



CHRIST
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Praying
FOR OUR
BLOOMINGTON CAMPUS



FALL 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

Introduction

For our six days of prayer, we will use this prayer guide. It begins on Monday, October 21, and finishes on Saturday, October 26. Our focus for the week is praying for our planned second campus. Each day, we will pray for a different aspect of establishing this campus. There is a short introduction to the specific prayer focus for the day, followed by praise to our God, and then a list of prayer requests, along with the Scripture references to help guide you as you pray.

For Parents

This week is an intergenerational time of prayer, and so all ages—from the youngest child to the oldest saint—are included. We invite children to join in praying for the second campus. Each day will include a short sample prayer for your child. Please encourage your child to pray this week.

Please join us for this time of prayer.

I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put to shame him
who tramples on me. *Selah*
God will send out his steadfast love
and his faithfulness!

PSALM 57:2–3



Our Sovereign Lord

In Acts 4, we read the account of the threats that came against Peter and John. When these men reported to their friends about these threats, their friends responded by praying, praising God as their Sovereign Lord. We may or may not receive any threats or complaints for beginning this campus. But either way, we want to have a heart for prayer, praising God as our Sovereign Lord for he is the one who rules over all, as the maker of heaven and earth. For his purposes, he has called us to start the work on a second campus. And he promises to fulfill his purposes for us. Our hearts' desire is to see all his purposes be fulfilled in both of our campuses.

We praise God:

- That he is the Sovereign Lord. He has made the heavens and earth by his great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for him. Jeremiah 32:17
- That he will accomplish his purpose in the Normal and Bloomington campuses. Isaiah 46:11
- For he can do all things and no purpose of his can be thwarted. Job 42:2
- That he fulfills his purpose for each of us. Psalms 57:2

We ask God:

- To help us to grow in prayer, becoming more and more a house of prayer, in order to stand in the gap for others in our church and community. Luke 19:46, Ezekiel 22:30
- To work in us so that we grow in serving others. We desire not to be served, but to serve. Matthew 20:28
- To give each of us a heart of love, mercy, and compassion for the people in the neighborhoods surrounding the Normal and Bloomington campuses.
- To bring glory to himself and that his will would be done. Matthew 6:10
- To lead us as we pray, so that in all ways our prayers would align to his plans.

Children's prayer

Praise God that he rules over everything.

Ask God to help us love and be kind to others.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Will Provide

We learn of an instance of God's provision in Genesis. There we read how God provided Abraham with a ram for the sacrifice, and then in the New Testament, we learn of his provision of our Lord Jesus for the sacrifice for our sins. We look to our heavenly Father for his provision for the needs of the second campus.

There will be many things required in order to have church services at the second campus. Some are listed below, but others may not be realized until the Bloomington campus is up and running. Because our Lord is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide, we look to him to provide all that is essential for this campus. We are not anxious, but instead praise him for we know that he will supply our every need, in his timing and in his way.

We praise God:

- For he is the giver of life, breath, and everything. Acts 17:25
- Because every good and perfect gift is from him. James 1:17
- For his provision for our greatest need—our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

We ask God to provide:

- A location for the second campus
- 100 people to transfer there
- A permanent pastor
- Finances to support the work
- For other needs, as they become apparent

Children's prayer

Praise God that he gives us life.

Ask God to provide all that the second campus will need.

Proclaimer of the Gospel

When Philip went to Samaria, he proclaimed the Christ to the people (Acts 8). The crowds responded by paying attention to him. On Saturday, we will pray that many people in our area will pay attention to the gospel.

Today we will pray for those who will serve by preaching at the second campus. We begin our prayer time by focusing on Christ as Savior and Lord and as the proclaimer of the gospel, for he declared publicly “who he is and what he has done.”¹ In 2 Thessalonians 3:1, we read of a plea for prayer, “Brothers, pray for us.” So we respond to this plea by praying for these men called to preach at the second campus.

We praise God:

- That he is Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18
- That he is the proclaimer of the gospel of God. Mark 1:14
- That he is the proclaimer of good news to the poor. Luke 4:18
- That he bears witness to the truth. John 18:37

We ask God:

- That Christ would be proclaimed. Acts 8:5
- That the word of the Lord would speed ahead and be honored through their preaching. 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- That the congregation would be taught to observe all that Christ has commanded. Matthew 28:20
- That as Christ is proclaimed at the second campus, everyone would be warned and taught with all wisdom, so that everyone would become mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28
- To give words to each preacher as they open their mouths boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19

Children’s prayer

Praise God that he is our Lord and Savior.

Ask God to help the preachers speak boldly about Jesus.

A Mighty Warrior

In Ephesians 6, Paul reminds us that we are in a spiritual battle, and that our true enemies are not flesh and blood. He teaches us that our enemies are the rulers, the authorities, and the cosmic powers over this present darkness, along with the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places. We are to be prepared for the daily battle we face. With that mindset, we praise God that he is our mighty warrior and rock. We then cry out to him for his protection for both campuses because people in our congregation are making plans and working out details for the second campus. We know that the enemy is bent on coming against these good plans. We ask for God's protection in the battle.

We praise God:

- Because he is our rock, shield, strength, and refuge. Psalms 18:1
- Because he is the God of angel armies and no one is as mighty as he is. Psalms 89:8
- Because he is the Lord of hosts who is with us, and the God of Jacob who is our fortress. Psalms 46:7

We ask God:

- To protect both campuses from the evil one. John 17:15
- To help us to submit to God and resist the enemy. James 4:7
- To establish and guard us against the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- To surround us with his favor as with a shield. Psalms 5:12
- To strength us so that we are not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

Children's prayer

Praise God that he is our strength.

Ask God to protect us.

A Missionary God

In Matthew 28, we read the Great Commission. Jesus came to his disciples and commanded them to go and make disciples of all nations. In this passage, we come to know God as a missionary God who sends his people to serve him in the places to which he leads them. We ask him to prepare those willing to follow God's call to the second campus.

We praise God:

- That he sent his Son. 1 John 4:9
- For the Great Commission when he commanded his disciples to go out to the whole world. Matthew 28:19–20
- That because he is a promise keeper, someday the promise of Revelation 7:9 will become a reality: before his throne a great multitude that no one can number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages will stand before him and before the Lamb.

We ask God for those going to the second campus:

- For an ever-increasing reliance on God, and a decreasing of leaning on their own understanding. Proverbs 3:5
- To build unity, teamwork, and collaboration among them.
- That they would grow in love and compassion for others in our community.
- That they would give of themselves flowing from servant hearts.
- That they would persevere in this good work.
- That they would become wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Matthew 10:16
- That they would seek the Father for his wisdom and guidance.

Children's prayer

Praise God that he sent his son Jesus to die for our sins.

Ask God to give all of us wisdom as we serve him.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

The Builder of His Church

We have prayed for the needs of our Normal and Bloomington campuses. Today we turn our focus to God's larger purpose of reaching the lost in our community. We know that the fields are white for harvest.

We praise God:

- That he is the builder of his church. Matthew 16:18
- That he has compassion for the lost. Matthew 9:36
- That he is the seeker and Savior of the lost. Luke 19:10
- That he so loved the world that he gave his only Son. John 3:16

We ask God that those at the second campus:

- Would be faithful to the Scriptures.
- Would remain true to the Reformed faith.
- Would be obedient to the Great Commission.
- Would have a great impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

We ask God for the unbelievers who live in the neighborhoods of the Normal and Bloomington campuses:

- That their hearts would be good soil for the seed. Matthew 13:23
- That all would pay attention to the gospel. Acts 8:4
- That many would call on the name of the Lord and be saved. Romans 10:13

We ask God that he would receive all the glory:

- That his kingdom would come, his will be done here. Matthew 6:9–10
- That the whole earth would be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14
- For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Romans 11:36

Children's prayer

Praise God that he seeks the lost.

Ask God to save many people in our area.



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