

FALL 2025



**THE  
CORNERSTONE  
INITIATIVE**

# P R A Y E R   G U I D E

*Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. – Ephesians 2:20*

EACH DAY  
AT 2:20  
STOP & PRAY.



**NORTHSIDE**  
CHURCH

*Ephesians 2:20 - You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home. (MSG)*

## USING THIS PRAYER GUIDE



**What is a prayer guide?** - It is a way to get everyone on the same page (literally), seeking God for his help, direction, and provision.

**How do I do it?** - We are asking that each day at 2:20, whether AM or PM, you take time to open up this guide and pray the prayer for the day and read the scripture that goes with it. You can do this by yourself or with a friend or with your spouse or family. What matters is that we pray.

**It feels kind of scripted...** - Yes these are written prayers that we can all join together to read and pray in one voice. Throughout the history of the church there have been prayers that all believers have prayed, including the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Please do not feel limited only to the written prayer that day but expound upon it with your own words and desires of your heart about the specified focus.

*Keep the thing so secret  
that even you yourself are hardly aware  
that you doing anything praiseworthy.  
Let God be present,  
and you will have enough of an audience.  
-Charles Spurgeon*

## **WEEK 1 - THE PROCESS**

### **DAY 1 - OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY - THE POWERS LAND**

*God, we're amazed, and truly grateful, for everything You have already provided. We want to be accountable stewards of Your blessings. Thank you for our good relationship with this school and we ask you to bless them as well. As we move forward, change our community now and for generations to come by the way we use this land to glorify You — in the way we gather together, in the way we invite newcomers to join us, in the way we provide space and care for all who have needs.*

**Philippians 4:6,7**

### **DAY 2 - RELATIONSHIPS WITH CITY & COUNTY PERSONNEL PERMITS AND APPROVALS**

*God, please give us favor complying with governmental requirements. We ask that there be no delays in meetings or paperwork and that there be no unexpected demands. Help us work patiently with all those who work in these offices. May we speak and act with Godly integrity. Thanks for this opportunity to model Jesus in the way we do business.*

**Romans 13:1**

### **DAY 3 - BUILDING DESIGN & ARCHITECTS**

*Grant knowledge and creativity to those designing our facilities. God, help the plans to meet our needs now, and to work well with future additions on our property. We ask that the buildings be attractive and approachable. May these spaces allow us to grow as Your family, serving the community well in the name of Jesus.*

**1 Chronicles 28:11**

# WEEK 1 - THE PROCESS

## DAY 4 - THE POWERS NEIGHBORHOOD

*We ask for humility and harmony in relationships with those living nearby. Please keep the noise and traffic concerns to a minimum so that they might continue to enjoy the place they've chosen to call home. Let us be authentic in hearing their concerns and working to alleviate them. May they be drawn to know You in the midst of this change.*

**Philippians 2:3**

## DAY 5 - SUPPLY AVAILABILITY & COSTS

*God of all creation, please provide exactly the right materials for this new church. We want to be prudent in the use of what you've made, we want to care for the earth in this construction. Allow us to proceed with what we need at an affordable rate. Again, we pray for no delays, but steady progress toward our goal of following Your lead.*

**Philippians 4:19**

## DAY 6 - CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

*Bless all the crew with skill as they pour cement and hammer nails and weld together our church. Please keep them safe as they work; may no injuries occur or no ailments impede their progress. We ask that they encounter the savior as a result of this job. May their families be blessed as they provide for them.*

**Psalms 91:1-3**

## DAY 7 - EXISTING POWERS HOUSE

*Give us wisdom to use this building for Your glory. Thank you for its good condition and all the potential ways it can serve us and the community. We appreciate that groups have been able to meet there now, and ask for creative solutions for its function in the months and years ahead. Please bless the family that lived here and sold us this land.*

**1 Peter 4:10**

## WEEK 2 - THE PLACES

### DAY 1 - KID'S MEETING ROOMS AND NURSERY

*We pray Your Word comes alive as we teach and care for our children. May their hearts be committed to You early in their lives and may they grow to love and be more like You. God, let us be parents that model Your love to grow the legacy of faith in our families.*

*Bless the teachers and helpers who serve here. Give them keen learning and encouragement in their selfless support of our youth.*

**Proverbs 3:1**

### DAY 2 - WORSHIP SPACE

*Thank you for a place to praise You in song and prayer and learning Your Word. We want to know You, and Your deep love for us. We want to experience the reality of Jesus' sacrifice in order to restore our right relationship with You, God. We pray for protection over our pastors and elders. May they lead us with humility and gentleness, and with strength for a healthy church family.*

**Psalms 95:6**

### DAY 3 - OFFICES

*Bless the staff and volunteers who do all the daily work necessary to keep Northside on course. Thank you for their gifts of administration. May their efforts enable us to love one another better, and work together to reach our world for Christ.*

**Colossians 3:23**

## **WEEK 2 - THE PLACES**

### **DAY 4 - KITCHEN & COFFEE BAR**

*May the food and drink prepared and consumed here demonstrate authentic hospitality. Please allow everyone to feel welcome and valued. Help us support each other as a result of our time spent here. We want to do everything for Your glory.*

**Acts 2:46**

### **DAY 5 - SPORTS FACILITIES FOR OUTREACH**

*We love the beauty of Your land around us. Thank you for recreation and sport that exercises our bodies and our minds. Let us play for enjoyment. Help us be Godly participants in our actions and our words. We ask that all participants would see Your love in the way we coach and support our players and their families.*

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

### **DAY 6 - ADULT MEETING ROOMS**

*Teach us to know Your Word, to embrace the living Holy Spirit that resides in us, to pray more and with more intimacy, and to minister to hurting individuals and families. We ask that every inch of our property be committed to Your holy purposes. Let us be models of Jesus' love and concern, putting away self focus and seeing the image of God in everyone.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

### **DAY 7 - PARKING AND NEIGHBORHOOD**

*Make it simple to come and go from this place. We acknowledge the traffic that presents an issue for some local residents. May we be careful in the way we drive on this land. Please help us be respectful and humble in the way we operate our vehicles here.*

**Psalms 121:8**

## **WEEK 3 - THE PEOPLE**

### **DAY 1 - GROWING OUR TRUST IN GOD'S LEADING**

*Form us; deepen our faith as we long to know You and are deliberately following You. Holy Spirit fill us and keep us true to Your calling. Fuel our anticipation and our endurance as we seek Your plan for us. We know we can rely on You beyond what we ask or expect.*

**Hebrews 11:1**

### **DAY 2 - PROTECTION FROM SPIRITUAL ATTACKS**

*God, bind all evil that would harm and discourage us in the name of Jesus. Disarm the arrows of sickness or sorrow, of disappointment or doubt that could knock us off track. Keep us from the lures of our own sinful nature. Focus our attention on Your power and everlasting love.*

**Isaiah 41:13**

### **DAY 3 - UNITY AMONG THE CHURCH FAMILY, LEADERSHIP**

*Strengthen our core beliefs, the sound doctrine found in Scripture. Change us to quickly let little things go — to disagree about them and yet honor each other. Help us grow together as Your family, doing the things the family does. Give us respect for those in leadership, encouraging them and praying for them.*

**Ephesians 4:3**

### **DAY 4 - DISCOVERING GOD'S PROVISION**

*A real relationship with You is our greatest possession. We are so grateful for Your presence every moment of our lives, day and night. Awaken our minds and senses to fully receive this precious gift. Even beyond that we are blessed with food, shelter, clothing, some degree of health— so much more than we require in life.*

**Psalms 32:8**

## **WEEK 3 - THE PEOPLE**

### **DAY 5 - GIVING AND SERVING**

*Expand our imagination. Enlighten our creativity to discover new ways to give generously of who we are — our time, abilities and wealth. Let us recognize that You are with us and how well You sustain us. We know everything comes from You. Help us give sacrificially, as Jesus did for us.*

**Romans 5:8**

### **DAY 6 - DISCIPLESHIP AND SHARING THE GOSPEL**

*We ask for radical influence in our culture. May we speak the truth in love about Jesus; may we serve those who are hurting for their salvation and His glory. Empower our missionaries. We're in awe of their willingness to leave the comfort of home to work with those who don't know of Your love and power. Give them extra awareness of Your presence. Supply friendships with their peers and with local peoples. Give them the tools and supplies they need to do the work You've commanded.*

**Acts 1:8**

### **DAY 7 - HOSPITALITY TO NEWCOMERS & THE NEEDY**

*Lord, may our church be a welcoming space in North Albany. Help us be vulnerable, opening our lives and our homes to new members of the family. Let us see your image in everyone we meet. We are all broken, but seen as perfect through the blood of Jesus.*

**Leviticus 19:34**