

so that the ones we reach might become an acceptable offering to You. (Heb. 13:16; Phil. 2:4; Col 1:7; Jude 1:23)

**22. MARRIAGES** - Lord, protect our marriages from anything that would harm or destroy them. Set our marriages free from past hurts, memories, and ties from previous relationships, and unrealistic expectations of one another. Let nothing come into our hearts and habits that would threaten the marriage in any way, especially influences like addictions, obsessions or sexual sin. Unite married couples in a bond of friendship, commitment, generosity, and understanding. Help them to make time for one another alone. May their love for each other grow stronger every day. (Eccl. 4:9,10; Mal. 2:15, 16; Heb. 13:4; Eccl. 4:11)

**23. HELP FOR THE HURTING** - Lord, I lift up those who are hurting right now. May they come to know You as El Roi, the God who sees them. Pour out grace on those in our church who are suffering. May Your power, Lord Jesus, be made perfect in every weakness. Teach us to depend on Your strength alone in all things. But for those who cannot endure the trials they are in, I ask for mercy. Provide a way out, I pray. With the comfort and compassion that we receive from You, may we also comfort others in their troubles. May words of grace, encouragement, and blessing increase in our church and, may acts of kindness and caring toward those who are suffering multiply. (Ja.1:2-3; Jn. 16:33; 2 Cor. 12:9; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:3-5)

**24. FREEDOM FROM SIN ISSUES** - Lord, keep us from the enemy’s scheme of condemnation and give us repentant hearts so that we can escape the trap of the evil one. Father, I thank You because Christ has taken my punishment upon Himself; I have been made new. My record has been wiped clean with the blood of Jesus. Hallelujah! (Rom. 8:1; 2 Tim. 2:25; 2 Cor. 5:17; Is. 25:7-8; 1 Jn. 1:7)

**25. KINGDOM FOCUS/PRIORITIES** - Lord, I lift up the priorities of our church family. Give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to us. Open our eyes to see things as You see them. Help us move from worldly wants to pursuing Kingdom issues. Bring us to a place where “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” is more than just words we say. Teach us to abide in Your presence. (Rev. 3:22; 2 Ki. 6:17; Matt. 6:25, 33, 10; John 15:5)

**26. CHURCH GROWTH** - Lord, we ask that You would add to our number daily through new converts. Birth spiritual children through us. Let our actions win people over without words. Use us to rescue people from darkness and bring them into Your Son’s kingdom. We long to be worthy ambassadors in this ministry You have entrusted to us: that of proclaiming Your message of reconciliation to a lost world. (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 3:1-2; Col. 1:13; 2 Cor. 5:20)

**27. OUR NEIGHBORS** - Lord, I lift up our community, especially the surrounding neighborhood. Let us love these people as we love ourselves. May our concern for their needs override other things that take our time and focus. Rebuild and restore areas that have been devastated. Renew our community - send Your peace and prosperity into this place where You’ve planted us. Bless each individual home and family. Build each house from the inside out; watch over our city. (Gal. 5:14; Prov. 3:28; Isa. 61:4; Jer. 29:7; Lk. 10:5-6; Ps. 127:1)

**28. CONNECTIVITY WITH THE CHURCH IN OUR REGION**- Lord, I lift up the Church in the Portland area and surrounding communities. Thank You for creating the body as one unit made up of many parts. Help us understand the value of each part as You have arranged them. We confess that we’ve minimized some parts. Forgive us, for we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. Help us to work at being one: concerned about one another

- suffering with and rejoicing with other congregations as appropriate. (1 Cor. 12:12-26)

**29. CONNECTIVITY WITH THE CHURCH IN OUR NATION** - Lord, we humbly unite and confess as one people - one Church called by Your name - that we have sinned. We, as a nation, have embraced other gods. We have rejected the Truth. We have rebelled against Your Word and Your will, Your principles and Your values. We openly disregard Your moral standards and defy Your institutions. We ask for one more great spiritual awakening before Jesus returns. We seek Your face, O God! Thank You for hearing and forgiving us. We wait on You for the healing of our land! (2 Chron. 7:14; Rev. 3:17)

**30. MISSIONARIES AND THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** - Lord, I lift up our missionaries and those being persecuted for their faith. We pray for their strength and endurance, that you would remind them that you are working deep in hearts, even when it looks like nothing is happening. I pray against discouragement, disappointment, fear and doubt. I ask that you would bring someone across their path to encourage and uplift them. Father in your goodness and mercy provide for their financial and physical needs. Protect them from illness, injury and danger. Give them boldness and courage and sustain them with the joy of the Lord. Shine Your light into any spiritual darkness or oppression around them. (Isaiah 40:31; Psalm 112:6-7; Phil. 4:19; Psalm 121:8; Psalm 126:5-6; Isaiah 61:1)

**31. PROTECTION FROM THE ENEMY** - Lord, I lift up our need for protection. Protect and deliver us from the evil one. Help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves as we deal with the wolves around us. Show us how to test every spirit to see if they are from You. Help us recognize the enemy’s disguises and schemes so that he won’t outwit us. (Jn. 17:15; Matt. 6:13, 10:14; 1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Cor. 11:14, 2:11)

**31 DAYS OF TARGETED PRAYER**



*Prayer isn’t a Christian’s only responsibility, but prayerless Christianity is fruitless Christianity.*  
**“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2**

**1. PASTOR** - Lord, I lift up our pastors, Tim, Bryan, and Cameron to You. Thank You for their servant's hearts. Keep them from losing heart when ministry gets tough. Help them prove faithful with the things you have entrusted to them. Teach them Your ways so that they know You and find favor with You as He leads us. Keep them open and honest before You and help them to represent the truth plainly. Cover them and their families with Your hand of protection. (2 Cor.4:1; 1 Cor. 4:1-3;)

**2. ELDERS** - Help us respect and honor our church elders as they direct the affairs of our church. May they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. Keep them above reproach, devoted to their families, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and able to teach. May they be gentle and honest as they deal with people. Fill them with Your Spirit and let them operate in wisdom as they carry out their responsibilities.(1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 6:4; 1 Tim. 3:1-2; Titus 1:7)

**3. ADULTS** - Heavenly Father, I pray the adults in our church would seek you while You may still be found. May we live worthy of Your call on our lives. As we respond to that call, fulfill every purpose, every faith-filled act of service by Your power. May we be clothed in righteousness with hearts that sing for joy and delight greatly in You. We want to walk with You, Jesus dressed in white, adorned with jewels. (Eph. 4:1; 2 Thes. 1:11; Ps. 132:9; Isa 61:10; Rev. 3:4, 5)

**4. CHILDREN/YOUTH** - Lord, I lift up the children and youth to You. I pray the little ones remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in the kingdom. Let the teens conduct be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember You, Creator God. Teach them to declare Your marvelous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. (Matt. 18:3-4; Prov. 20:11; Eccl. 12:1; Ps. 71:17; 2 Tim. 2:22)

**5. SENIORS** - Thank You for every gray hair attained by righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to teach us. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You’ve promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process and still yield fruit in old age.. Prov. 16:31; Titus 2:4; 1 Pet. 5:5; Job 12:12; Isa. 40:29, 31 Ps. 92:12-15)

**6. LOST AMONG US** - Lord, I lift up the lost who attend our church. Let the gospel be presented to them through the sermon the power of the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. Teach us to make the most of every opportunity to share Your salvation. We stand against the enemy and his attempts to keep them blinded to Your truth. (1Thes. 1:5; Col. 4:5; 2 Cor. 2:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

**7. WORSHIP TEAM** - Lord, I pray that our Worship Team understands the splendor of Your holiness and worships You out of that understanding. Help them lead us faithfully to speak to one another in Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual songs always giving thanks to God. Use their praise to defeat the enemy. May they lead us all to worship you in spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You, Jesus, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh. (2 Chron. 20:21-22; Eph. 5:19, Jn. 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3)

**8. SPEAKERS/TEACHERS** - Father may everyone who holds this position - pastors,

Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, and guest speakers - rightly divide Your word of truth. Let them admonish and teach with wisdom. Help them to teach courageously and fearlessly. Let them speak with a spirit of faith that springs from their relationship with You. (2 Tim. 2:15; Col. 1:28; Dan. 2:47; Phil. 1:14; 2 Cor. 4:13)

**9. WOMEN’S MINISTRY** - Lord, I pray for our Women’s Ministry. Encourage our older women to mentor the younger. Teach our women to be virtuous - women with gentle and quiet spirits who put their hope in You. Let this ministry produce women who feel Your passion for them and who choose to spend time at Your feet. (Titus 2:4,5; Prov. 31:10; 1 Pet. 3:4,5; Ps. 45:11; Lk. 10:38-42)

**10. MEN’S MINISTRY** - Lord, use this ministry to build men in their faith. Teach them to be in right relationship to You and each other, to love their families with patience and sacrifice. Encourage them to hold each other accountable as they carry each other’s burdens. May they speak the truth in love to each other even when it’s hard. (Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Tim. 5:1; Eph. 5:25, 6:4; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:15; Prov. 27:6)

**11. YOUTH WORKERS** - Lord, I lift up our Youth Workers. Let these people set an example in their speech, life, love, faith and purity. Cause them to be strong, alive-in-the-Word overcomers. Help them to have discernment as they deal with the young people in our church. Help them to notice any youth who lacks judgment so they can teach them to value Your life-giving principles. Pour out Your Spirit on them. (1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Jn. 2:14; Prov. 3:21, 7:7, 7:2; Joel 2:28).

**12. BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORKERS** - Lord, I lift up all the people who work behind the scenes at our church. Thank You for all the

volunteers who have devoted themselves to the service of the saints behind the scenes. Bless them for the obedience and generosity they have displayed - may You receive praise as a result! Keep them in an attitude of humility that comes from wisdom and wholehearted service to You rather than to be noticed by others. (1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 9:12-13; Jas. 3:13; Eph. 6:7)

**13. CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES** - Lord, create an atmosphere that encourages our children to find You. Let the teachers be careful to remind each child of the marvelous things You have done. Give them wisdom and discernment to meet the needs of each child. Keep them walking in the truth. (Mk. 10:14; Dt. 4:9; 29:29; Prov. 22:6; 3 Jn. 1:4)

**14. PRAYER FOCUS** - Make us into a house of prayer. Teach us to pray Your heart and Your Word. We desire to be clear-minded and self-controlled so that we can pray first, always, continually and thankfully. May everyone recognize that this is Your desire for all and not just a few. Use us to stand in the gap for others. Let there be prayer ministry among us that is powerful and effective. (Mk. 11:17; 1 Pet. 4:7; 1 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Phil. 4:6; Ps. 32:6, Ezk. 22:30; Jas. 5:16)

**15. SPIRITUAL REVIVAL** - Give us singleness of heart and action, so that we always fear You and follow Your precepts with passion. Pour out a spirit of Josiah on us so that we turn to You -heart, soul and strength. Open our minds to understand Your Word. (Ps. 85:6; Rev. 3:14-18; Jer. 32:39; Ps. 111:10; 2 Ki. 23:25; Lk. 24:45, 32)

**16. SPIRIT LED** - Lord, I lift up the issue of our willingness to be led by Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, show us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting You. Convict us and

lead us to level ground. Help us keep in step with You as we live by You. Reign in us so that we experience Your freedom. Lead us into grace, life and peace. (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19; Acts 7:51; Jn. 16:8; Ps. 143:10; Gal. 5:25; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:18; Ro. 8:6)

**17. SPIRITUAL GIFTS** - We eagerly desire spiritual gifts that You’ve given for our common good. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work. Teach us to use what we’ve received to serve others and faithfully administer Your grace - whatever form that takes. Help us to exercise our gifts in love. (1 Cor. 14:1, 12:4-7; 1 Pet. 4:10; 2 Tim. 1:6)

**18. LOVE** - I pray that we would love You with all our heart, soul, strength, mind and our neighbors as ourselves. Father, help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart. May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples. (Luke 10:27; 1 Pet. 1:22; Jn. 13:34-35)

**19. UNITY** - Lord, I lift up our love for one another as a body. Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify You with one heart and voice. Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love. (Ro. 15:5-7; Col. 3:14)

**20. FINANCES** - Lord, may we sow generously into our church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You’ve assigned to us. Enrich us so that You will be praised. Keep reminding us of your promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessing on all who joyfully bring offerings into Your house. (2 Cor. 9:6-11; Mal. 3:10)

**21. OUTREACH/MISSIONS** - Father, remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don’t become self-absorbed. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel