

60 HOURS OF PRAYER

PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE



JOURNEY'S CROSSING
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You may be wondering ...

“How do I spend an hour in prayer?”

Here's a guide to an hour with God in prayer. It's a simple division of the hour into twelve segments of five minutes each (it would be easy to extend these to ten or fifteen minutes each and have two or three hours of prayer). Here they are:

START here:

1. Praise For Him (5 minutes)
2. Praise to Him (5 minutes)
3. Confession (5 minutes)
4. Read the Word to Him (5 minutes)
5. Petition (5 minutes)
6. Intercession (5 minutes)
7. Read the Word For myself (5 minutes)
8. Thanksgiving (5 minutes)
9. Singing (5 minutes)
10. Meditation (5 minutes)
11. Listening (5 minutes)
12. Praise in song (5 minutes)

FINISH

Consider starting with a simple prayer to ask For God's help along the way.



Dear God,

*For too long I have been taken up with "other things,"
I hereby gladly give You one hour of my day(s) in prayer.
Please help me to focus on you in our
conversation and time together.*

Name: _____ Date _____

1. Give Praise For God (Spend 5 minutes).

This is praise before God just for Himself. We have listed attributes of His character to lift praise before Him.

100 Qualities of God for which I Praise Him!

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| 1. Love | 35. Source of variety | 68. Life planner |
| 2. Power | 36. Source of Faith | 69. Harvester |
| 3. Wisdom | 37. Revealer | 70. Lord |
| 4. Grace | 38. Personally interested | 71. End-maker |
| 5. Mercy | 39. Hate | 72. Slave maker |
| 6. Kindness | 40. Wrath | 73. Liberty maker |
| 7. Patience | 41. Fire | 74. Seeing |
| 8. Presence | 42. Holy-Pure | 75. Hearing |
| 9. Father | 43. Speaker | 76. King of all the earth |
| 10. External | 44. Designer | 77. Reigning |
| 11. Unchangeable | 45. Sender | 78. For us |
| 12. Justice-Judge | 46. Historian | 79. Faithful |
| 13. Sovereign | 47. Righteous | 80. Promise maker |
| 14. Creator | 48. Majestic | 81. Lord of all |
| 15. Rule | 49. Social being | 82. Revered |
| 16. Complete | 50. Chastener | 83. Rock |
| 17. Spirit | 51. Strong | 84. One |
| 18. Joy | 52. Male-like | 85. Triune |
| 19. Intelligence, | 53. Female-like | 86. Generous |
| 20. Lonesome | 54. Intimate | 87. Courageous |
| 21. Shepherd | 55. Employer | 88. Healer |
| 22. Sanctifier | 56. Can't Fail | 89. Life giver |
| 23. Redeemer | 57. Always interested | 90. Hope |
| 24. Savior | 58. Wants you and me | 91. Potter |
| 25. Forgive | 59. Light-giver | 92. Husband |
| 26. Cleanser | 60. Honey-giver | 93. High-tower |
| 27. Christ-like | 61. Protector | 94. Shield |
| 28. Owner | 62. Opportunity maker | 95. Reward |
| 29. Filler | 63. Truth | 96. Light |
| 30. Beautiful | 64. Peace | 97. Understanding |
| 31. Satisfying | 65. Goodness | 98. I am |
| 32. Writer-Author | 66. Preacher maker | 99. Omnipotent |
| 33. Listener | 67. City builder | 100. Omniscient |

2. Give Praise to God (Spend 5 minutes).

This is five minutes of adoration—wonder, awe to God for all He means to you. Use the same 100 qualities, think about how they are related to you, what do they mean to you. We are saying in one hundred ways: “I Love You God.”

3. Confession of my sin (Spend 5 minutes).

This is admitting freely, openly, honestly our sin against God, loved ones and myself. Below is a list of 100 sins we find listed in the Scriptures that we might always have before us as God’s definition of sin. We have a strong tendency to hide or ignore sins. We need this mirror of God before us.

List of Bad Stuff (sins) we choose sometimes:

Lying, Stealing, Gossip, Lewd thoughts, Profanity, Hatred, Anger, Wrath, Railing, Shameful speaking, Passion, Covetousness, Sexual immorality, Idolatry, Witchcraft, Jealousy, Fits of rage, Selfish, Ambition, Factions, Envy, Drunkenness, Orgies, Hardening of heart, Continual lust, Deceit, Bitterness, Greed, Foolish talk, Coarse joking, Empty words, Their God is their stomach, Their glory is their shame,	Hollow philosophy, Tradition for truth, False humility, Worship of angels, Carnality, Malice, Slander, Harshness, Idleness, Wrong for wrong, Grieving the Spirit, Quenching the Spirit, Shepherds who fed only them- selves, Grumbling, Fault finders, Flattering, Scoffing, Pride of possessions, Despise Authority, Haughty-eyes, Lording it over others, Insult for insult, Immodesty, Retaliation, Threatening, Arrogant, Disobey- ing parents, Faithless, Judgmental	Sealed conscience, Dishonor parents, Loss of first love, Evil suspicions, Love of money, Impatient, Unkindness, Rudeness, Easily angered, Keeping a record of wrongs, Failing to discern the body, Luke-warmness, Stinginess, Loving to have preeminence, Pride in what is seen, Stumbling block, Disrespect, Fearfulness, Disbelief, Praying to be seen of men, Prayerlessness, Keeping Jesus outside, Fornica- tion, Uncleaness, Forgetting our cleansing,	Denying our Lord, Seeking to be justified by the law, Lose heart, Callowness, Filthiness, Unforgiving, Unmerciful, Perverseness, Unyieldingness, Meanness, Always Right. My Stuff:
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4. **Read the Word to God (Spend 5 minutes).**

This is in the attitude and expression of thankfulness.

Read these references:

1 John 1:7-9 (The Message) ⁶⁻⁷*If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not living what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin.* ⁸⁻¹⁰*If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. On the other hand, if we admit our sins—make a clean breast of them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. If we claim that we've never sinned, we out-and-out contradict God—make a liar out of him. A claim like that only shows off our ignorance of God.*

Matthew 6:19-24 (The Message) Treasures in Heaven—A Life of

God-Worship ¹⁹⁻²¹*"Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.* ²²⁻
²³*"Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have!"* ²⁴*"You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both.*

Dear God,

Am I storing treasures on earth?

What real treasures do I have in heaven?

The treasures of heaven are the qualities of beauty that surround you God. Help me see clearly where my treasure is, so I'm aware of where my heart is. I want to be filled with light that overcomes darkness. Please help me to focus on serving you. In Jesus Name—Amen.

5. Ask For specifics—Petition & Requests (Spend 5 minutes).

God hears our prayer and praise and answers each one. Here is a list of petitions; promises backed by the integrity of God Himself.

13-15 My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. And how bold and Free we then become in his presence, Freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours. 1 John 5:13-15

Here are some examples of things to ask God about:

Parents, Our daily bread, Deliver us From evil, Send For workers, lead us not into temptation, That our Faith will not Fail, Be merciful to me, Forgive those who hurt us, That all who believe have unity, That God's love be in us, To speak with boldness, Look on the threats of others, Stretch out your hand please Lord, That they might be saved, May the God of peace be with you, Grace, Mercy, Peace, Enrichment of speech, That there be no divisions, A spirit of wisdom, Wisdom, Eyes of heart enlightened, Know the hope of calling, Surpassing power, Riches of inheritance, Strengthened with power in the inner self, Christ may dwell in our hearts, Know the love of Christ,

that a door be opened For the Word, that we comprehend the depth, height and length of the love of God, that love may abound, approve of things that are excellent, right and good, that love may abound, Filled with the knowledge of His will, walk worthy of the Lord, pursue righteousness, godliness, Faith, love, endurance and gentleness, to Fight the good Fight, work in me what is pleasing in your sight please God be kind, keep me From stumbling, keep me blameless, come Lord Jesus, A good conscience, Jesus' kind of: love, joy, peace, goodness, kindness, Faithfulness, meekness, patience, self-control; love For neighbor as self, sound judgment,

love For spouse as your own body, hospitality, use gifts For God, use strength as From God, strive in prayer For those who preach, good things, Filled with joy in believing, prosper in good health, be healed, For all Food as we eat, complete lack in Faith, all people known to God, establish our hearts in holiness, delivered From evil people, For children, Christ's perseverance, Be counted worthy of the calling, For the sick, prepare my heart to seek the Lord, be sanctified in the truth, love me in spite of my sin, convict me of my sin, move me to truly change my mind, keep your hope in my heart, safety of travel, opportunity For witness, open my eyes to your crea-

tion, purity of heart, meekness, make me a peacemaker, joy in persecution, saltiness in my life, an opening to share God's love to others in my life, the perfection of my Father in heaven.

My Stuff:

6. Intercede For others in prayer (Spend 5 minutes).

This involves praying for people who are lost in the world. Pray that God uses your life and our church to unleash compassion in our World! Pray for local & global needs. Pray for our country, our government, other countries, the Church globally—young and old who need to discover Jesus as Savior and Lord of their life.

Note: Please use pages 12-15 of this booklet to pray for Journey's Crossing's ministry areas (lists are provided of specific needs/focus) to assist you as you pray for the Celebration, Connection & Contributions Focus to help people to discover and assume their identity with Christ.

7. Read the Word For myself (Spend 5 minutes).

Relate all you read to yourself. Make personal applications in every part. You can begin with the book of John 1:1-18.

8. Give Thanksgiving (Spend 5 minutes).

We have found lists very, very helpful in praying. Here's a list that can be used to express our gratitude.

100 Expressions of Thanksgiving: Matthew 1:1-6:6

Our daily bread, made right with God, peace of mind, hope of heaven, purpose in all life, dear Friends, the careful lineage of my Lord, The Holy Spirit, angels who minister to me, the saving power of Jesus, the meaning of Immanuel (God with us), the wise men, the star sent by God to guide, my desire to worship, all who have copied Scriptures and given them to us,	Fulfilled prophecies, The Good Shepherd, my Lord, God's ability to defeat the wicked, The joy of salvation, Every dollar and the ability to earn it, Lovely Fragrances, Unknown and unappreciated protection, Night when I can rest and dream, That our country is not ravished by war, Little children, The strange man, John the Baptist, The desire to repent,	Solitude where we can renew our strength, Citizenship in the Kingdom of God, That my heart can be His highway, The ability to deny food for something more important, The interest in the gospel in many places, baptism and its meaning, The wrath and justice of God, the desire to repent, That God is our Father, Our heritage of Faith,	God's good Fruit in the lives of men, The Fan and Fire of God in our life, The Holy Spirit, Jesus' sacrifice for me, The well-pleasing Savior, Trials sometimes called temptations, Healthy taste buds, that the body can be controlled, that life is not just "bread", the Word, the privilege of serving my Father.
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100 Expressions of Thanksgiving (continued)

That Satan does leave when resisted, The desire to Fish For men, that I can be poor in spirit, that our Lord can heal in answer to prayer, the promise of comfort when I mourn, the whole earth I can inherit through meekness, the righteousness that shall fill me because of my hunger, that God will be merciful to me sine I have been merciful to others, purity of heart that gives me a vision of God, that I can be a peacemaker, that I can rejoice in persecution, that God can and does

rule in my life, that God knows every lie told about me, that I can be the salt of the earth where I live, I am the light of my world, that I can be salty salt, that men cannot—will not—ignore light, the stand or position from which my light can shine, that my Father can get glory from my good works, the fulfillment of the law in my wonderful Lord, the indestructibility of His Word, that teaching His commandments makes me great, that my motives can be humble, it is possible not to be angry with my

brother, that all vengeance belongs to God, a clear and clean conscience before all men, that it is not necessary to lust, the drastic measures often necessary to overcome sin, that nothing is more valuable or more important than pleasing God, that I am happy and content to live with my wife, that my word can be my bond, that the earth is His footstool, that all my words can be true, Heaven—the throne of God, non-resistance to violence, the “second-mile” in all of life, that I can be gen-

erous as God is to me, that I can love those who hate me, that heavenly reward of unselfish love, that I can do more than others—in loving, that my righteousness can be hid from men, secret giving to the work of my Lord.

My Thanks:

9. Sing Praise or Prayer Songs (5 minutes).

Music/singing can be one of the most meaningful forms of prayer. Here are a few songs of praise and prayer—each was written to be sung to God as an expression of worship.

Ephesians 5:19-20

¹⁹Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. “

Ephesians 5:19-20

Dear God,

Please help me to experience the freedom of trusting in you as I pursue you, seek you, find you and grow more like you. Thanks for the incredible and unending love you give to me.

Love,

Name: _____ Date _____

Psalm 4

- ¹ Answer me when I call to you,
O my righteous God.
Give me relief From my distress;
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.
- ² How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame ?
How long will you love delusions and seek False gods
- ³ Know that the LORD has set apart the godly For himself;
the LORD will hear when I call to him.
- ⁴ In your anger do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices
and trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?"
Let the light of your Face shine upon us, O LORD.
- ⁷ You have filled my heart with greater joy
than when their grain and new wine abound.
- ⁸ I will lie down and sleep in peace,
For you alone, O LORD,
make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Written by David.

Words From my Favorite songs:

10. Quietly Meditate (Spend 5 minutes).

This time is devoted to reading out loud From what we typically call daily devotional guides. Read John 15:1-17

The Vine and the Branches ¹⁻³ "I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken. ⁴"Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. ⁵⁻⁸"I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples. ⁹⁻¹⁰"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love. ¹¹⁻¹⁵"I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. ¹⁶"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. ¹⁷"But remember the root command: Love one another.

What do you see in your life that needs trimming? What is the greatest sacrifice you've made for a friend?

11. Listening (Spend 5 minutes).

After 50 minutes of other forms of prayer, we are ready for what can be the highest act in our conversation with God—when God speaks to us! There are four avenues of such communication.

A. Through His Word, The Bible. Read out loud passages you have read in this time of prayer, particularly those which speak to your need. Listen, God is speaking.

B. Through His teachers. God has set teachers in the church and in our lives, that He might speak to us through them. Think about how God has used others to speak into your lives to bring truth that changes our life. Listen to God.

C. Through His direction of the circumstances of your life. In this time of thoughtfulness and contemplation we review the past—immediate and earlier—we learn from God's providence only in retrospect. Here is the time and place to "put it all together" and hear God speak to you (no audible voices necessary). Listen, God is speaking to you through the pattern you discern.

4. God speaks to us through answered prayer. Have certain things happened to you about which you have prayed? God is speaking to you in these events—listen!

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

12. Sing a Song of Praise (Spend 5 minutes). Use this Chris Tomblin song (or another song you know) to praise God.

UNFAILING LOVE

You have my heart
And I am Yours Forever
You are my strength
God of grace and power

And everything You hold in
Your hand
Still You make time For me
I can't understand
Praise You God of Earth and sky
How beautiful is Your unfailing love
Unfailing love

And You never change God
You remain
The Holy One
My unfailing love
Unfailing love

You are my rock
The one I hold on to
You are my song
And I sing For You

And everything You hold in
Your hand
Still You make time For me
I can't understand
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How beautiful is Your unfailing love
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Unfailing love

I will praise You
Praise you God of earth and sky
How beautiful is your unfailing love
Unfailing love

And You never change God
You remain
The Holy One
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Unfailing love

Dear God,

*Please help me to experience the Freedom of trusting in you
as I pursue you, seek you, Find you and grow more like you.
Thanks For the incredible and unfailing love you give to me.*

Love,

Name: _____ Date _____

Life-Stage Ministries

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Father, please help children to grow up believing in you and commit their lives to following you. Help us to provide a place that meets them right where they are with the most important message of Truth that exists through Jesus' love—that changes eternity.

Please help parents and student/adult volunteers to recognize their role in changing eternity through caring and teaching children. Please bring renewed awareness to parents that their kids are growing up quickly and help them to invest while they are young in shared Faith building activities. We need five adults in our Preschool, Elementary and Nursery areas to build our teams to efficiency and commitment in serving. This is such a struggle sometimes. Please send willing servants as an extension of God's hands and feet.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Ask for our youth leaders – for protection, growth, consistency and strength in loving youth without strings. Like Jesus asks us. Ask that our team's hearts would break for youth and the hurts they face. Ask that many youth would accept Jesus as their Rescuer, Bestie (which means 'best friend') and the King of their lives through our youth ministry. Ask for youth as they deal with being teens in a world that they're sure has abandoned them. Ask that they would know real love as our church loves them with the love of Jesus. Ask that our youth ministry would be able to reach out into our county and introduce teens to Jesus in effective ways. Ask for our seniors that they move into their after high school years with Jesus as the number one influencer in life.

SMALL GROUPS: Father, thank you for Small Group Leaders, Small Group Coaches, Apprentices and Hosts in our Connections opportunities. Please grow our group numbers to 50 groups for the Fall. That means we need new leaders to rise up to meet the growing needs of our church—to care and challenge people through growing in understanding God's word applied to life and doing life together with others. Help us (me) to remember that I was not made to travel alone. Forgive me when I try.

Please move in the lives and hearts of attenders to recognize their need to make Faith Friendship connections that make life more filled with zest that changes our outlook, gives hope and develops boldness in my life to chatter about how God's love changes my life every day.

Renew group leaders, encourage and protect the leaders in this ministry, provide deep satisfaction as leaders see first hand that God is working in the lives of their group members.

*There's never a lack of God's power, In prayer and reading
His Word, For Jesus in heaven is listening, Your prayer will
always be heard—Hess*

Guest Services

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: God, please help the greeters and ushers to reach the lonely and the lost that you send to Journey's Crossing! Help them to create to Foster warm Fellowship among the regular attenders that come on Sunday morning.

God, help the welcome callers to share your love when they call visitors to Journey's Crossing.. Help them put the visitors at ease. Help them to connect with visitors emotionally.

God, help the refreshment teams prepare the coffee and food area in such a way that your love and provision for people shines through.

God, help the First Impressions Team leaders to train and support their team members. Also, we ask that you would grant them opportunities to recruit new team members.

God, bless the First Impressions teams in their ministry to visitors and regular attenders. Help them convey the love of God to all who enter the theater on Sunday mornings. As they look to the future, bless them with more ministry helpers, greater commitment among the leaders, and a passion to serve with excellence. Amen.

CARE PARTNERS

Pray that our Care Partners will make contact with new attenders.—that they will be sensitive to the heartfelt needs of those they call each week for connections to ministry teams and small groups, which help people grow in their relationship with God.

Pray that our Care Partner Coaches will be faithful in praying for and encouraging their Care Partner teams. Pray that ten more Care Partners and two more coaches will invest in this opportunity. Care Partners are behind-the-scenes servants. They call individuals who are visiting Journey's Crossing on a regular basis but are not yet connected to a small group or ministry team. Each person receives a phone call approximately once every 8 weeks.

ADMINISTRATION

Father, thank you for the Data Entry Volunteers, Accounts and Bookkeeping staff and volunteers, our Financial Assistant, Office Volunteers and Administrative Assistant. Thanks for the gifts they share to care for the many details necessary to support the mission and vision of the church.

Scripture for prayer:

"Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

Outreach

Pray that with each little touch we make in the community through various projects that God's love would be evident and that through them our church would be known in the community for showing God's love to the needy

Pray for an increase usage and opportunities to use the SURGEMobile this spring and summer

Pray for our yearly outreach in DC in partnership with DC Police & for more inroads in to Urban areas of outreach

Pray for the two mission trips that Scott and the youth will be taking this Summer (Buffalo and Cincinnati)

Pray really hard for our team working really hard to raise funds for our summer mission trip to Uganda

Pray that all 250 backpacks that we collected in the Fall will reach our adopted school in Uganda and that the children would feel God's love through us.

Pray for the team that is forming and will be serving at the orphanage in Mexico this summer

Pray that an increasing number of our church members will be building redemptive relationships with those who don't know Christ resulting in a growing number of people giving their lives to Jesus for the first time.

Pray for the gospel to make inroads in foreign countries that have the fewest numbers of Christians

Pray that God would raise up new church plants and team members on the east coast

Pray that God would raise up more missionaries committed to places where the gospel needs to penetrate.

Praise God for another successful year of outreach and life change in Nicaragua

Pray for the financial sponsorship of around 80 children from Nicaragua in a new school that we are partnering in.

Mark 16:14-16 (The Message)

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Still later, as the Eleven were eating supper, he appeared and took them to task most severely for their stubborn unbelief, refusing to believe those who had seen him raised up. Then he said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all. Whoever believes and is baptized is saved; whoever refuses to believe is damned."

Worship & Arts

Pray for our band members, vocalists, tech team, video producers, drama team, that God will shine through them as they use their gifts to serve Him.

Pray that our services will provide opportunities for people to have spiritual moments—to experience the presence of God.

Pray that as we look ahead in planning our creative expressions, that God would guide and use our offerings to impact people in a relevant way. That hearts would be touched and lives turned toward Jesus.

Pray for God's protection upon our equipment and people, so that frustrations, stress and distractions would be removed. For God's peace as people help serve in setup and breakdown. Pray for continued rising leadership in teams that are actively engaged in Celebration and worship in Sunday morning services.

Church Leadership, Vision & Direction

Pray that God would raise up more men and women in our church as coaches, leaders & apprentice leaders. To help provide care, spiritual encouragement and to do ministry in and through our church.

Pray for protection for staff and leaders from Satan's attack. Provide financial resources to do ministry. Give us clean vision for the next 20-30 years.

Pray for continued impact of God through Journey's Crossing that impacts our Neighborhood Community, County, Nation and Globe—with Jesus love—that multiplies eternity.

Pray that we will continue to find new ways to accomplish our mission to "Meet people where they are and guide them to their next steps to become more like Jesus." Help us to become an ever-expanding group of diverse, joyful people who make a positive difference in our world today.

John 4:34 (The Message)

³⁴⁻³⁵ Jesus said, "The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work he started. As you look around right now, wouldn't you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It's harvest time!"

Dear God,

It's easy to get distracted. Thanks for your participation with me in the time we've shared. I'd love to do it regularly as we develop our friendship. Please help me to prioritize and schedule time to talk with you each day. Thanks for Jesus and your incredible love to me. Love & Signed,

Name: _____ Date _____

Option 2: Personal Prayer Guide

These are some important areas to focus on while you are praying...

Praise: Tell God how good, loving, and powerful He is

*Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
(Psalm 63:3)*

Waiting: Give yourself completely to God and wait on Him

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)

Confession: Tell God all the mistakes you've made recently and ask for forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Watching: Look for how Satan may try and keep you from living for Jesus and claim God's power over him.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

Intercession: Pray for other people's needs – physical, emotional, spiritual, material, etc.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)

Petition: Pray for all of your own needs – physical, emotional, financial, spiritual, etc.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)

Thanksgiving: Thank God for all He has done for you

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Listening: Take time to bring very specific questions and concerns to God and listen for His voice

Do not be quick with your mouth; do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

Worship: Exalt God for all that He is and end with a strong 'Amen'

*For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen
(Matthew 6:13)*