

RAY PRAYER GUIDE

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How to use this guide: On the following pages you will find testimonies and prayer requests from seven different ministries who have received support through the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering. Each day, be encouraged by one of their stories and pray specifically for that ministry. Southern Baptists from all over Ohio will join with you in unity as we pray September 21-28, 2025.



Church Plant, Dublin Baptist Arabic Church, Pastor JD Davis

"Making disciples of all nations" is the mandate of Dublin Baptist Church. When the opportunity to help start a new Arabic Church in the northwest corner of Columbus arose, I knew this was a kingdom opportunity. Within five miles of Dublin Baptist Church sits the Noor Mosque, one of the largest mosques in Ohio. Through our English Language Learner classes, we began to build relationships with several Arabic-speaking families.

The needs of starting a new church are great. While Dublin Baptist Church is committed to supporting this congregation, we could not do it alone. The generous support you give through the Ray Roberts Mission offering allows us to meet the financial needs of this new plant. Your giving helps support Amer Safadi, as he makes weekly trips from Cincinnati to Dublin, visits families, holds worship services, and trains a future pastor.

Pray for about 30 Arabic believers in northwest Columbus, who are now gathering weekly to worship. Pray this new work will grow and have a great impact for the kingdom. Pray that Dublin Baptist Church continues to be a light for the nations, a place where they can come to hear about Jesus, and connect with other believers from their countries. Pray that we become more and more like the picture of believers in Revelation.



Ohio Disaster Relief, Dr. John A. Heading, director

Life can change in a moment. One minute you are living life as normal, and the next minute your home is filled with water.

This was the case in Circleville, Ohio, due to a flash flood. Inside the home of Amy and her family, the water rose to eighteen inches. Their family needed help.

Because of the support we receive from the Ray Roberts State Missions offering, Ohio Disaster Relief was able to respond right away. We sent flood recovery equipment, volunteers and chaplains, not only to Amy's family, but other families in town. This kind of support makes it possible to have such a big impact on the lives of people in crisis.

Because we responded to this crisis, Amy heard the gospel and gave her life to Christ, and nine other neighbors heard about the love of Christ as well.

Thank you for your support of the Ray Roberts State Missions offering.

Please pray for more volunteers to serve with Ohio Disaster Relief. Pray for volunteers to be sensitive to spiritual needs when interacting with people like Amy and her neighbors.



Church Replant, The Church at Kettering, Pastor Ralph Green IV

The money we received from the Ray Roberts Offering is being used in meaningful and strategic ways. We're adding much-needed sound equipment to our young church plant, but even more importantly, the funds are helping support community outreach events—like block parties—designed to intentionally share the gospel and reach young families. These outreach efforts, along with advertising and equipment, all require resources we wouldn't have without generous giving.

The City of Kettering has around 60,000 unchurched people in a broader community of about 100,000—it's a large harvest field. Since arriving in early July, my wife Kristen and I have hit the ground running, seeking to missionally engage this city with the hope of the gospel. Please pray for our family as we adjust to life in Kettering. Pray for open doors in the community and for persons of peace to rise in the neighborhoods surrounding our church. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers to serve on our growing core team and to continue providing what we need, both in workers and finances. Church planting and revitalization are no easy tasks. Pray that I would rise to the occasion—shepherding well, boldly proclaiming the gospel, and making disciples who make disciples. We long to be faithful and missional in reaching Kettering for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Church Plant: Change City Church, Pickerington, Pastor Darryl Baker

The Ray Roberts offering has meant so much to Change City as we make an impact in our community!

As a result of SCBO's generosity:

We were able to host a Community Festival at the end of the Pickerington 4th of July parade that drew a huge crowd. As a result of this event, we saw not only guests attend our Sunday services, but added seven families and baptized five new believers!

We were able to make improvements to our children's ministry, including the purchase of Christian education materials, allowing us to increase the ages of children's ministry from 4th grade to 6th grade.

We were able to purchase A/V equipment that has improved the sound and video presentations during our services, creating a higher-quality worship experience.

Our greatest prayer needs are:

1. Healing for my wife, Patrice, from chronic daily pain and diabetes complications.
2. Development of leaders as we experience an increase in new members every week.
3. Increase in financial partners to help finance the ministry while we continue to teach and model stewardship to our new members, many of whom are just learning about giving.

Thank you, Dr. Westbrook and SCBO, for helping Change City get off to a great start in our first six months!



Church Plant: Trails Church, Huber Heights, Pastor Will Massaro

Trails Church was significantly impacted by the Ray Roberts offering. As a young 18-month-old church, we still rely on outside support and operate on a small budget. With this gift, we were able to buy a full set of pew bibles, outreach bibles/materials, chair covers, guest/welcome resources, such as connect cards and signs, teaching materials, and more. We are also planning to purchase additional chairs, as we are almost maxing out what the YMCA has to offer. Thank you so much, Ohio Baptists, for this generous gift to Trails Church!

You can pray for our church in the following ways:

1. Pray for the unity of our young church and its growing membership.
2. Pray for the strengthening and equipping of our elders.
3. Pray for the conversion of the lost in our area, especially the immigrant community, the YMCA members/staff, and the young families moving into our neighborhood.



Revitalization: London Baptist Church, Pastor Todd Smeltzer

I can't get over the timing of Buzz and Jeremy calling to let us know about the Ray Roberts Offering. I was putting the final touches on the PowerPoint for our upcoming Members Meeting, where we were set to vote on three major improvements around our church. These were projects the church had discussed for years, but were never able to see come to fruition. Therefore, we were uncertain how the discussion and vote would go.

However, God's sovereign timing is indeed perfect. Their call was just what our church needed to unanimously vote to walk through the door the Lord was opening, thanks to His generous provision from churches around our state. As one long-time church member put it, "These projects have been in the making for over twenty years, and the Lord has indeed shown Himself faithful once again."

Being able to take care of the water and mud in front of our main entrance, replacing the dusty gravel road beside our church with concrete, and repaving the potholes and major cracks in our parking lot will completely transform the outside of our building.

Please pray for people in London and Madison County to see what the Lord is doing at London Baptist Church and be drawn to join us as we continue to trust and follow Christ together.



Ohio Disaster Relief, Dr. John A. Heading, director

All ministries require investment of people and resources. Ohio Disaster Relief is no exception. Consider your expenses. You have a vehicle that needs fuel, maintenance, license plate, and insurance. Ohio DR has ten units that require the same. All these units provide us with the opportunity to serve people affected by disaster, and because we meet people during their greatest challenge, there is an open door to share the love of Christ.

The Ray Roberts State Missions Offering has allowed us to triple our ministry impact. It has provided the additional funds to purchase and maintain the equipment we need to safely and effectively address the various disaster challenges we face.

Without the Ray Roberts Offering, Ohio DR would not have been as active over the past four years. From 2022-2025, we deployed teams 99 times in Ohio, the US, and Western Europe. Volunteers have shared the gospel 700 times and have seen 58 people come to faith in Christ.

Please pray for God to provide the resources Ohio DR needs to meet the expanding needs of people in crisis.