

Prayer Devotional



**35 Days of Prayer for the
next75 initiatives at
Community Bible Church**

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“Prayer is our partnership with God in transforming history.”

- Unknown

“Three things are necessary for a successful crusade. The first is prayer, the second is prayer, and the third is prayer.”

- Billy Graham

“Prayer honors God, acknowledges His being, exalts His power, adores His providence, secures His aid.”

- E.M. Bounds

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Welcome! Thank you for joining the 35 Days of Prayer for the next75 initiatives. We are so excited to see what God will do as He hears the prayers of His children for the building expansion of CBC and New Life Bible Church.

May God grant us **immeasurably more** as we seek His will together.

- The next75 Prayer Team

Now to him who is able to do
IMMEASURABLY MORE
than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power
that is at work within us,
Glory ^{TO HIM} ^{BE} *& Christ* ^{IN}
^{IN THE} **JESUS** ^{CHURCH}
throughout all generations
FOR EVER *and* **EVER** **AMEN** **EPHESIANS**
3:20-21

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen.

Now to him who is able

Pray that God will grow our faith and our understanding of who He is as we seek His will regarding the building expansion and the start of New Life Bible Church.

God is able. He has the power, skill, and means to accomplish these works. Do you believe this? Hebrews 11:6 says that “without faith it is impossible to please him.” Hebrews 11:1 teaches that faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. The confidence is knowing that our desire to expand our outreach to the community and the next generations aligns with God’s will that all would come to Him and none would perish. Our hope is in trusting God for the provision needed to accomplish the work, while being assured of His faithfulness.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen.

*..to do immeasurably more than all
we ask or imagine...*

Pray that God will provide the 30 million dollars to cover the cost of the building expansion and New Life Bible Church. *Then* ask Him to provide even more than this dollar amount so the gospel can reach more people in our community and expand our outreach beyond Marietta and East York!

Let's dream with God. What would you like to see happen when the building is expanded and New Life Bible Church opens its doors? Who would you like to see experience these blessings? How would you like the community to get to know our God? What impact would you want to be made on our next generations?

Our God can do all of this...and immeasurably more!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen.

...according to his power that is at work within us...

Pray that God will make us very aware of the Holy Spirit's work in each one of us, first individually and then corporately as the Body of Christ.

Ask God to teach you to be open to the Holy Spirit's work in your life, and how you can contribute to the next 75 initiatives.

As a follower of Christ, the Holy Spirit indwells, guides, counsels, and convicts you. He is the power at work in you. (John 16:8; Acts 1:8; John 16:13)

How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in you? Has He revealed a gift you have that will further the progress of the building expansion or help grow New Life Bible Church? Share your answer with another follower of Christ and pray together about it.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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*..to him be glory in the church and
in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, forever and ever,
Amen.*

Pray that our church body will be examples of Christ to those we work, live, and play with so that they are made curious enough to begin to seek Him.

We are called to live differently—to be lights on a hill that point others to Jesus. How do *you* live in such a way as to prompt others to seek Jesus?

Be watching for the people God sends across your path. Who is God asking you to invite to CBC? Who is He asking you to share Jesus with? Be willing to act in the power of the Holy Spirit in order to glorify God.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Psalm 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards watch in vain.

Pray that our hearts are united and entwined with the Lord's purposes for CBC and New Life Bible Church.

Pray for our spiritual eyes to be open to how God is growing CBC and New Life Bible Church, and for holy boldness to join the kingdom work.

God *is* building His church called Community Bible Church!
Stories are being told of people seeing our signs by the road and feeling prompted to check us out.

God *is* building His church called New Life Bible Church!
Stories are being told of people overhearing conversations
Pastor Nate is having regarding New Life Bible Church and asking him questions about it, saying they are looking for a church or a way to begin their spiritual journey.

The Lord *is* building His church, and He is inviting us to join Him in that work. Are you willing and available to join this work?

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Reflect

Review the previous week's devotionals.

What was a takeaway from the devotionals?

How will you apply the truth that was shared?

Write a prayer below in response to your reflections.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Worship

Spend time with God and His people today!

What was a takeaway from today's sermon?

Write the name of one person you crossed paths with at church today, and write out a prayer of blessing for them below.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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.

Pray that God reveals to each person what their Faith Covenant gift should be.

Pray for each person to be content and at rest with whatever God asks of them to contribute to the next 75 initiatives.

As with all building projects, there is a cost involved. And just as has been done in past building campaigns, there will be a need to raise funds to pay for it.

When the Faith Covenant is presented, seek to know what God is asking of you. It could be a widow's mite or fishes and loaves, but all should be given with joy. As stewards of all that God gives, may we make a heartfelt, Holy Spirit-inspired response.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured out into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Pray for a heart of generosity as you seek God's guidance regarding your Faith Covenant.

Ask God to grow your faith and trust in Him as you financially commit to the next 75 initiatives.

This verse packs a wallop! Look at the promises found in this one verse:

- Give: It will be given to you
- A good measure: It will be *poured out* upon you!
- How you measure your gift: It will be measured to you

And the way the good measure is described is so lavish and abundant:

- Pressed down: 'Cause maybe it won't fit any other way!
- Shaken down: A gathering
- Running over: It cannot be contained
- Poured into your lap: Without restraint

THIS is a picture of how God gives to those who give to Him—not always material, but always lavish. You can't outgive God.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pray that we will grow in our trust of God as He equips us to do His will and works in us as it pleases Him to do so through Jesus Christ regarding the next75 initiatives.

Pray for New Life Bible Church's Leadership Team and for CBC's elders to be equipped for the tasks that need to be accomplished in establishing the new church and planning the building expansion.

The next75 initiatives of starting a church in East York and expanding the building of our physical church will take a lot of faith, being convinced of things not yet seen. This verse assures us that God will equip us with all that is good to accomplish His will as He works in us through Christ.

As we seek God's will, both individually and corporately, may we be convinced of His goodness and faithfulness in the journey.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Acts 1:8

...you will be my witnesses.

Pray God continues to raise up people in East York who are seeking to find Jesus for the first time or grow in knowledge of and relationship to Him. Pray they will allow themselves to be led to paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Ask God to raise up volunteers willing to be in the “Jesus Business” to staff the growing needs of those coming to the Community Care Center.

We have been chosen by God to be His witnesses—walking testimonies of grace—to the people of Marietta and East York. It is what we are called to. It is the very reason we exist as His children who are entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation, telling others how to be reconciled to God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

One of the ways God is leading us to do that is by moving the Community Care Center from Market Street to the church. There will be more space to organize donated food and clothing, allowing us to meet people's physical needs while also offering them the hope of Jesus.

The second way God is leading us to be His witnesses is by establishing a new church. There are many stories of folks telling Pastor Nate about their spiritual journeys, of promptings to seek spiritual knowledge, and of wanting to attend a biblically based church.

How marvelous that God chose *us* to be His witnesses!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Ask God to open your eyes and heart to what He has done, is doing, and will do in making the next75 initiatives a reality.

Ask God what He would like you to give to make the next75 initiatives a reality.

God is able. He is a God whose giving is always abundant, completely sufficient, and totally supportive to make every good work successful.

He is inviting you to join Him in the adventure! Are you willing?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Reflect

Review the previous week's devotionals.

What was a takeaway from the devotionals?

How will you apply the truth that was shared?

Write a prayer below in response to your reflections.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Worship

Spend time with God and His people today!

What was a takeaway from today's sermon?

Write the name of one person you crossed paths with at church today, and write out a prayer of blessing for them below.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

2 Corinthians 9:10

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

Pray that all of the effort, meetings, planning, and time that have been invested already in the New Life Bible Church and CBC's Building Expansion will be multiplied to produce a tremendous harvest of spiritual fruit.

Pray for perseverance and stamina for all involved with establishing New Life Bible Church. Pray they will not grow weary in doing good.

Pray for the elders of CBC to continue working together in unity with clarity and conviction. Pray that they, too, will not grow weary in doing good.

Our God is the Initiator, the Supplier, and the Sustainer for all of the works He establishes. As we navigate this journey of the next 75 initiatives, let us not forget He is *for us* and He is *with us*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Pray for wisdom for the Worship Department leadership as they anticipate building a sanctuary as part of the Building Expansion. Our attendance numbers have grown, so evaluating that and accommodating that growth in planning a new worship space are crucial.

Pray for what is needed in the new worship space. It isn't just about how or what the sound is. The production of a worship service involves many pieces of equipment to make it happen.

Pray for wisdom to know how many seats to provide and how many services to offer.

In the building of an area strictly for worship, we set apart a specific piece of the Building Expansion where all who attend the worship services can enter into praise of the One True and Living God. It will be a bigger space, designed to accommodate a growing congregation. You have heard it said, "Build it, and they will come." Grant that God will make it so!

Philippians 1:9-10

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

As you walk in this journey, **ask** God what it is He would have you give and pray for. **Pray** that He will give you insight—eyes to see beyond 2026 to the future generations who will cross paths with people of CBC and New Life Bible Church.

Pray that our church body will walk in unity, clarity, and conviction as we discern what God's best is for each of us and for all of us.

Pastor Jeff was asked, "When you dream with God about CBC and next75, what do you tell Him you want to see as far as your flock growing in wisdom and stature in the Lord?" His pastor's heart is clearly revealed in the verbiage of this passage: abounding love, knowledge, and deep insight so that each one may discern what is best. This is his heart's desire for the congregation. What a treasure to know that our Senior Pastor isn't a "one man show." He truly wants his flock to join him in discerning what God's will is for CBC and the next75 initiatives. It is a seeking to be forged together in love.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The whole reason to undertake the next 75 initiatives isn't to have a brand spanking new facility or bragging rights about starting a new church in East York. The reason is Jesus and His Great Commission. It is the people we encounter where we live, work, and play who need to know who Jesus is and why He came to earth to be their Resurrected Rescuer, Reconciler, and Redeemer.

In response to the question, "What would you like the hearts of your congregants to reflect to our community?", Pastor Jeff gave a list of qualities he wanted his congregants to have. Over the next few days, we will look at what those qualities are and why having them allows each of us to effectively reach out to others.

QUALITY #1: THE GRACE AND TRUTH OF JESUS

John 1:14-18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pray for God to show you how to draw nearer to Him so that you can, in turn, draw others to Him.

Ask God to work in your heart through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that you may be gracious to those God puts into your path, giving opportunity to share Jesus and His gospel with them.

Following the example of Jesus, we must remain close to God the Father, walking closely with Him in Spirit and learning His word, which is the Truth that teaches, counsels, guides, and enables us to share that knowledge with others.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

QUALITY #2: LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

John 13:34-35:

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Ask God to search your heart, to challenge you to reach out in love to someone, to prepare you for the fields He has planted here in the growing Youth Ministries, the Community Care Center, and New Life Bible Church.

Love is the universally understood language that communicates hospitality and a welcoming environment.

Love is knowing that people are broken and have messy lives, and inviting them to come just as they are to CBC and New Life Bible Church because Jesus is in the business of restoration and renewal.

Love is surrendering our hands and feet to God's use and for His glory, be it to hand out food and clothing, pray for a hurting soul, or play a wicked game of dodgeball with a group of students.

Whose name or face is God bringing to your mind right now? How does God want you to show love to this person?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Reflect

Review the previous week's devotionals.

What was a takeaway from the devotionals?

How will you apply the truth that was shared?

Write a prayer below in response to your reflections.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Worship

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

QUALITY #3: BOLDNESS AND COURAGE IN PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach you how to be bold and courageous in sharing the gospel with those in your sphere of influence.

Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith.

Let us walk confidently in our conviction that the gospel is, indeed, good news, that it has the power to change lives, and to grant salvation so that we proclaim it without hesitation or fear!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The last response Pastor Jeff gave to the question was a passage of scripture that absolutely reveals his heart as a Pastor.

Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Ask God to teach you what to pray and how to pray for the next 75 initiatives.

Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to do God watches—intentional times of looking when God is at work, specifically at CBC and in establishing New Life Bible Church.

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for how He has been and continues to be working to move the work of the next 75 initiatives.

Over the next few days, let's break down the qualities Paul is encouraging believers to have in these verses, starting with verse 2: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful

- Prayer solidifies our relationship with God.
- Prayer acknowledges our reliance on God to accomplish what we cannot.
- Prayer recalibrates where we focus our eyes.
- Prayer renews our hearts with gratitude and thankfulness to the One who is sovereign over everything.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Colossians 4:3

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

Pray for the leadership team and budding congregation of New Life Bible Church as they plan events and activities in order to get to know the people of East York.

Pray that God will provide a permanent building for New Life Bible Church.

Open doors can mean many things: an invitation to join in with whatever is on the other side; a way or portal to the next thing, area, or building; or it can be the entrance to a building.

For New Life Bible Church, an open door could belong to the new physical permanent building. It could also be the credibility needed by the leadership and congregation to speak the truth of Jesus and His gospel to those who visit their church or cross their paths at one of their outreach events.

Pray that God opens the doors needed for New Life Bible Church!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Colossians 4:4

Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Uphold Pastor Jeff and Pastor Nate as they shepherd their congregations.

Ask for wisdom to be provided to Pastor Jeff for the launching of the Capital Campaign. It is never easy to ask for money commitments.

Ask for wisdom for Nate as he works on everything needed to establish New Life Bible Church. Along with the spiritual nurturing, there are the necessities of legal paperwork and requirements. **Pray** for perseverance and strength!

A Pastor has many responsibilities to fulfill to God and to his congregation. The calling is demanding but exponentially rewarding.

The ultimate message he is to proclaim is the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. As Pastor Jeff and Pastor Nate prepare to reach out with this message, pray that each will spend time with God daily, that they will not lose the zeal for speaking the truth, and that they will challenge and convict people to repentance in Christ.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Colossians 4:5

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

Pray that our CBC Church Body will love each other well, without condition or expectation.

In the last few months, God has orchestrated many visitors to walk through the doors—either at the Community Care Center or Community Bible Church. Though they are outsiders in that they are not familiar to us or with us, they are not outsiders in the sense that they don't belong or follow a code of conduct.

As followers of Christ, we need to be loving, unjudgmental, and always ready to welcome visitors to our church and to the Community Care Center, because this is an opportunity God has given us to be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ to those who may be outside the faith. We get to represent Christ and speak of His love for them.

Let us choose wisely how we will act toward those who are not yet “inside.”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Reflect

Review the previous week's devotionals.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Worship

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What was a takeaway from today's sermon?

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Colossians 4:6

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Pray that our CBC Church Body will love each other well, without condition or expectation.

Pray that our words possess the ability to build others up, communicate love, and generate a curiosity about spiritual things in others.

Did you know? According to Google, men speak 2,000-3,000 words a day while women speak 10,000-20,000? And that only 500-700 of those spoken words are considered valuable?

Now stop and think about that. Approximately five percent of the words spoken by any one of us is really worth anything. How very convicting...and humbling.

The challenge, then, is for followers of Christ to evaluate what to say to unbelievers to “make it count.” But fret not thyself! Because the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer guides and gives counsel in those situations where a good and valuable word is needed! Scripture tells us the Holy Spirit will provide what is needed, exactly when it is needed. We just need to be willing to hold our tongue, not prepare the next thought we want to say, and rely wholeheartedly on the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, the challenge is thrown down. Whose heart is God preparing to receive a spiritual message from you?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Romans 10:17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Pray and watch for opportunities to speak truth and share Jesus with those who don't know Christ.

We've all received invitations to parties, dinners, and weddings that allow us to bring another person to the event—a "plus one." It's great to be able to share the joy and pleasure of the occasion.

Have you ever considered the most grand event of all—the Wedding Feast? What an opportunity to think about all who will be there—the saints of old, friends, and family who have gone to heaven ahead of us!

But have you thought about the Wedding Feast in light of evangelism? As more people who are spiritually seeking come through the doors of Community Bible Church or the Community Care Center, or as your path crosses with unbelievers where you live, work, and play, are you prepared to share the Word of Christ with them? Is God leading you to testify about God's love to a specific person—someone who could end up being your "plus one" at the Wedding Feast?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Colossians 1:25

I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness...

Pray for God's wisdom for the CBC and New Life Bible Church bodies to know how to steward our resources, gifts, time, and talents for the next 75 initiatives.

Tucked away in the first chapter of Colossians is a little phrase found in verse 25 where Paul promotes the idea of stewarding God's commission to share the gospel with others. Let's borrow this concept for ourselves.

In Matthew 28:19 and 20, Jesus does indeed commission us to "go", and as we "go" to reach out to those in Marietta and East York, we must steward all that God has given each one of us to fulfill the Great Commission.

He has entrusted each of us with just the right things to obey His call to "go." We need to be obedient to use them—steward them—for God's glory and to gift them to those He has called us to reach.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Romans 8:25

But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Pray as we continue to seek God's will and direction for next75 initiatives, ask God to give us patience (a dangerous prayer, I know!) to wait for His answers.

In waiting for God's answers regarding next75, let us wait...
...in expectation, knowing God always answers our prayers

...in anticipation of seeing God moving all of the pieces in place that will form His will in these initiatives.

...in hope because there is always a reason to look up, to keep moving forward, expecting only God's best.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Colossians 4:2 (ESV)

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Continue—Don't stop praying!

Pray Steadfastly—Be firm and committed to regularly lift up requests to the Lord.

Be Watchful—Look and be intentional to see where God is at work, then join Him there.

With Thanksgiving—Always thank God for the many blessings and sweet surprises He graces us with every day.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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