A People of Prayer

Through our study of the first chapter of Ephesians, the Holy Spirit has caused us to rediscover the priority of prayer. We have been convinced that God's people must be a people of prayer, and that God's house must be a house of prayer (Matthew 21:13,

Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46).

Use this guide to pray for yourself and for our church, according to the pattern laid out in Ephesians 1:15–19. Be encouraged that because you are praying according to God's word, you are praying God's will (1 John 5:14-15)!

Also, be strengthened in the knowledge that as you pray for our church, the church is praying with you. May the Spirit of God make us a people of prayer!

MONDAY A Prayer for a Spirit of Wisdom

Father of glory, I come to you in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask you to give me a spirit of wisdom. As wisdom is the capacity to correctly apply knowledge, by your Holy Spirit give me the ability to use the knowledge you have given me to make right decisions. I thank you for this in the name of Jesus, amen.

Personalize this prayer by asking God to give you the wisdom to address specific situations you are currently engaged in.

Father, I thank you for making me a part of the body of Christ. I ask that you would grant us, the people of Cities Church, a spirit of wisdom. Make us a people who not only know your word, but have the wisdom to apply your word correctly in our lives.

Give our church, especially the leadership team, wisdom as we search for a permanent facility for our church. Give our church wisdom as we seek to be a people through whom you can bring revival to our city and to our region.

Amen!

TUESDAY A Prayer for a Spirit of Revelation

Father of glory, I come to you in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, and I thank you for making available to me, a spirit of revelation. I thank you that through revelation you make known to me things that are hidden from my physical senses.

By your Holy Spirit, I ask you to reveal to me what I need to know about the situations and circumstances I am facing today. I ask you to show me your plan for my future, that I may fully cooperate with it. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

Personalize this prayer by asking God to give you revelation knowledge that would enable you to obey His will in the specific situations you are facing today.

Father, I thank you for your plans for Cities Church. Through the spirit of revelation, I ask that you would grant our church, particularly the leadership team, spiritual insight as we pursue obtaining a permanent facility.

By your Spirit, grant us insight into your word, and into how to respond to the spiritual condition of our region, that we may be a people through whom you can bring revival. Make Cities Church a place where the spirit of revelation prevails, so that sinners see the way to salvation. Amen!

WEDNESDAY A Prayer for Knowing the Hope of His Calling

Father of glory, I come to you in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, and I thank you that as a member of your church, I have a calling. Thank you for giving me a position in your body and a purpose in your kingdom. Grant me clear knowledge of my calling, that I may confidently and with certainty of victory, fully walk in it. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Personalize this prayer by asking God to show you how the various aspects of your life come together to fulfill His calling.

Father, I thank you for the calling you have upon Cities Church to lead multitudes of people in our region to greater life in Jesus—our definition of revival. I pray that the knowledge of this calling would permeate each one of our members, and would inspire us to greater confidence in the pursuit of it.

As a church, we recognize that we would be far better equipped to accomplish this calling with a permanent facility. Therefore, we ask that you would provide us with a permanent facility, and direct us to the one that you have chosen for us. Amen!

THURSDAY A Prayer for Knowing the Riches of His Glory

Father of glory, I come to you in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, and I thank you for adopting me into your family. I ask that you make me aware of the riches of glory you possess—and that those riches are in me, as I am in Christ!

Holy Spirit, please make me aware of the resources that reside in me, due to my being in Christ, and Christ being in me. Cause me to pursue your purpose for my life, not according to my own riches, but to yours. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Personalize this prayer by asking God to show you the rich resources you possess in Christ, and how that affects the challenges and opportunities before you.

Father, I thank you that you do not leave us to obey your calling with our own resources. I thank you that you provide the resources to accomplish your will. Therefore, as we as members of Cities Church exercise our faith for a permanent facility, cause us to know the riches of glory through which you will supply for this need. Cause us to believe for a building that reflects your resources, not our own.

We humbly confess that we cannot produce revival on our own, but that it is a work of your Spirit. Therefore, we earnestly pray that you grant us revival out of the abundance of your glorious riches. Amen!

FRIDAY A Prayer for Knowing His Power

Father of glory, I come to you in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, and I confess you to be the God that possesses unlimited and immeasurable power. I cling to the truth that nothing is impossible with you! By your Holy Spirit, make me aware of the greatness of your power toward me. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Personalize this prayer by asking God to increase your awareness of His power, and how His power is at work in you in this season of your life.

Father, I praise you for the surpassing greatness of your power. As a church, we acknowledge that revival happens by your power, and yours alone.

Therefore we pray that you increase the knowledge of your power in the people of Cities Church. We pray that you increase the demonstration of your power through the people of Cities Church.

We also ask that the acquiring of a permanent facility by Cities Church be nothing less than an exhibition of your power. That all who hear of it may praise you for it. Amen!