

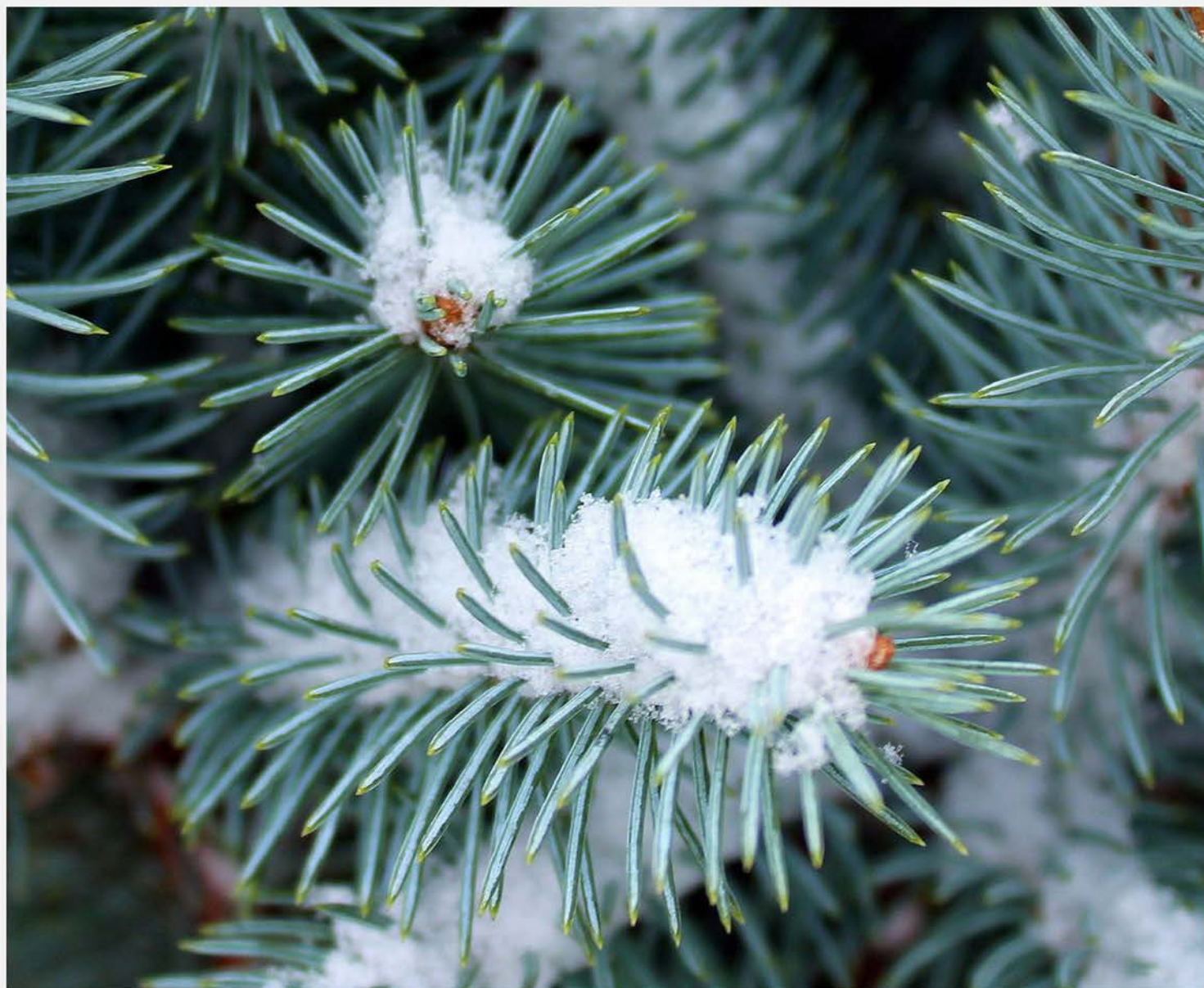
# JANUARY

P R A Y E R   G U I D E

A KINGDOM SEEKER-

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*lives by the bible / **prays continually** / meets together / shares  
joyfully / serves others / worships God / makes Jesus known*







## *ROM 5:1-5*

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*



# INTRODUCTION

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## *A NEW SEASON FOR TEMPLE CHURCH*



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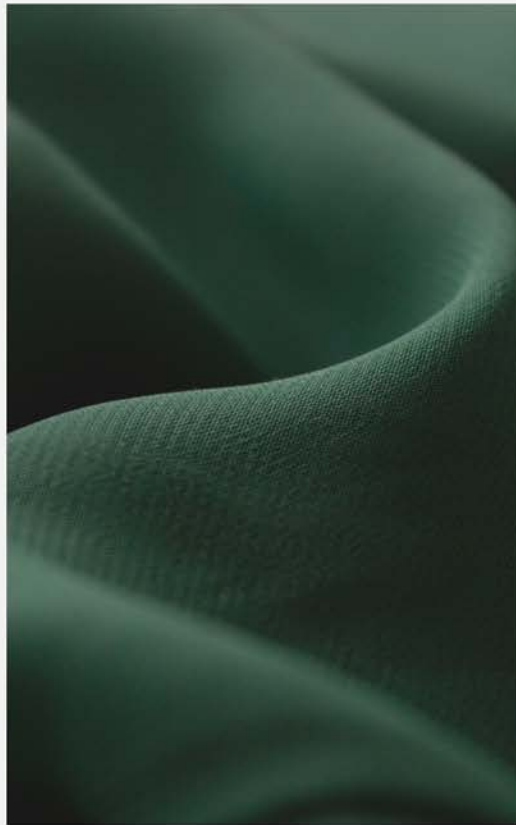
As we prepare to turn the page to a new chapter, let us rejoice first and foremost that all who have put their faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins have been justified- declared wholly pure and blameless before a holy God. We have access to the throne room, the Kingdom of Heaven, and it is with this access we humble ourselves and ask the Lord to continue his sanctifying work of making us more like Christ as we persevere through the difficulties and challenges of the current season.

God is not done with the plan of redemption He intends to carry out through us, and Christ is not done in his pursuit of presenting the church as a pure and spotless bride. As we process through the difficulties and trials of the past years and the ones that will surely come, let us allow the Spirit to freely execute His sanctifying work in us. Let us pray continually as Kingdom Seekers, that our suffering would produce perseverance, that perseverance would produce godly character, and that this character would produce in us the ultimate hope that does not put us to shame, that will never lead to disappointment, for we serve a God in whom **the joy of our salvation is surely our strength.**

# HOW TO USE

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*A KINGDOM SEEKER PRAYS CONTINUALLY.*



In this season, we want to structure this prayer guide in a way that makes it simple and easy to use as a **daily tool** to help you grow in the Kingdom Virtue of praying continually.

Each week, we will focus intentionally on a category of our church body. You'll be led through prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and confession/repentance. Then you can work through the Ask/Intercede section provided by our Pastor Search Team.

The Pastor Search Team's section will be followed by prayer requests from specific ministries of the week's category within our church. We've also included a specific section of space for you to pray over the people in your life that the Lord may lay on your heart.

We encourage you to use this guide daily, working through each of the sections for each week.

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*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. -Hebrews 4:16*

*\*\*\*Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture quoted throughout this guide will be the English Standard Version [ESV].*



# WEEK ONE

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## CHILDREN



**PRAISE:** Lord, we praise you for all of the ways that you have given us to minister to the children in our church. You have blessed us more than we can imagine with the amount of young people that we get to serve. We praise you because you reveal yourself to children just like you do with adults. We pray that you would work in our young people and raise them up to be the hands and feet of this body.

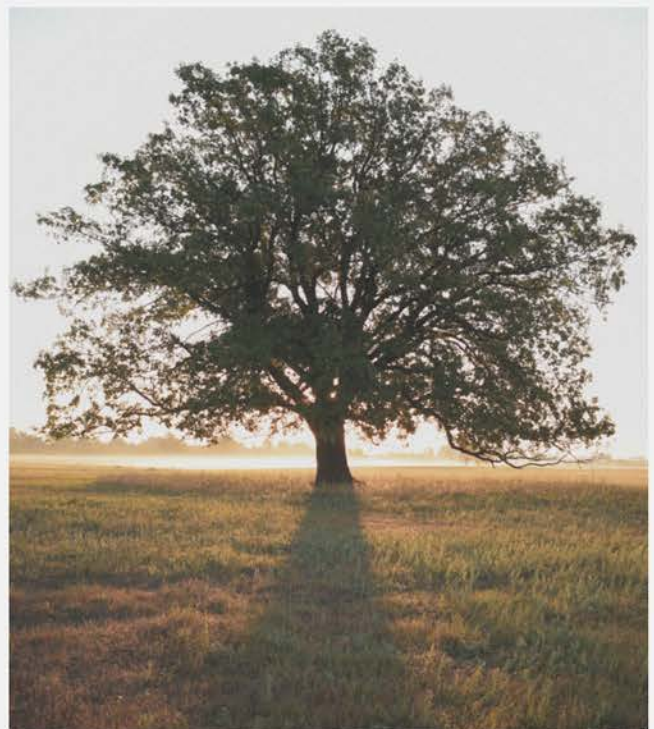
**THANKSGIVING:**

*The living, the living, he thanks you,  
as I do this day;*

*the father makes known to the children  
your faithfulness. -Isaiah 38:19*

**THANKSGIVING:** Father, we come with thanksgiving in our hearts for the blessed gift of sharing your love with the children of Temple Church! Thank you for the opportunity to serve them by providing them with so many ways to grow and connect. Thank you for the gifts of each of these children and the blessing they are to so many in our body as they serve.

**CONFESSION/REPENTANCE:** Lord, I confess that I have not done a good job in teaching our children more about you. Forgive me for looking the other way and not stepping up to the plate to help our children come to know you. Show me your will for my life as I impact the lives of these children in these ministries.





# ASK & INTERCEDE

FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM



Before launching into this new year with your “New Year’s Resolutions”, what if we spend this first week of January in reflection, considering what God did in the past year at Temple Church?

What has God revealed to you about yourself through the experience of being without a senior pastor? Of going through the church assessment process? Of learning more of the history of our church? Of recognizing who we are as a church and dealing with the “issues” as a church family?

How did you grow this past year as you worked through these things with others in our church family, learning to listen, praying for one another, submitting to one another, and finally enjoying the fruit of that labor together?

What have you learned through the leadership and teaching of Dr. Ewart?

How have you been challenged in evangelism?

How has God worked in your life as you committed to prayer, fasting, and waiting on God for a new pastor?

We have grand ideas of change when it comes to new year’s resolutions, but these almost always fizzle out by mid-February.

Instead of diving headfirst into the new year, let’s consider the things that God taught us this past year and reflect on what He is already doing in us. Then, we can look for ways to continue to grow in these areas in the coming year. What better way to be successful in our lives than to commit to the process of lifelong discipleship?

*We don’t change from experience; we change when we reflect on it.”  
(p. 28, The Prayer Practice: Practicing the Way, quote by Trevor Hudson)*





# COMMITMENT TO REFLECTION

## WEEK ONE

During this first week of January, set aside a block of time, maybe thirty minutes to an hour, to look back and reflect on what you have learned this past year through your experience at Temple Church. As you consider these questions, jot down your thoughts.

- *Can you think of one or two “take-aways” from the experiences of and the process of preparing for a new pastor?*
- *How has God changed you in this process?*
- *Can you identify one change in your heart that has impacted your attitude, words, or actions that you can intentionally continue to work on in 2024?*
- *Has God been prompting you to use your gifts and talents in serving Him at Temple Church in 2024?*



**Spend time praying for our church this week.** We have all worked together through this experience of finding a new pastor, and we look forward to what God will do as He completes this process in 2024.

Pray that each member of Temple will:

- Embrace what we have learned this past year.
- Take time to identify which attitude, behavior, or action to work on.
- Commit to serve in the ministry God is calling us to.
- Continue to apply these things consistently in our lives in such a way that it impacts our families, our church, and our community.
- Become an encouragement to the new pastor and his family because of what God has done in our lives as we prepare for his arrival.

**As in water a face reflects the face, so the heart of a person reflects the person.**

**-Proverbs 27:19 (NASB)**

“Calm water can act as a mirror. When someone looks into a pool, they see their reflection. This shows them what they truly look like, which might be different from what they assumed. In a similar way, a person's heart reflects who they really are. Self-examination is a good thing (**2 Corinthians 13:5; Proverbs 4:26**). It can reveal what's happening deep within ourselves.”

- Retrieved Dec. 11, 2023, from [BibleRef.com](https://www.bibleref.com)

As you continue through the year, prioritize taking times of reflection. Often the busyness of life and loud demands of culture keep us from taking time for reflection. It is important to remember that **reflection takes intentionality.** Decide on a time each day, each week, or each month to reflect on your life, your experiences, and how God is at work in you.



# INTERCEDE: CHILDREN



*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. -Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

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## **Temple Weekday Preschool-**

- that all of our children come back in the New Year healthy and happy.
- that our children will learn more about how wonderful Jesus is.
- for all our staff and their families.
- for our leadership, that we will make only decisions that honor God.

## **Temple Sunday Preschool-**

**Pray:** Help us Father to model, sing, and teach the psalms and praises of our Lord Jesus Christ to all of our children in their various ages and stages. Help us Father to create a loving, encouraging, and welcoming environment for all who come.

## **Temple Kids-**

- for our leaders and kids within Temple Kids as we start the New Year
- for our Sunday small group leaders as they teach and lead children through Bible stories each week
- for relationships to continue to grow between families and leaders within Temple Kids

## **Temple Christian Academy-**

- that God would equip our teachers to help our students to know Him better
- that God would save the students who are not already saved
- that our students would be protected from all of the schemes of the enemy
- that the parents would be impacted as a result of our ministry to the students

## **AWANA-**

- for our Leaders and kids as we come out of the Holiday season and into the New Year
- for the kids to understand the importance of holding Scripture in their hearts to glorify Jesus and enrich their lives daily
- for God to allow opportunities for the kids to apply the Scriptures and lessons that they are learning each week



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## **Temple Sports-**

**Pray:** Father, we ask that you help us to teach all those that we reach how to love God in His beautiful Kingdom through the sport of basketball and cheerleading. We also ask that you keep all players safe throughout the season.

## **Temple Students-**

- that students' hearts will be softened to know the Lord
  - that leadership will have clear direction and guidance from the Lord as service structures are changed
  - that God would set a fire in the hearts of our students to know Him better through prayer and bible reading
  - that God would burden our students for their lost friends and equip them with boldness to be witnesses to them
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# WEEK TWO

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## ADULT MINISTRIES



**PRAISE:** We praise you Lord for working in our church through our adult ministries. Our adults are cared for through these ministries and we would ask that they would continue to fulfill that role. You are worthy to be praised for how you have used small groups and OASIS in the lives of our people.

**THANKSGIVING:**

*My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;*

*I address my verses to the king;*

*my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. -Psalm 45:1*

**THANKSGIVING:** Father, we give you thanks for every family representing your tribe at Temple. We pray you will allow us to teach and disciple with a thankful heart to all who come our way. May we be ever thankful with a ready heart to give You the glorious praise You deserve.

**CONFESSION/REPENTANCE:** Lord Jesus, forgive me for not finding community in our church. Forgive me for trying to do life on my own. I have been hurt by people and shied away from groups because of fear. Help me Lord to step into life with a small group or the OASIS group so that I might find an opportunity to serve you best with people who love you in big ways.





# FAITHFULNESS IN DISCIPLESHIP

## WEEK TWO

## SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES.

What attitude, action, or behavior, stands out most to you from last week's reflection? Instead of another "New Year's resolution", make this new attitude, behavior, or action a daily practice, a sacrifice, or spiritual discipline in your life to become more like Jesus.

He has given us the spiritual disciplines to help us become more like Him every day, to grow in our faith and discipleship, so that we may be presented “complete in Him.” **(Colossians 1:29).**

Write a prayer of commitment to the Lord to practice this spiritual discipline to become more like Jesus.

*For everyone who partakes only of milk is unacquainted with the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to distinguish between good and evil.*

- Hebrews 5:13-14 (NASB)

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT-

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**SERVICE**

What area of ministry has God placed on your heart?

Write a prayer asking God to lead you and open a door to serve Him at Temple Church (If you are already serving, write a prayer asking the Lord to help you to remain faithful in serving Him.)

Keep these prayers in your Bible or in a place where you can be reminded of your commitments to the Lord throughout the year. Continue faithfully in the development of spiritual disciplines and in service to the Lord and His church. **In your prayer times this week focus on your personal discipleship, spiritual gifts, your calling, and your service, as an act of worship unto the Lord.**

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman that does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."*

**-(2 Timothy 2:15)**

**PRAYER-**

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# INTERCEDE: ADULTS



*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

*-Ecclesiastes 3:11 [NIV]*

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## **Small Groups-**

**Pray:** Father, as we move into the days and weeks ahead, we pray that our small groups will seek you with all of their hearts, minds, and souls to know you, serve you, and honor you through their lives. We ask that you help us to grow in wisdom and discernment in the Lord. We pray that we may grow in our faith knowing that the Holy Spirit is here to help us and guide us.

## **OASIS-**

- We pray that you would encourage those who are struggling with mobility. We ask for renewed strength.
  - We pray that your joy would overflow from our older adults and that it would permeate the younger generations.
  - We pray that you would use our story to help others come to know you.
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# WEEK THREE

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## CARE



**PRAISE:** Lord we praise you for the entire membership here at Temple. We praise you for the men you have called to serve as deacons, the HOPE Center which serves our people and the community, and Temple Recovery which plays a vital role in so many of our members' lives. We will continue to think about your mighty works and remember the things you have accomplished in our church.

**THANKSGIVING:** *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.*

**-Colossians 3:23**

**THANKSGIVING:** Father, we thank you for those who serve and utilize their gifts and talents for the glory of the Kingdom of God. May You keep them in peace, and help them to trust you in all their ways. We give you thanks for the opportunity to serve and give a portion of what you have so freely given to us back to the Kingdom.

**CONFESSION/REPENTANCE:** Lord, I confess that I struggle to love those who are different from me. Lord those in recovery or that have mental illness are hard for me to understand. Help me to see them through your eyes and not my own. Help me to love them like you love them. Forgive me Lord.





# EMBRACING OUR STORY

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## WEEK THREE

What's your story? What "God story" is being written in your life? In the narrative of Scripture, we see story after story of how God individual people to bring about His Master plan. Most often, these folks did not realize how God was orchestrating the events of their lives to accomplish His greater purpose of salvation and redemption.

Think about:

- **Joseph.** What awful injustices he endured! But God was raising up a "savior" for his family.
- **Ruth.** A Moabite married an unfaithful Jew who died young, leaving her childless and destitute, but God had a plan to make her part of the bloodline of King David, and ultimately of Messiah.
- **Moses.** The youngest child of a Jewish slave couple in Egypt survived the slaughter of babies by the Pharaoh and ended up in the palace as the adopted child of the princess, a time which helped prepare him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Do you know that God is working out His plan in your life in much the same way? What if you choose this year to look for God's story in your life, identify it, embrace that story, rehearse it, and reflect on it? You will realize that God doesn't waste anything in our lives. He is at work, even when we don't see it.

This week in your prayer time:

- **Pray for yourself.** Pray for God to open your eyes to discover His story in your life. Ask Him to help you see beyond your own trials and struggles so that you can rest in the fact that He is accomplishing a greater purpose beyond your human understanding.
- **Pray for our church** to see beyond the circumstances of our current situation and realize that God's purpose is for reconciliation, redemption, and ultimately His glory. He knows how He will orchestrate events to bring salvation to individuals, healing to families, growth of the church, blessing in the community, and expansion of His Kingdom through Temple Church.



· **Pray for the new pastor and his family** to recognize that God is using the circumstances of their lives to lead them to a new part of their story in the near future. Pray that they will see beyond the human situation and uncertainties they may be facing. Pray they will, instead, see with eyes of faith that God is at work to prepare them for a new and glorious thing that He will do through them at Temple Church, even if they don't yet know it!

*Do not call to mind the former things, Or consider things of the past. Behold, I am going to do something new, now it will spring up; will you not be aware of it? – Isaiah 43:18-19 (NASB)*

As you continue through this year, be alert. Look for the “God Stories” in your life and family and in the life of Temple Church. Thank God for how He is at work, even when we can't see it.

**PRAYER/NOTES-**

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# INTERCEDE: CARE



*The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy, and with my  
song I praise him. Psalm 28:7 [NIV]*

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## **Temple Recovery-**

Heavenly Father we ask that you would hold our hearts and renew us mind, body, and soul. Give us the gift of joy in Christ, so that we may share that joy with those around us. Give our leaders the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for us to bring hope to our recovery community, by providing opportunities for relationships with not only those struggling with a life-gripping addiction but also their families by providing guidance and hope through a relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## **HOPE Center-**

- We pray that you will encourage the clients and volunteers who come to the center.
- We pray that this new year would bring the opportunity for clients to make changes that will draw them to you.
- We pray that in the changes you would bring your peace and presence to those who come to the center.

## **Deacon Ministry**

-For our Deacon ministry to be the biblical expression of your purpose here at Temple.  
Pray: Father, we ask that through our Deacon ministry, we may express the love and kindness you have shown to us through our shut-ins, those who are in the hospital, widows, widowers, orphans, families, and loved ones. Help our Deacon ministry to be involved in the front lines of ministry through all facets of ministry whether it is through evangelism, discipleship, worship & missions. May we continue to be the front line of care for the members.

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# WEEK FOUR

## MISSIONS/EVANGELISM



**PRAISE:** Lord, you deserve to be worshiped and praised by those whom you have created. We praise you for the people in our church who have led and been a part of spreading the gospel through local and international mission trips. Lord, give us a burden for your mission in the world and make many more people worship you through our church's mission effort.

### THANKSGIVING:

*And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" -Romans 10:15*

**THANKSGIVING:** Father, we come with thankful hearts to serve the King of kings & Lord of lords. We pray that you will anoint and appoint our missions and evangelism teams to go out in love, peace, and thanksgiving in their hearts to share the hope of Christ Jesus to our community, our region, our state, our nation, and throughout the world.

**CONFESSION/REPENTANCE:** Lord, you know I am not comfortable in strange places. Forgive me for deciding that missions and evangelism were the job for the pastor to do. There were times I just threw money at it because it was easy and I didn't know what else to do. Help me to be intentional in seeking your will in the area of evangelism and missions. Help me to get out of my comfort zone to bring the lost to a saving knowledge of you.







# PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER

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## WEEK FOUR

What about prayer? Has God taught you some things about prayer, fasting, worship, supplication, and praise in 2023? God works on us as we pray. He works through us when we pray. God accomplishes His purposes while we pray. In the Bible, we read the accounts of God carrying out His plan AS people prayed.

- **Hannah** prayed for God to give her a child. God answered her prayer, but gave her so much more, sending Samuel as the first judge of God's people. Even though she sacrificed greatly, painfully, in giving Samuel over to God, leaving her sweet little boy at the Temple with the old priest, God filled her life abundantly with five more children to ease the pain and bless her for her sacrifice.

- **Anna** was a faithful servant of the Lord, but her husband died when she was very young leaving her alone. She remained faithful. In fact, she gave her life to God's service, never leaving the Temple, serving day and night with fastings and prayers. (Luke 1:37). She didn't know that at the age of 84, Messiah would come.

Joseph and Mary would bring the baby Jesus, at that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Israel. (1:38) Anna would be a witness to Messiah!

- In Acts 10 we find **Cornelius**, a devout Gentile in one town, praying to God continually, and Peter in a different town, praying to God on a rooftop, as was his practice. God stepped in unexpectedly in both of their lives, bringing them together and opening the way for the gospel to be given to the Gentiles.

- In Acts 13, the **Antioch church leaders** were ministering to the Lord and fasting. (vs 2). It was in the act of this spiritual practice that the Holy Spirit spoke to them, telling them to set aside Barnabas and Saul for the ministry of the Gospel to the Gentiles. (Note that these leaders were not praying specifically for missionaries to go to the Gentiles! It was AS they prayed that they received instruction from the Lord.)



Will you continue to grow in the practice of prayer in 2024? As you pray, God will be at work, above and beyond all that you can imagine!

**Pray for the Pastor Search Team this month.** Pray specifically for:

- **Discernment** as we work through the resumes that have been received and narrow the search to the ones who are best qualified based on the Pastor Profile.
- **Unity** as we develop the questionnaire to go out to qualified candidates.
- **Wisdom** as we narrow the search and begin to set up interviews for February.
- **Reliance** on the Holy Spirit throughout the process.

As you continue on into the year 2024, don't quit praying for Temple Church, just because God gives us a new pastor. Keep on praying for the pastor, his family, your family, our church, and our community. Your prayers matter to God. They are so precious that He keeps them forever before Him in heaven!

*When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.* – Revelation 5:8 (NASB)

*Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense ascended from the angel's hand with the prayers of the saints before God.* – Revelation 8:3-4 (NASB)

***"It is inconceivable to live like Jesus without doing what He spent so much of His time doing, which is prayer."*** – Dr. Bryan Loritts (From Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools, p. i)



# INTERCEDE: MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



*You are a hiding place for me; You  
preserve me from trouble; You surround  
me with shouts of deliverance.*

*-Psalm 32:7*

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Please take time this month to specifically pray over our Mexico Missions team, who is preparing to leave on their trip in February.

## **Mexico Mission Trip Team Members-**

Jayme Acree, Taylor Acree, Barbara Collier, Lara Connolly, Randy Davenport, Isabel Goldvarg, Trinity Goldvarg, Bethany Granish, Brianna Granish, Heather Green, Melissa Harding, Debbie Mowry, Lisa Neally, Debbie Potter, Alan Privette, Vince & Vickie Sevenski, Tom & Dorinda Sugiyama, and Angel Tarter

## **Prayer Requests:**

- that the Lord will protect each of them from attacks from the devil as they prepare
- that each one will be filled and equipped by the Spirit to minister at an increased capacity

**Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. -Isaiah 41:10**

- Pray each team member will lean on God when fear beckons them and that they can help instill this in the hearts of the people they will minister to.

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them. -Psalm 34:7**

- Pray for the angel of the Lord to surround them and the Mayans.

**You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. -Matthew 22:37**

- Pray that God is number one in each of the lives of the team members.

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# WEEK FIVE

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## LEADERSHIP & STAFF



**PRAISE:** We praise you for the staff you have brought to our church. They are your hand-chosen servants for this season and for that, we give you praise. Father, we pray that you would fill them up so that their ministry will result in an overwhelming response from our members as they are led, taught, and cared for.

**THANKSGIVING:**

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. -Philippians 2:3-4*

**THANKSGIVING:** Father, thank you for the leadership and staff you have given to our church in this season. Thank you for Dr. Ewart and his willingness to serve our church body in humility. Thank you for each member of leadership and staff who sacrifices so much to care for this body of believers.

**CONFESSION/REPENTANCE:** Lord, I confess that I haven't prayed for my leadership and staff as I should. Forgive me for my attitude. Help me to support what you are doing here at Temple in such a way that it brings glory to you. Help me to pray for my leadership and staff daily that we might be a team for you.



# INTERCEDE: STAFF & LEADERSHIP



*We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. -1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

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## **Staff/Leadership-**

Dr. John and Mrs. Teresa Ewart

Bennett & Lauren Holloway

Darryl & Jenny Radford

Darryl & Cristina Vang

Kathy & Doug Reinhardt

Tony & Jaime Benda

Sally & Tom Gerrald

Dan & Aimee Martin

Tim & Karen Lackey

Melody & Randy Davenport

Tara & Guy Wynant

Marion & Steve Dalrymple

Lisa & Davis Sugg

Jacqueline & Rob Coates

Donna & Rich Daniels

Brittany Hartsell

Claire and Thomas Mills

Nikki & Daniel Rhyne

Rebekah & Kenny Warren

Alex and Jessica Hinson

Cody & Leah Krieger

Bethany & Travis Kornegay

## **Lay Teams:**

-Personel Team

-Stewardship Team

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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may abound in hope. -Romans 15:13*