

# 28 Days of Prayer

Throughout 28 Days of Prayer, we will pray that the vision God is leading our church towards –to become a movement of God seeing lives changed in Chattanooga and beyond—becomes reality in each of us. There are five building blocks for this vision to become reality for Bayside, and this will be the focus of our prayer over the next 28 days.

Each day you'll find a passage of scripture and an encouragement for how to pray that scripture over your life, for others and for our church. Use these prayer cards to guide you as we pray together for the next 28 days, and let's ask God to move in power during this season!

# **BAYSIDE'S VISION**

Our vision is to become a movement of God seeing lives changed in Chattanooga and beyond.

# THE BUILDING BLOCKS

- 1. Grow Health
- 2. Neighbor Well
- 3. Bring Others
- 4. Make It Personal
- 5. Pass the Baton

#### "A Movement of God"

A movement of God is so much bigger than a church service or programs. Movement happens when God's people embrace that we represent Christ to the world around us. Ask God to help you see your life and relationships as opportunities to demonstrate and share God's grace.

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20

# "Seeing Lives Changed in Chattanooga and Beyond"

We believe God has called us to do more than just "have" church every week. God is calling us to become a movement where we see people's lives changed in our city and beyond. Ask God to give you eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to perceive how God is at work to do this through your life.

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."

John 4:35

In all our ministries, we want to help people live from the inside out, resulting in a vibrant Spirit-led life and faith.

For the next five days, ask God to show you how He wants to create a vibrant, Spirit-led life and faith in you. Ask God to do the same work in our faith family, helping us to grow into greater spiritual health as a faith family.

Jesus offers a vibrant, Spirit-led way of life that originates in your heart, resulting in living from the inside out. Ask God to help you resist the temptation to focus on external "fixes" and instead to allow Him to transform your heart each day.

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of His heart will flow rivers of living water.' "

Trusting completely in the Lord means you believe God is working "upstream" of that moment in your life, no matter your current circumstances. Name those areas where it's hard to trust Him, and ask Him to help you see how He's at work right now.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Growing healthy as a believer involves being filled with joy and thanksgiving. Walking with Jesus is a faith-filled adventure as you grow each day. Spend a couple minutes today thanking God for His goodness to you, and ask Him to fill you with gratitude for all the ways He's blessed you.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

God is at work to grow this healthy, vibrant and Spirit-led faith in you. He is committed to seeing this become reality in your life. Ask God today what your next step of faith is in your journey of growing in Christ. And then do it!

"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6

We're praying for the movement of God at Bayside today. Ask God to help our church boldly walk by faith into the future, resisting the comfort of what's familiar and the fear of the unknown as we grow more and more healthy. Pray that we'll see more and more people experience life change in our city and beyond.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

2 Corinthians 5:7

We want to intentionally and generously care for the people in our community and beyond.

God has placed you right where you are to love and care for the people around you. For the next few days, we'll be focusing on asking God to help not only see the needs around us, but to respond to those needs and to love others well.

Neighboring well begins with your heart. When we love God wholeheartedly He begins to help us see others with compassion and love. How are you loving others? Ask God today to help you see as He sees and love how He loves.

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31



Neighboring well often means sharing what we have. Ask God to give you a heart of generosity towards your neighbors, and to help you see the opportunities you have to help someone else. Then ask Him to present you an opportunity today to share with someone in need.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have. for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

You are gifted and distinctly designed by God. He has given you abilities, experiences, and talents to love others in a unique way. We should not keep these gifts to ourselves, but instead we are to serve others. Ask God today to help you use your unique gifts and abilities to bless others around you.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10



It's so easy to get into a routine or rhythm of life and not see the needs that exist all around you. God has placed you in your workplace, neighborhood, or school to love others well. Ask God to open your eyes today to truly see those around you.

"let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

1 John 3:16-18



We all need help at times carrying the "burden" of life when it presses down on us. Ask God to show you how you can help carry the burdens of others. Make a list, pray for opportunities, then do it!

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

We want to bridge the gap between people and Jesus by inviting them to church.

All it takes is a simple invite for many people to begin to experience God's life changing power! God wants us to see the people around us differently, recognizing the opportunity we have been given to help others find Jesus. Ask God to help you see the relationships and opportunities you currently have to help others find Jesus and start by simply inviting them to join you at church.

As you live each day, your life can impact others for the Kingdom of God. Ask God to stir a passion in your heart to invest your life in the people around you and invite them to church.

"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."

Matthew 28:19-20

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Ask God to give you the wisdom and opportunities to have meaningful spiritual conversations with the people in your life. He has purposefully placed you in your family, neighborhood, school, and workplace to help others find Jesus. Ask God to show you one person He wants you to bring with you to Jesus.

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

Colossians 4:5-6

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The natural response to experiencing God's forgiveness and grace is to want others to experience what you've experienced. Ask God to remind you of the grace you have been given and to give you a passion to bring others to see Him so they can experience life change.

"We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

John 4:42

God has placed you right where you are to help others find the Kingdom of God. Ask God to give you wisdom, courage, and opportunity to represent Christ in your spheres of influence. Ask God to multiply this movement through the people of Bayside.

"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,

to send out workers into His harvest field."

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God gives you His power to help others find the Kingdom of God. He promises to help you and give you all you need to bring others to Jesus. Ask God to help you remember this really is what your life is about today.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

We want to be spiritual contributors rather than spiritual consumers.

God has created and gifted you to be a part of strengthening the church by serving. Ask God to reveal the ways you might be looking at attending Bayside to "get" something rather than to "give" of your time, talents and treasure to the kingdom of God.

Being a spiritual contributor means that we intentionally seek the good of those around us. Pray that God would give you opportunities today to love and serve someone in need around you.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Epnesians 2:10

Ask God in what area of your life has fear prevented you from using your gifts for the good of others. Then ask God to give you His spirit of power, love, and self-control that you would do what you've been afraid to do in the past.

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

2 Timothy 1:6

Ask God to give clarity to each person who is part of the Bayside family about what strengths and spiritual gifts God has given them, and about how they can use them to serve not themselves, but others.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 4:10-11

Spiritual contributors think like "owners" of the church, not "renters". Ask God to give our church the humility needed to recognize that we need one another, and the courage needed to seek the greater good above our personal preferences.

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them."

Romans 12:4-6

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Pray for Bayside's leadership as they equip and encourage our faith family for ministry. Ask God to give our shepherds and teachers wisdom, faith, love and courage to lead well.

"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."

We want to equip the next generation to pursue Jesus long after we're gone.

Passing the baton of a vibrant, Spirit-led faith to those who come after us is one of the most significant ways your life can have a lasting impact. Not only does the next generation (kids and students) long for spiritual investment in their lives, our church has to continually raise up a new generation of leadership from within! Ask God to show you how to equip those who come after you to follow Jesus wholeheartedly and help lead our church into the future.

The wise person understands that his days are numbered, and so works hard to pass his faith on to the next generation. Pray that God would give you the wisdom to see how best to use the days that He has given you to make a difference in those younger than you.

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12



If we want our children and grandchildren to know the Lord, we must work hard to remember and share what God has done for us. Ask God to help you cherish the memories of what He has done in your life and to give you a passion for passing that on to your children and grandchildren.

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

Deuteronomy 4:9

Today's verse illustrates what will happen if we don't pass the baton to the next generation. Ask God to let the idea of a generation that doesn't know the Lord burn a red hot passion in our church for serving the next generation.

"And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that He had done for Israel."

Judges 2:10

Today, pray that God would not only make Bayside a multi-generational church, but that the generations would have a great humility and love towards one another.

Pray that we learn from one another and that our faith would be mutually encouraged by one another.

"Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and He will show you, your elders, and they will tell you."

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Today's verse states God's promise if we are faithful to teach and apply God's Word with the next generation. Pray that God would help each generation at Bayside understand and apply His Word, so that our children and grandchildren would enjoy the many blessings of God.



"Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you. in a land flowing with milk and honey."

Deuteronomy 32:7



# VISION

Our vision is to become a movement of God seeing lives changed in Chattanooga and beyond.

What a journey so far! Today is the last day of 28 Days of Prayer, and today we'll again ask God to lead us to see even more lives changed in our city and beyond. God wants to move in and through us as we embrace these five building blocks and allow Him to move in each of us. God can do more than we could ever ask of dream of according to his power at work in us. Let's ask Him to move in power, and that the kingdom of God would grow because of Bayside!

## VISION

God is able to do far more than we can even think, dream or imagine. He can do in a second what we could never do in a lifetime! He does this through His people as we're led by the Holy Spirit. Ask God that the movement He wants our church to become would begin in you.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20



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