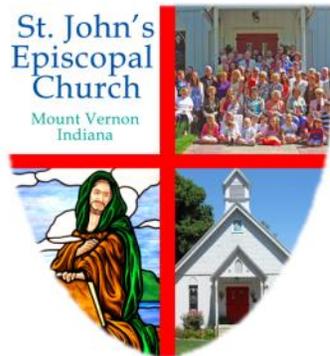


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The Foundation
Of Our Future

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Prayer Booklet

ABOUT USING THIS PRAYER BOOKLET

Dear Parishioners,

From time to time in the history of St. John's it has been the desire and necessity of the parish to take on building projects, renovations projects, and capitalize on opportunities to expand our presence in the neighborhood and community. We are embarking on another important building renovation and property acquisition projects as we stand on the shoulders of past generations and build a legacy for future generations. Resources of time, talent and treasure are being asked for, but more than anything else your prayers are vital. Prayer is the cornerstone of everything we do at St. John's. With this in mind, this Prayer Booklet was designed for "The Foundation of Our Future" Capital Campaign. It is our desire for each parishioner to pray regularly for these very important projects. The Campaign prayer is included as well as a prayer for each day of the week. These prayers are short and easy to reflect upon. We encourage everyone to take and use this booklet daily. The Capital Campaign Team has come up with another excellent way to seek God's help during this Campaign. This handy pocket prayer booklet can be prayed at home, at your place of work, or in our parish sanctuary. The idea is to encourage as many people as possible to pray often for the success of this campaign. Do not put this light under a bushel basket, but share this prayer booklet with neighbors and friends, and anybody who can take part in our success. Share the good news that St. John's is alive in Christ and doing exciting work for Jesus Christ.

Father Allen Rutherford
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty and loving God, we thank and praise you for your faithfulness to our parish for allowing us to Serve Christ in the Community for over 160 years. For this we are eternally grateful.

A new chapter has presented itself at St. John's. Our needs are changing and our facilities are in need of renovations. We have opportunities before us to expand your presence in the neighborhood and community through property acquisition. We trust in you as we step out in faith to improve our parish campus.

To build on "The Foundation of Our Future" is our most ardent desire. We believe this is also your will for us, not only for today but for generations to come. May we fulfill our calling with generous hearts and minds to this vision and for the resources it will require. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

"Very truly I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give to you. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."

John 16:23-24.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR ST. JOHN'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

SUNDAY

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

Almighty God, as we prepare to renovate our parish buildings and expand our ministries in order to improve our ability to serve Christ in our community, help us open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit. Enable us to envision the foundation of our future church family who will be attentive to your word, and respond to your guidance and direction. As we work to restore our buildings and utilize our properties, so renew our life together in this place and release our energy as we minister in your name. Give us a spirit of wisdom, generosity and perseverance, that our entire parish campus and parish family will bring glory, honor and praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MONDAY

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house." 1 Peter 2:5

Lord Jesus, you have promised that wherever two or three are gathered in Your name, you will be with them. In faith, claiming this promise we gather in Your Name as "living stones" seeking to renovate your spiritual house here in Mt. Vernon. We know the church is so much more than the building. It's the people. Prayerfully, we are now responding to what we believe is your call; to improve our facilities in order to better welcome and serve people in your name. As a parish family we ask for your continued blessing of our spiritual house both physically and spiritually. We ask this Jesus, in your name. Amen.

TUESDAY

"Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." Matthew 6:19-21

Father, we know you accept our gifts, great or small, and do great things with them. Help us to remember that you have done so much for us. In return, what can we give back?... our time... our talent, ...our treasure? What is the right answer for each of us? To discern what is best, as a parish we seek the help of your Holy Spirit to help each parishioner with their decisions concerning this capital campaign. Father you know the needs of everyone. You also know the desires of all who want to give back in some way. Please help each parishioner discern what will be best for them. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen

WEDNESDAY

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

Almighty and ever living God, we pray for your church here in Mt. Vernon. You have given to us a church family to accompany and encourage us on the journey of faith. For this we give thanks. Be with us and help us always to remember that our children and future generations are a gift to us from you and the foundation on which we are to continue to build the Church. Grant that we may find with one another all that is necessary for our shared life and ministry. We ask this in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

THURSDAY

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6

O Lord our God, we know that you have planned for us more than we can ask, or even imagine. Quiet our fears and help us with any concerns we may have about this campaign, that we may know and experience the abundant life that our Savior Jesus calls us to. Be with us as we make the commitments of generosity and charity which will lead us into paths you have placed before us to walk. We ask this in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” II Corinthians 9:7-8

Loving God, we ask you to fill our congregation with cheerful hearts, as we respond to the opportunity before us. Move us to generosity in your love as we dedicate ourselves to the work You have entrusted to us. We ask this in your Son's name Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SATURDAY

“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?” I Corinthians 3:16

Almighty and Living God, thank you for loving us and for desiring intimacy with each of us. You continue to shower us with grace. Help us to love you. Help us to show that love to others in our many ministries. Loving Father, continue to help us “Service Christ in Our Community” so we can be what our pastor Fr. Allen encourages us to be, the foundation of our future for all who come to this holy place St. John's Episcopal Church, Mt. Vernon. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.