

PRAYER GUIDE

Prayer & Fasting Week
January 5th-12th, 2025

Day 1: The Mission

Pray over the Mission God has given Hillside, "To help people **discover** who Jesus *really* is and live **with, like, and for** him, now and forever."

Scripture:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20

- Pray for a heart of compassion to reach the lost.
- Ask for boldness and wisdom in sharing the gospel.
- Pray for discipleship to grow within the church, equipping believers to follow Jesus deeply.

Day 2: Dependence on God

Recognize our dependence on God for everything we have and everything we are going to do this year.

Scriptures:

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

—Jesus, John 15:5

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

—Solomon, Psalm 127:1a

- Pray for a renewed awareness of your need for God in all areas.
- Ask for trust in His provision and faithfulness.
- Commit to relying on His strength rather than your own.

Day 3: Ministries & Leaders

Focus on the ministries God has given us to steward and the leaders and volunteers that serve in them.

Scripture:

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

—Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20

- Pray for the leaders of your church to have wisdom, courage, and rest.
- Lift up specific ministries for effectiveness and spiritual fruit (e.g., Children's Ministry, Students, Worship, Tech, and Creative Teams, Welcome Team, Safety & Security, Life Groups, D-Groups, Care Ministry, Biblical Counseling, Men's, Women's, Missions, ReEngage, Prayer Ministry)
- Pray for volunteers to serve joyfully and faithfully.

Day 4: Missions

Pray for our mission partners locally and around the world.

Scripture:

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

—Paul, Romans 10:14

- Pray for our missionaries locally and globally, for protection and opportunities to share the gospel.
- Ask for hearts in unreached people groups to be open to the message of Christ.
- Ask for God's provision for mission organizations and workers.

Day 5: Humility & Repentance

Pray for our whole church to have a posture of humility and repentance going into this next year.

Scripture:

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

—David, Psalm 51:10

- Confess areas of personal and corporate sin.
- Pray for humility to follow God's ways over your own.
- Ask for a spirit of repentance to permeate our church and community.

Day 6: Breakthrough & Revival

Ask God to do bring renewal, to revive our hearts towards him, and to restore our wonder and awe.

Scripture:

*Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?*

—Psalm 85:6

- Pray for personal and corporate revival in our church.
- Ask God for spiritual breakthroughs in areas of struggle, complacency, or apathy.
- Seek a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and ask God to restore the joy of our salvation.

Day 7: Families & Community

Pray for God to strengthen the families within our church and surrounding community.

Scripture:

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

—Joshua 24:15

- Pray for Christ to strengthen families and marriages at Hillside and to be always at the center.
- Ask for healing, reconciliation, and unity in strained relationships.
- Lift up your local community, seeking God's blessing and renewal.

Day 8: Worship & Thanksgiving

Praise God for everything he's done this week and everything he will do this year!

Scripture:

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

—Psalm 100:4

- Thank God for His goodness, faithfulness, and provision.
- Praise Him for answered prayers throughout the week.
- Commit to living a life of worship and gratitude.

Remember to join us from 5-6pm on January 12th for a night of worship and prayer!