feel uncertain. We can continue with gratitude, trust, and obedience.

Prayer belongs in the life ahead, and the Spirit's work calls for our ongoing response. Consider what should remain when this season ends: a daily rhythm in Scripture, a relationship you are investing in, a place of service, or a deeper willingness to surrender.

Prayer prompt: Thank God for the ways you have recognized His grace during these 21 days. Entrust Him with the concerns you still carry. Choose a prayer rhythm to continue tomorrow. Pray, "Father, keep renewing ONE Church. Teach us to love Kokomo faithfully, and participate in Your mission throughout the world. Make us holy in heart, and faithful in life. We are Yours."