

28 Days of Prayer

Five years ago, we set out on a journey to see God plant a church in West Nashville. From the early days our rallying cry was Psalm 127:1 -

> "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."

We have seen God do so much in us and through us! He has truly been at work, building a Kingdom Outpost here in the Nations neighborhood. As we approach a new year, we want to continue this journey in a posture of dependence & desperation. We see so much potential for Gospel renewal in our neighborhoods. There is so much we long to see God do in our midst. So, members, partners, and friends of Parks, let's join together & seek the face of God in prayer.

Remember, we pray for many reasons:

- Our eyes are lifted as we are reminded how BIG our God is
- We are humbled & made ready as dependent people to receive the good gifts God wants to give us
- We are changed, as our affections are reordered & our hearts are stirred for Jesus
- God's Kingdom is extended as He uses our prayers to accomplish his sovereign will

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Will you please pray over the next 28 days for Parks Church? May you experience the presence of the Lord & share in the fruit of his work at Parks Church.

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WE PRAY FOR PARKS CHURCH, AND THAT THE NEXT FIVE-TO-FIFTY YEARS WILL BUILD ON THE ENERGY OF OUR FIRST FIVE YEARS AS WE
EMBRACE, EMBODY, & EXTEND GOD'S MISSION WHERE WE LIVE, LOVE, & LABOR.



WE PRAY THAT GOD WILL BRING MORE NEW		
INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO PARKS CHURCH, AND THAT MORE PEOPLE WILL COME TO A SAVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS A RESULT.		



WE PRAY FOR PARKS' SMALL GROUPS TO GROW, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE THE CATALYST FOR BRINGING MORE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO A SAVING FAITH IN JESUS



WE PRAY FOR CHURCH LEADERS TO LEAD US WELL, AND TO HAVE HEARTS ALIGNED TO GOD'S WILL FOR US. PRAY FOR THE WORK THAT THEY MUST DO CONSTANTLY TO SHEPHERD A STIFF-NECKED, OBSTINATE GROUP OF PEOPLE.



WE PRAY FOR THE VOLUNTEERS OF PARKS CHURCH, FROM THOSE WHO SET UP THE ROOM, THOSE WHO GREET EACH WEEK OR PREPARE COFFEE, TO THE ONES WHO WORK WITH KIDS, TO THOSE WHO LEAD US IN PRAYER, WORSHIP, AND STUDY OF GOD'S WORD.



WE PRAY FOR OUR WORK AND THE PEOPLE WE INTERACT WITH, AND THAT OUR WORK WILL BE A REFLECTION OF GOD'S GLORY TO OUR COWORKERS WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS.



JESUS, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS, LEADERS, AND STAFF YOU HAVE PROVIDED. BE AN EVER-PRESENT HELP TO EACH OF THEM, AND ENCOURAGE THEM IN TIMES OF TROUBLE OR UNCERTAINTY, STRENGTHEN EACH OF THEM IN WISDOM, HOPE, FAITH, AND DISCERNMENT.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN PARKS CHURCH, FROM THE SMALLEST BABY TO SINGLE COLLEGE STUDENTS TO YOUNG FAMILIES TO RETIRED SENIORS. WE PRAY THAT THEIR NEED WILL BE MET, THAT THEIR WOUNDS WOULD BE HEALED, AND THAT THEIR HOPE AND TRUST WILL ALWAYS BE IN JESUS.



WE PRAY FOR OUR WEST NASHVILLE COMMUNITY, THAT PARKS CHURCH WOULD BECOME A BEACON OF LIGHT AND HOPE TO OUR NEIGHBORS.



WE PRAY FOR ALL THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN PARKS CHURCH, FOR THOSE WHO ARE HURTING, THOSE WHO FEEL ALONE OR ADRIFT WITH NO ANCHOR, AND THOSE WHO MAY NOT KNOW YOU YET. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS. ASK GOD TO MAKE HIS PRESENCE REAL, AND THAT HE WOULD DRAW THEM CLOSE TO HIMSELF.



WE PRAY THAT WE WOULD ALL HAVE A CLEAR SENSE OF WHY WE BELONG AT PARKS
CHURCH, THAT GOD WOULD GIVE EACH OF US A VERY REAL VISION FOR OUR CHURCH AND
OUR INDIVIDUAL ROLES WITHIN THE BODY.



WE PRAY THAT OUR GIVING WILL MEET OR EXCEED OUR GOALS, AND THAT THE FUNDS RAISED WILL DO NOTHING EXCEPT MAGNIFY THE NAME OF CHRIST IN OUR CITY & COMMUNITY.



WE PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE A PRAYING CHURCH, THAT WE WOULD CONTINUALLY BRING ALL OUR NEEDS AND CARES TO GOD THROUGH OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM.



WE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK, HURTING, HUNGRY, OR DEPRESSED, THA'				
GOD WOULD LEAD THEM TO PARKS CHURCH DOOR AND THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO				
SERVE & LOVE THEM WELL.				



WE PRAY THAT OUR WORSHIP WILL BE PLEASING TO THE LORD AND THAT OUR TIME TOGETHER WILL BE A SOURCE OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION TO ALL WHO ATTEND.



WE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY, STATE, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, THAT THEY MIGHT MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL RESTORE OUR
COUNTRY'S HARMONY AND UNITY OF
PURPOSE, THAT OUR COUNTRY WOULD BE A BEACON OF HOPE TO THE REST OF THE
WORLD.



GOD, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO RISE THIS MORNING WITHOUT FEAR BECAUSE YOU HAVE CLEARED THE PATH FOR US. FORGIVE US FOR WALKING THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT THE JOY THAT YOUR SON DIED TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH. HELP US TO FIND YOU IN THE HARD MOMENTS OF LIFE, AND REMEMBER THE COMFORT AND TRUTH OF YOUR PROMISES DURING SEASONS OF SUFFERING.



GOD, HELP US REMEMBER ALL THE GREAT THINGS YOU HAVE DONE, HOW YOU BROUGHT US TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION, HOW WE NEVER LACKED FOR A PLACE TO MEET, HOW YOU GAVE US THIS NEW HOME TO MEET IN, HOW YOU OPENED DOORS AND CLEARED THE PATH FOR US TO BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY WORK TO MAKE NEW YORK AVE OUR HOME.



FATHER, HELP US FOCUS TODAY ON HOW WE CAN LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS WELL. SHOW US AREAS OF NEED WHERE WE CAN BE YOUR HANDS AND FEET. HELP US TO DEVELOP THE HABIT OF PRAYER FIRST, THEN LISTEN SECOND. GUIDE OUR EFFORTS TOWARD THE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED, AND GRANT US THE RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE EFFECTIVE.



WE ASK YOU LORD FOR WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR POTENTIAL BUILDING USE. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL GIVE US A CLEAR & COMPREHENSIVE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY FOR PARKS, AND THAT WE WOULD KNOW THE PATH TO TAKE FOR EFFECTIVE CHILDREN/FAMILY MINISTRY.



FATHER, HELP US FOCUS TODAY ON HOW WE CAN LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS WELL. PUT UNBELIEVERS IN OUR PATH, AND TAKE AWAY OUR FEAR OF ENGAGING THEM.



JESUS, WE ASK THAT YOU BRING PEOPLE INTO OUR LIVES WHO DO NOT KNOW YOU. SPEAK THROUGH US TO REVEAL YOUR LOVE AND GLORY. HELP US BE HUMBLE BUT CONFIDENT IN HOW WE SHARE YOUR TRUTH AND POWER AND LOVE.



GOD OUR FATHER, WE PRAISE YOU TODAY FOR WHO YOU ARE AND FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE. WE WORSHIP YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR GREAT POWER AND PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES. WE COME TO YOU KNOWING THAT YOU CAN AND WILL ANSWER PRAYERS, AND SO WE LAY THESE CONCERNS AT YOUR FEET.



GOD, WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY, GIVE THEM SAFETY AND FUN IN THEIR ACTIVITIES. AND HELP THEM FIND YOU IN ALL THAT THEY DO. WE PRAY FOR THEIR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS AND ASK THAT YOU GIVE THEM A SENSE OF MEANING AND ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THEIR WORK. HELP THEM SEE THAT THEY MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN THEY SERVE.



JESUS, YOU ARE THE GIVER OF ALL GOOD GIFTS. HELP US TO BE GOOD AND FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF THE TREASURES YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO US, AND SHOW US WHERE OUR GIFTS CAN BE PUT TO GOOD USE. GIVE US ALL A GIVING HEART AS WE RETURN TO YOU JUST A SMALL PORTION OF WHAT YOU HAVE BLESSED US WITH. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.



JESUS, WE ASK YOU TO BE PRESENT WITH THOSE WHO MOURN, THOSE WHO ARE FACING SEVERE CHALLENGES THAT SEEM IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERCOME. BE A VERY REAL PRESENCE WITH THEM, AND USE US, YOUR CHURCH, TO BE YOUR HANDS AND FEET, BEARERS OF PEACE AND COMFORT TO THOSE WHO NEED IT. LET ALL WHO SEEK YOU FIND THEIR REST IN YOUR SAVING ARMS.	
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HOLY SPIRIT, WE PRAY FOR THE DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT GATHER AT OUR CHURCH, IN COFFEE SHOPS, AND IN HOMES. BE PRESENT IN EACH GATHERING, OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO YOUR STORY AS IT IS TOLD BY OTHERS THROUGH THEIR OWN WALK WITH YOU, REMIND US ALWAYS OF YOUR PRESENCE. AND CONVICT US OF OUR SHORTCOMINGS. MAKE OUR TIME TOGETHER ONE OF LOVE. TRANSPARENCY AND ENCOURAGEMENT.



FATHER, MAKE YOUR CHURCH A SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR THOSE WHO FACE DESPAIR. GRANT US THE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS REAL ISSUES AND ALSO A HEART TO BRING YOUR POWER AND LOVE INTO THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO FEEL THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO TURN. HELP US REMEMBER TO BE HUMBLE, AND TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE US. LET US BECOME KNOWN FOR OUR LOVE NOT JUST FOR
EACH OTHER, BUT FOR ALL WHO SO DESPERATELY NEED IT.