



STEPPING UP IN LOVE • STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

## **PRAYER GUIDE**



# Important Dates:

- Vision Campaign Launch, 9/28
- Vision Nights, 10/5-10/9 (except Wednesday)
- Serve Days, 10/5-11/7
- Commitment Sunday, 11/9
- Celebration Sunday, 11/16

# Introduction:

Over the next 8 weeks, we'll pray together for God's work through our **Up & Out** campaign. Thank you for choosing to pray for the future of Brazos Pointe and our "next step" in following God's call. This movement is intended to help us "Step **UP in love** and **Out in faith** as we seek to reach our neighbors, the nations and the next generation. When we discover, develop, and deploy our own faith, stepping up and out just happens naturally. That is our hope and prayer: that we will grow in faith and step into the life that God is calling us to – a life that is more loving and more faithful.

Our goal is that this Prayer Guide will:

- Lead us to meet with Jesus and be moved and changed into His image
- let us recognize God's guidance so we can align our efforts with Him
- help us know our own role in this movement

We have assembled 4 prayer prompts for each week of the campaign. Each prompt includes:

- **Prayer** – A short prayer prompt to get you started
- **Scripture** – A related Biblical passage
- **Reflection** – Questions to make you think
- **Action** – An example of how you might respond

Together, let us:

## Step Up in Love and Out in Faith!!

# **Week 1: Laying the Foundation**

## Day 1 - Seeking God's Direction

**Prayer:** Lord, guide us to follow Your will in this campaign. Keep us centered on You, not buildings. May this be Your work, not ours.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 16:3 - *“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”*

**Reflection:** Where do I see God at work in this campaign? What does it mean to commit my plans to Him?

**Action:** Spend 5 minutes in silence today to surrender the whole campaign to God.

# Personal Response

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## Day 2 - Unity of Heart

**Prayer:** Father, make us one in spirit and purpose, working together for Your glory.

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:2 - *“...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.”*

**Reflection:** How can I help create unity in our church family? Are there bridges that I can build with people who may feel disconnected?

**Action:** Encourage someone today with a text or call about how grateful you are to serve alongside them.

# Personal Response

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## Day 3 - Faith Over Fear

**Prayer:** Lord, build in us courage to step up in love and out in faith, trusting You completely.

**Scripture:** Joshua 1:9 - *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

**Reflection:** What fears could hold me back from fully trusting God? How might stepping out in faith bless others?

**Action:** Write down one fear you have about this project. Pray over it and ask God to replace it with faith.

# Personal Response

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## Day 4 – Joining God Where He is Working

**Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to see where You are already at work so I can join You instead of asking You to bless my plans.

**Scripture:** John 5:17 – *“In his defense Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.’”*

**Reflection:** Where do I see God already moving at BPF, in my community, or in my family? How can I join Him rather than trying to lead Him?

**Action:** Take a few minutes today to journal where you see God at work and pray about how you might join Him.

# Personal Response

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**Week 2:**  
**For the Next**  
**Generation**  
**Spaces**

# Day 1 - Students and Young People

**Prayer:** Jesus, intervene in the lives of the next generation of students and children who will fill these spaces with laughter, competition, conversation, and relationships that lead to You.

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 4:12 - *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”*

**Reflection:** How might this space become a tool for discipleship, not just recreation? How can I invest in young people?

**Action:** Pray for one student by name today. Pray for a student in our community who does not come to our church.

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## Day 2 - Community Engagement

**Prayer:** Lord, let the gym be a place where neighbors feel welcomed and loved and where the light of Christ shines in the darkness.

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:14 - *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”*

**Reflection:** How can a building shine God's light? How can I personally welcome others?

**Action:** Invite a student, a neighbor, or a coworker to church this month.

# Personal Response

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# Day 3 – God-Sized Vision for Next Generation

**Prayer:** Lord, give our students and young people a God-sized vision for their lives. May they not settle for less than Your calling, but see themselves as world-changers in Your kingdom.

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:10 – *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

**Reflection:** How can this new space help students discover the good works God has prepared for them? How can I encourage a young person to see their identity and purpose in Christ?

**Action:** Pray specifically for BPF students and children to catch a vision of how God can use their lives. If possible, reach out to one student to speak encouragement into their future.

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## Day 4 - Health and Wholeness

**Prayer:** God, use this space to promote physical health and spiritual wholeness.

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”*

**Reflection:** How does caring for our bodies honor God?  
How can recreation point people toward Him?

**Action:** Take a short walk today, using the time to pray for those who will use the gym.

# Personal Response

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**Week 3:  
For the  
Counseling  
Center**



## Day 1 – God’s Invitation to Healing

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for allowing us the opportunity to participate in Your healing work for the broken.

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:28–29 – *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

**Reflection:** Where might God be inviting me to extend His comfort and rest to others? How has He brought me healing that I can share?

**Action:** Write down one way you can be available to someone in need this week, and act on it.

# Personal Response

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## Day 2 - Healing for the Broken

**Prayer:** God of comfort, bring healing to those who walk into this center burdened with pain.

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:18 - *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

**Reflection:** Who around me needs God's comfort? How have I experienced His healing presence?

**Action:** Send a note of encouragement to someone going through a hard time.

# Personal Response

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## Day 3 - Wisdom for Counselors

**Prayer:** Lord, fill counselors and caregivers with wisdom, discernment, and compassion.

**Scripture:** James 1:5 - *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”*

**Reflection:** How does God use people to bring His wisdom? How can I pray regularly for those in helping professions?

**Action:** Pray for a counselor, therapist, or pastor you know by name today.

# Personal Response

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## Day 4 - Breaking Stigmas

**Prayer:** Father, may this counseling center help to break the stigma around mental health, showing that it's okay to seek help.

**Scripture:** Galatians 6:2 - *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

**Reflection:** How can the church model vulnerability and grace? What burdens am I called to help carry?

**Action:** Share with a trusted friend one way you need prayer or support this week.

# Personal Response

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**Week 4:**  
**For the**  
**Living Rooms**

## Day 1- Discipleship

**Prayer:** Lord, may these living rooms overflow with people growing deeper as disciples of Jesus.

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:19-20 - *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

**Reflection:** How has discipleship shaped my life? Who is God calling me to disciple?

**Action:** Pray about one person you could begin investing in spiritually.

# Personal Response

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## Day 2- Authentic Community

**Prayer:** God, fill these living rooms with real, grace-filled community where lives are changed through an experience of Bible study, community, and care.

**Scripture:** Acts 2:42 - *“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”*

**Reflection:** What makes authentic community so powerful? How can I contribute to it?

**Action:** Invite someone new to coffee or a meal this week.

# Personal Response

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## Day 3 - Spiritual Growth

**Prayer:** Father, may many people encounter Your Word and grow in faith through these gatherings.

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-7 - *“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”*

**Reflection:** How rooted am I in Christ? How can I help others grow deep roots?

**Action:** Read one chapter of Scripture slowly and reflectively today.

# Personal Response

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## Day 4 - Developing Faith in Jesus

**Prayer:** Lord, help new believers grow in wisdom, strength, and maturity in You.

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:2 - *“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”*

**Reflection:** How can I encourage someone who is newer in their faith? What practices are helping me develop in mine?

**Action:** Share a Scripture or devotional thought with someone to encourage their spiritual growth.

# Personal Response

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**Week 5:**  
**Following**  
**God's Lead**

## Day 1- God's Presence Over Plans

**Prayer:** Lord, may Your presence be our true goal, not just successful projects.

**Scripture:** Exodus 33:15 – *“Then Moses said to him, ‘If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.’”*

**Reflection:** Am I more focused on buildings or God's presence? How can we seek Him above all?

**Action:** Spend 10 minutes in silence, simply asking God to draw near.

# Personal Response

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## Day 2 - Wise Decisions

**Prayer:** Father, guide leaders to make wise, Spirit-led choices throughout this process.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 2:6 - *“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”*

**Reflection:** How can I support our leaders? How do I seek God's wisdom in my own decisions?

**Action:** Write a note of encouragement to a church leader today.

# Personal Response

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## Day 3 – Adjusting to God’s Ways

**Prayer:** Father, help me be willing to adjust my plans, priorities, and even comforts so I can follow You fully.

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:8–9 – *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’”*

**Reflection:** Where is God asking me to adjust my life to His ways? What might be holding me back from full obedience?

**Action:** Identify one area where God may be prompting you to change course and take a step of obedience.

# Personal Response

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## Day 4 - God's Glory, Not Ours

**Prayer:** Lord, may every brick, wall, and chair bring glory to You, not us.

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 10:31 - *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

**Reflection:** What motivates me more: God's glory or my comfort? How can this project point people to Jesus?

**Action:** Share with someone today why this campaign excites you spiritually, not just practically.

# Personal Response

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**Week 6:**  
**For Sacrificial**  
**Generosity**

## Day 1 - Hearts of Giving

**Prayer:** Father, move our hearts to give joyfully and sacrificially.

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:7 - *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

**Reflection:** How do I approach giving? Am I motivated more by duty or joy? Where is God stretching me?

**Action:** Skip one meal this week and spend that time praying God shows you ways to give joyfully of your time, talents, and treasures.

# Personal Response

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## Day 2 - Trust in God's Provision

**Prayer:** Lord, help us trust You as our ultimate provider, not our own resources.

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:19 - *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”*

**Reflection:** Do I believe God can meet every need?  
What's one way He has provided for me in the past?

**Action:** Write down three times God has provided for you and thank Him.

# Personal Response

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## Day 3 - Praying Through Economic Fears

**Prayer:** Father, calm our hearts when financial fears rise. Help us put our confidence in You, not the economy.

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:33-34 - *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.”*

**Reflection:** What financial fears most often weigh me down? How can I surrender those fears to God?

**Action:** Write down one financial worry and intentionally give it to God in prayer today.

# Personal Response

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## Day 4 - Stewardship

**Prayer:** God, make us wise stewards of every gift entrusted to us.

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:21 - *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

**Reflection:** How do I define faithful stewardship? How can I practice it daily?

**Action:** Review your budget and pray over your financial stewardship.

# Personal Response

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**Week 7:**  
**Service to the**  
**Community**



## Day 1 – Serving With God’s Power

**Prayer:** Lord, remind us that true service to our community flows from Your Spirit's power, not our own strength.

**Scripture:** Zechariah 4:6 – *“So he said to me, ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.”*

**Reflection:** Do I tend to serve in my own strength or in God's power? How can I rely more on His Spirit when I step out to serve?

**Action:** Before serving in any way this week, stop and pray specifically for the Spirit's strength and guidance.

# Personal Response

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## Day 2 - For our Neighbors

**Prayer:** Lord, may we show the love of Christ in tangible ways to our neighbors.

**Scripture:** James 2:17 - *“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”*

**Reflection:** How can I live out my faith this week? What small act of service could bless someone?

**Action:** Look for a need in your neighborhood and meet it today.

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## Day 3 - Discovering Faith in Jesus

**Prayer:** Jesus, may many people encounter You for the first time through the ministry of Brazos Pointe, it's people, and this new building space.

**Scripture:** Luke 19:10 - “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**Reflection:** Who in my life is still discovering who Jesus is? How can I help them see Him clearly?

**Action:** Pray for one friend or family member who has not yet put their faith in Christ.

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## Day 4 - Being the Church

**Prayer:** God, remind us that we are the church, not just a building.

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:5 - *“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

**Reflection:** What does it mean for me to be a “living stone”? How can I reflect Christ in daily life?

**Action:** Serve in one small way at church this week.

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# **Week 8: Looking Ahead**

## Day 1 - For the Next Generation

**Prayer:** Lord, raise up children and students who will love You deeply and serve You faithfully.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 22:6 - *“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”*

**Reflection:** How can I encourage the faith of a child or student in my church? What legacy of faith am I leaving behind?

**Action:** Write a note of encouragement to a child, student, or parent in your church.

# Personal Response

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## Day 2 - Celebration and Gratitude

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness. Fill us with gratitude and joy.

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

**Reflection:** How has God shown His faithfulness during this campaign? What am I most thankful for?

**Action:** Write a short prayer of thanksgiving and share it with someone.

# Personal Response

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## Day 3 - Deploying Faith in Jesus

**Prayer:** Father, send us out as workers in Your harvest field, equipped and bold in our witness.

**Scripture:** Luke 10:2 - *“He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”*

**Reflection:** How is God calling me to actively live out my faith? What “harvest field” has He placed me in?

**Action:** Look for one opportunity today to speak or act in a way that points someone to Jesus.

# Personal Response

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## Day 4 - Continuing the Mission

**Prayer:** Jesus, may “Up and Out” be more than a campaign. It’s our calling to live on mission.

**Scripture:** John 20:21 - *“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’”*

**Reflection:** How can I continue stepping up in love and out in faith beyond this campaign? What's my next step of obedience?

**Action:** Commit to one ongoing way you will live out the mission “Up and Out.”

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# **Other Practices of Prayer, Service, and Generosity**

# Prayer

- Walk the BPF property praying for the spaces to be built.
- Set a daily alarm or reminder on your phone to pause and pray for the campaign for 2 minutes.
- Memorize a Bible verse from this guide. Pray it back to God.
- Write a prayer and meditate on each word.
- Pray for the architects, workers, builders, and contractors who will construct the facility.
- Place an “Up & Out” sticker somewhere to remind you to pray.
- Pray for BPF, it’s mission, and this campaign as a family around the dinner table.
- Ask a student or child what excites them about a new building with a gym and pray with them about it.
- Pray with your small group. Spend 10 minutes praying for each aspect of the campaign (service in the community, counseling center, gym/next gen space, and living rooms)
- Ask how you can pray for your neighbor and do it.

## Service & Generosity

- Step out in faith by serving someone you know.
- Take care of yardwork or an odd job for someone who can't do it themselves.
- Run an errand for an elderly person or single mom.
- Offer to watch kids for free so your friends can enjoy a night out.
- Sit and talk to a lonely person.
- Help a parent by offering rides to children's activities.
- Be generous and take a friend for coffee and a faith conversation.
- Pay it forward and cover the coffee or meal of the person behind you in the drive-thru.
- Give an extravagant \$ tip to an undeserving server.
- Deliver a surprise cupcake/treat to someone "just because."
- Do a household chore that is out of character for you.