



## **26 DAYS OF PRAYER**

The goal of the next twenty-six days of prayer is to align our church family in prayer. When the church unites in prayer, we follow the example and pattern of the early church. Andrew Murray stated, “Though in its beginnings prayer is so simple that the feeblest child can pray, yet it is at the same time the highest and holiest work to which man can rise.” Prayer is not transactional; prayer is relational as we commune with God.

### **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**

This guide is formatted with twenty-six Scriptures, one for each day. Prayer prompts have been provided to guide your prayer. Also, you will notice that we will pray Psalm 85:6 for twenty-six days: “Will you not revive us again so that your people may rejoice in you?” Just think of the impact of every person in our church praying for revival—26 times! There is power when we unite in prayer for specific things that align with God’s Word.

Mark 1:35 describes the prayer life of Jesus, “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying.” Prayer is most effective when it is a lifestyle, not merely our response to a crisis. As you begin the work of intercession, determine a time that allows you to pray in an unhurried way. Also, choose a place where you will be undistracted while you pray.

One more thing, prayer is work—spiritual work. Charles Spurgeon explained, “It is remarked that Joshua never grew weary in fighting, but Moses did grow weary in the praying; the more spiritual the exercise, the more difficult it is for the flesh and blood to stay in it.”

## DAY 1

**Acts 1:14** They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, create in us a conviction and desire to live as a church united in prayer.
- Holy Spirit, lead OBC into a culture of dependence on you through prayer.
- Jesus, let the reputation of OBC simply be this: we are a house of prayer.

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## DAY 2

**Acts 2:41** So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, give us a burden for the lost and a conviction to share the gospel.
- Lord, strengthen OBC to live as a church devoted to your Word—corporately and in our personal life.
- Holy Spirit, lead us into deeper fellowship with one another and deeper dependence on you through prayer.

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## DAY 3

**Acts 4:23** After they were released, they went to their own people and reported everything the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Master, you are the one who made the heaven, the earth, and the sea, and everything in them. 25 You said through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David your servant: Why do the Gentiles rage and the peoples plot futile things? 26 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble together against the Lord and against his Messiah.

27 "For, in fact, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, assembled together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, 28 to do whatever your hand and your will had predestined to take place.

29 And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand for healing, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, when we face opposition, remind us that prayer is our first response, not our last resort.
- Holy Spirit, give us boldness to share the good news of Jesus to those around us, no matter the cost.
- Holy Spirit, reveal any area in my life that is not surrendered to you, so I can walk daily in the strength of your power and presence.

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## **DAY 4**

**Acts 6:1** In those days, as the disciples were increasing in number, there arose a complaint by the Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution. 2 The Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, “It would not be right for us to give up preaching the word of God to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty.

4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 This proposal pleased the whole company. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert from Antioch. 6 They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 So the word of God spread, the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly in number, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, keep prayer at the center of everything we do at OBC, and give us discernment and faithfulness to pursue what you have called us to accomplish.
- Holy Spirit, raise up faithful servants who lead with humility and availability—greeters, small group leaders, safety team members, and volunteers in our children and student ministries.
- Jesus, guard our pastor and staff, protect the ministry of the word and corporate prayer, so that OBC becomes a church who prays—united and unceasing in all things.

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## DAY 5

**Acts 12:1** About that time King Herod violently attacked some who belonged to the church, 2 and he executed James, John's brother, with the sword. 3 When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter too, during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. 4 After the arrest, he put him in prison and assigned four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was praying fervently to God for him.

11 When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's grasp and from all that the Jewish people expected." 12 As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was called Mark, where many had assembled and were praying.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, make OBC a church that intercedes for one another, especially as the cost of following you increases in our culture.
- Holy Spirit, teach us to respond to spiritual battles and opposition with united prayer, not entitlement, anger, or fear.
- Lord, build our faith to believe that you still move and work powerfully through the united and unceasing prayer of your people.

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## DAY 6

**Acts 13:1** Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Holy Spirit, teach OBC to worship through prayer and to listen before we move, so that your leadership—not our plans—sets the direction for our church.
- Jesus, place a burden and calling in each of our lives to serve our church family by aligning our lives with your mission.
- Lord, lead us to faithfully intercede for those who are willing to give their lives to advance the gospel on the mission field.

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## DAY 7

**Romans 10:1** Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, give OBC a burden for the lost—break our hearts for those who will spend eternity apart from you.
- Holy Spirit, place an urgency in our hearts to pray by name for those we know who have not responded in faith to Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, give us a boldness to speak the name of Jesus clearly and without fear, because he is worthy of our witness.

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## DAY 8

**Romans 15:1** Now we who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not to please ourselves. 2 Each one of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself. On the contrary, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” 4 For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.

5 Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, continue to lead our church to carry one another's burdens by faithfully interceding by name for those we know are hurting and struggling.
- Holy Spirit, teach us to live for others, not ourselves, so that others are built up in Christ and our church is united together.
- Holy Spirit, protect the unity in our church so that we worship, serve, and pray with one voice for the glory of God.

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## DAY 9

**Romans 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, move our hearts into deeper belief and faith in you, so that our fellowship together with one another is shaped by joy and peace.
- Holy Spirit, let your power overflow in our church, our lives, and our homes, and lead us to live each day in and through your power.
- Jesus, give us a burden and passion to live as witnesses of the hope and joy that come from surrendering to you.

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## DAY 10

**Romans 15:30** Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in prayers to God on my behalf. 31 Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, 32 and that, by God's will, I may come to you with joy and be refreshed together with you.

33 May the God of peace be with all of you. Amen.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, lead us to intercede for our pastor, staff, missionaries, and church volunteers with unceasing prayer for protection and perseverance.
- Jesus, we pray for believers around the world who are facing persecution because of their faithfulness in advancing the gospel.
- Holy Spirit, continue to make OBC a place of joy where people are refreshed by your presence and experience the fullness of your power.

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## DAY 11

**1 Corinthians 1:4** I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in him in every way, in all speech and all knowledge. 6 In this way, the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you, 7 so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, fill our hearts with gratitude for your grace and mercy, and help us to live as a people who are continually dependent on you in all things.
- Jesus, strengthen our testimony of what you have done for us on the cross, and help us to live faithfully until the day we see you face to face.
- Holy Spirit, help each person who calls OBC home use the spiritual gift you have given to serve one another and those who have yet to join our fellowship.

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## DAY 12

**2 Corinthians 13:8** For we can't do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. 9 We rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. We also pray that you become fully mature.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Become mature, be encouraged, be of the same mind, be at peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, we rejoice in who you are and in our identity in you.
- Holy Spirit, move OBC into deeper spiritual maturity and growth, so our church is empowered by you to live for the glory of Jesus.
- Lord, build our church on a foundation of truth and lead us to live united with the same heart, mind, and mission.

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## DAY 13

Ephesians 1:15 This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit, of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, fill our hearts with gratitude for one another, for the faith and love you are growing in OBC.
- Holy Spirit, give our church wisdom and understanding so we grow deeper in the Word and know Jesus more fully.
- Jesus, lead us to never stop praying for one another, and growing closer to you so our lives impact the world around us with the gospel.

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## DAY 14

**Ephesians 1:18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, open the eyes of our hearts so that we see and know the hope of our calling and live in light of eternity.
- Holy Spirit, lead us to give our all, knowing that we have been given everything we need in and through Jesus.
- Lord, grow our trust in your power at work in us, and help us fully understand your mission is only accomplished in your strength.

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## DAY 15

**Ephesians 3:14** For this reason I kneel before the Father 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. 16 I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, strengthen OBC through your power so we faithfully live out the mission you have called us to.
- Holy Spirit, reveal any area in our personal lives and ministry where we are forcing our own agenda instead of joining you in where you are leading.
- Jesus, lead us into deeper surrender so we live in your fullness and power as we serve one another.

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## DAY 16

**Ephesians 3:17** I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, 19 and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Jesus, thank you for loving us, redeeming us, and uniting us to yourself.
- Holy Spirit, lead us to know more fully and be rooted more deeply in the knowledge of the love Jesus has for OBC.
- Jesus, OBC is your church, and we desire for you to receive all the glory in every generation.

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## DAY 17

**Ephesians 6:17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. 18 Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

19 Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. 20 For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, help us understand that when we face spiritual battles, we must align our prayer with your Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Holy Spirit, lead us to stay alert and persevere in faithful intercession for one another.
- Jesus, give us boldness to share the gospel even as the cost of doing so continues to increase.

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## DAY 18

**Philippians 1:3** I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

9 And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, 10 so that you may approve the things that are superior and may be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, thank you for our church and the joy that we experience together as the Body of Christ.
- Holy Spirit, let our love grow and deepen so we are able to discern how you are leading us and align our lives and ministry accordingly.
- Jesus, lead us to live in righteousness today so our lives display your glory and bring praise to your name.

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## DAY 19

**Colossians 1:3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints 5 because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and came to truly appreciate God's grace.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Lord, thank you for our church family and for calling us to pray for one another.
- Jesus, thank you for the hope of eternal life we have in you and for the truth of the gospel, which is the power of God for salvation.
- Holy Spirit, lead us to continually bear fruit—not as a reflection of our work, but as a revelation of your work among us.

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## DAY 20

**Colossians 1:9** For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, 10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. 14 In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Holy Spirit, reveal your will to us and deepen our knowledge of your Word so we daily walk in a way that honors Jesus.
- Lord, strengthen us with your power so we bear the fruit of endurance, patience, and joy as we interact with one another at church, at work, and at home.
- Jesus, thank you for redeeming us through your shed blood on Calvary and forgiving us our sin.

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## DAY 21

**Colossians 4:2** Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, 4 so that I may make it known as I should. 5 Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Holy Spirit, draw us into deeper devotion to pray with grateful hearts for the gift of intercession.
- Jesus, no matter the battles we face, you are worthy of our witness—so give us boldness to share the gospel with the lost.
- Holy Spirit, give us wisdom and grace in our conversations and social media posts so that our witness of Jesus is strengthened, not weakened.

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## DAY 22

**1 Thessalonians 1:2** We always thank God for all of you, making mention of you constantly in our prayers. 3 We recall, in the presence of our God and Father, your work produced by faith, your labor motivated by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with full assurance.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Father, thank you for those who faithfully, joyfully, and willingly serve our congregation each week.
- Jesus, thank you for the hope that we have in you—may that hope continually motivate us to intentionally serve others.
- Holy Spirit, place someone in my path today who I can share the gospel with and give me boldness and grace as I open my mouth to speak Jesus.

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## DAY 23

**1 Thessalonians 3:11** Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you. 13 May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen.

5:23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will do it. 25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us also.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Father, direct our steps to prioritize our weekly worship gatherings and enjoy fellowship with one another out of the overflow of our love for Jesus.
- Jesus, you are coming again—help us to live everyday walking blamelessly before you in righteousness.
- Holy Spirit, set us apart fully and completely, revealing any unrepentant sin so that we remain alert and persevere in prayer for each other.

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## DAY 24

**2 Thessalonians 1:11** In view of this, we always pray for you that our God will make you worthy of his calling, and by his power fulfill your every desire to do good and your work produced by faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3:16 May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Father, create in OBC a desire and conviction to live for your glory, and the faith to believe you for greater things.
- Jesus, we long to live today in a way that truly glorifies you each moment.
- Holy Spirit, reveal any area in our lives that is not marked by the peace that comes through Jesus.

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## DAY 25

**1 Timothy 2:1** First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Father, lead OBC to be a church that prays in all things and for all people, especially those in authority, so they lead and govern in ways that bring peace.
- Holy Spirit, align our church with your heart so we intercede for the lost and speak the truth with grace and boldness.
- Jesus, thank you for saving me—give me a desire for others to come to know you.

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## DAY 26

**Philemon 4** I always thank my God when I mention you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ.

### **WE PRAY...**

- Father, thank you for OBC and for the love and faith you are growing in our church.
- Holy Spirit, reveal to me ways I can serve my church family more faithfully.
- Jesus, help us know and live with the understanding that everything you have promised and given to us is meant to bring you glory.

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