



PRAYER GUIDE

The FORWARD Initiative



THE
BRIDGE
CHURCH

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Dear Bridge Church Family,

We are already on a spiritual, life-changing journey with the FORWARD Initiative. This Prayer Devotional is another important element to help us focus on our relationship with God as we continue our mission of **helping people find and follow Jesus Christ, here and around the world!**

I encourage you to read these devotionals each day as we approach our Prayer Event on March 5th.

As you and your family pause to spend time together in God's Word and in prayer, you will be drawn closer to each other and to God. Each devotional is divided into five parts: Scripture to Read, Mediate & Memorize, Thoughts to Reflect, Suggested Prayer, and Prayer Needs.

As you invest your time with the Lord in personal prayer, worship, and devotion, my prayer is that your faith will grow as a part of FORWARD. Our initiative is not just about raising money. It is a faith spiritual journey in stretching our faith and learning to rely on God's power.

I know we are going to continue to see God move through The Bridge Church as we step out in faith. Thank you for your commitment to strengthening your relationship with Jesus and praying for the FORWARD Initiative.



Pastor Josh

Josh Robinson
Lead Teaching Pastor

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DAY ONE: Seeking God's Blessings

Scripture to Read: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Meditate & Memorize: "You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." - Jeremiah 29:13 (CSB)

Thoughts to Reflect:

Over the next several days, we will be praying about the FORWARD Initiative. When we pray, we learn to align our hearts with God's heart. So, spend time with God today, asking for His blessings, confessing your weaknesses to Him, and seeking His perfect will with all your heart.

Suggested Prayer:

Father God, You are our hope and our future. I pray You will purify my heart and the hearts of everyone at The Bridge Church. Hear our prayers, so our ministry potential will be expanded through Your power for Your glory. Amen.

Prayer Needs: _____



DAY TWO: Accomplishing Our Purpose

Scripture to Read: Matthew 9:35-38

Meditate & Memorize: "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.'" - Matthew 9:37 (CSB)

Thoughts to Reflect:

There are thousands of unchurched people throughout our community God cares deeply about. They are our neighbors, friends, and even family members. Our church exists to help people find and follow Jesus Christ, here and around the world. How will the Lord use you to reach them?

Suggested Prayer:

God, place in my heart a desire to see people come into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Then, give me opportunities to share Your love with someone today. Please help us as a church to remember that we exist for those who don't know You yet. Amen.

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DAY THREE: Fulfilling Christ's Commission

Scripture to Read: Matthew 28:16-20

Meditate & Memorize: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." - Matthew 28:19 (CSB)

Thoughts to Reflect:

Can you imagine The Bridge Church reaching our community and the world for Jesus Christ? Can you imagine thousands of people giving their lives to Jesus and growing in their faith? Can you imagine people sacrificing their resources today for the promise of tomorrow, in order to fulfill The Great Commission? GOD CAN! He wants us to introduce as many people to His Son as we possibly can and He promises to be with us always!

Suggested Prayer:

Lord, help us to be a church who genuinely cares about making disciples. Help us to catch Your vision of reaching the world for Christ. Equip us with the resources we need to be a light in the dark world around us, offering hope and peace through the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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DAY FOUR: Worship

Scripture to Read: Psalm 40:1-5

Meditate & Memorize: “He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and they will trust in the Lord.” - Psalm 40:3 (CSB)

Thoughts to Reflect:

In the Old Testament temple and the New Testament church, outsiders were attracted to the passionate and authentic worship of God’s people as they met together. Many became believers because of it. Pray for us to be able to provide room for more families and people in our community who will be able to worship with us.

Suggested Prayer:

Mighty God, thank You for the worship opportunities I have through The Bridge Church. Each week, as we gather for strength, encouragement, and fellowship together, I pray that our worship glorifies You and is pleasing to You. We want your name lifted high, always. Amen.

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DAY FIVE: Envisioning God-Sized Dreams

Scripture to Read: Ephesians 3:16-21

Meditate & Memorize: “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.” - Ephesians 3:20 (CSB)

Thoughts to Reflect:

Remember, God never expects us to accomplish anything He does not equip us for. He has prepared greater blessings for you than you can imagine. Missionary, William Carey, once

said, "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." Let us attempt great things for God and expect great things from Him. Begin your prayer today thanking Him for His all-surpassing goodness and power.

Suggested Prayer:

God, I stand in awe of You! I love You and I thank You for who You are. May I never doubt what You can do through me. Reveal to me what You have prepared for The Bridge Church and for me. Help me to be totally surrendered to You and begin Your greatest work in me today. Amen.

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DAY SIX: Challenging our Faith

Scripture to Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Meditate & Memorize: "And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work."
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 (CSB)

Thoughts to Reflect:

God's power is best displayed in us when we demonstrate our faith in Him! This is undoubtedly a great venture of faith for our congregation, but thankfully we serve a God who specializes in the impossible. Jesus said, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. Nothing will be impossible for you." As you pray, sincerely seek the Lord's direction as to what sacrifice He would have you to make to become a vital part of the FORWARD Initiative.

Suggested Prayer:

Lord, impress upon my heart what my part needs to be in fulfilling Your vision. You gave Your only Son for me. What can I sacrifice for You? I desire to give generously because

I want to be pleasing to You. Thank you for allowing me to make the greatest investment of my life. Amen.

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DAY SEVEN: Relying on the Strength of the Lord

Scripture to Read: Philippians 4:4-13

Meditate & Memorize: "I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13 (CSB)

Thoughts to Reflect:

Do you truly believe you can do anything through Christ? When the twelve Hebrew spies were sent to investigate the Promised Land, ten of them returned saying: "We can't attack the people because they are stronger than we are!" (Numbers 13:31, CSB) However two of those spies, Joshua and Caleb, weren't afraid. Caleb said, "Let's go up now and take possession of the land because we can certainly conquer it!" (Numbers 13:30, CSB) We need not be anxious about anything. Instead, let us present our requests to God, who has promised to always answer our prayers.

Suggested Prayer:

God, thank You for a loving church family and a sense of excitement that is permeating our church through Your Holy Spirit. You possess the strength to empower us to do Your will, and I can't wait to see what you will do through us as we work together for You. Strengthen my faith as I relinquish my anxiety and place this awesome opportunity in Your strong hands. Amen.

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