

# A Season of



*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

God's people have been called to pray, repent, and seek the face of God for His blessing. It is time to seek the Lord as never before.

Use this booklet as a guide, to help you pray God's heart for your church. Use it however you wish, i.e. pray one section per day, per week or pray through all at once at some time each week.

As you move through the booklet, hold each area of Prayer in your heart as you read, reflect, pray and listen for the voice of God's Holy Spirit speaking to you.

**Now...** get comfortable... slow your breathing, and just relax. Just for a moment, with your eyes closed, imagine Jesus sitting beside you – talk, listen, and share your concerns. Then open your eyes and...

**Come into the presence of God...**

# PRAY AS ONE INVOLVED IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

- ❖ **When** our prayers are shaped by God's Word, we are building on solid ground. Read the following and reflect...

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way." **Psalms 139:23-24**

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." **Col. 4:2**

"They were continually devoting themselves to...prayer." **Acts 2:42**

- ❖ Now, look in your heart and *pray* for God's cleansing...

- **Pray** for forgiveness – *from* God, *of* others and *by* others.
- **Pray** that your life will reflect the loving kindness and grace that God has given you through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- **Pray** for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit.
- **Pray** for God to lead you as part of Oak Grove to discern what is truth and what is not and strength to stand on and for His truth.
- **Confess** for yourself or your church any lack of devotion to prayer that you are aware of.
- **"Not my will but thine be done."** AMEN

"Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you. Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you." **Psalms 143:8**

- ❖ **Choose five persons for whom you will pray this week:**

1. A person in my life who needs God's grace the most.
2. A person for whom I am grateful.
3. A person with whom I have conflict.
4. A person from Oak Grove Church
5. A person who needs to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

**Now**, take a moment and reflect that without any doubt, God knows YOU, follows YOU, and loves YOU with an everlasting love. **YOU are HIS and HE is YOURS!**

# PRAY AS PAUL DID FOR THE CHURCHES

- ❖ “Prayer meetings were the arteries of the early church...  
If God is near a church, it must pray.” Charles Spurgeon

Praying more intentionally for the church, read the following and reflect...

**For the church in Thessalonica** “To this end we always pray for you, that our God will make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power.”

**2 Thessalonians 1:11**

**For the church in Colossae** “We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” **Colossians 1:9-10**

**For the church in Ephesus** “I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him” **Ephesians 1:16-17**

**I join others with *one heart and one voice* in praying for your church:**

- **Pray** for *forgiveness* that we have not always sought God’s way and have at times strayed from His path.
- **Pray** that *by* the Holy Spirit’s inspiration, in *unity*, we will seek God’s face, will, direction, and strength to follow with a *burning* in the heart and soul of our congregation.
- **Pray** for God to make Oak Grove and our leaders as devoted to prayer as were the early church Christians.
- **Pray** for God to guide the right person to Oak Grove as pastor.
- **Pray** for a culture of discipling that would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of the Christian life.
- **“Not my will but thine be done.” AMEN**



# PRAY INTENTIONALLY FOR OAK GROVE CHURCH

## As the church...

- ❖ **When** we wrap ourselves in the Truth of God's Word then our thoughts, decisions, and actions are in line with what He says.
- ❖ **When** we follow God's leading, His will and His way are imprinted on our hearts.
- ❖ **When** leaders listen to the Lord, others will listen to them. God does not commission us without the promise of His presence and provision. We only have to be "strong and of good courage."
- ❖ **When** we serve the Lord with joy, enthusiasm, and confidence, we'll inspire others to do the same.

## Read and reflect on these Scriptures...

"...All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go." **Joshua 1:16**

"...And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." **Matthew 6:12**

"Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined and a *house* divided against itself will fall." **Luke 11:17**

## I join others with *one heart* and *one voice* in praying for the Church:

- **Pray** that Oak Grove will have a positive testimony in the community.
- **Pray** that each Sunday the Lord will lead the right seekers to Oak Grove Church.
- **Pray** that the congregation will enthusiastically *accept* the vision of the leadership.
- **Pray** for an evangelistic spirit to pervade the members of the church.
- **"Not my will but thine be done." AMEN**

**Father God**, help our church body to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have given us. Help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts. Grant us patience for one another, bearing with one another in love. Grant the Body of Christ unity.

AMEN

## **PRAY INTENTIONALLY FOR OAK GROVE CONT.**

- ❖ **When** is the last time you prayed for *your church body*? *A pastor? Staff? Leadership? Sunday School teacher?* Have you prayed *interceding on behalf of issues taking place* in the church or decisions that need to be made?

### **Read and reflect on these Scriptures...**

"I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." " **Ephesians 4:1-6**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." **Proverbs 3:5-6**

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 3:13b-14**

### **I join others with *one heart and one voice* in praying for the Church:**

- **Pray** for the staff, leaders, adults, children, youth and all who are contributing their time and talents to the ministries in the church. Pray for their health - spiritual, mental, emotional and physical. Pray that they will walk with the Holy Spirit in true, ever deepening, intimate relationships with God through Christ.
- **Pray** for the SPRC and the Administrative Council to seek God's guidance for the right direction for Oak Grove with discernment, wisdom, strength, and peace. And pray that the whole church of Oak Grove will accept and be of one accord in that decision.
- **"Not my will but thine be done." AMEN**

**Lord**, you have told us in your Word that you hear our prayers. We are crying out to you, we are humbling ourselves before you and seeking your face. We come together as a church body to seek you Thank You for hearing us. Thank you for your forgiveness and healing. **AMEN**

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# PRAY FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

- ❖ **God** is calling His Church to *unify* upon the authority of the Bible and the centrality of Jesus Christ, the only Savior of the world. We must seek for God to move us back to these basic beliefs.

Read the following and reflect...

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

**Matthew 6:13**

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” **John 15:18-19**

“Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined and a house divided against itself will fall.” **Luke 11:17**

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil. **Ecclesiastes 12:14**

**I join others with *one heart* and *one voice* in praying for the Church:**

- **Pray** that The Universal Church will unite, repent and turn back to God - with fear, reverence, and awe.
- **Pray** for the Universal Church to find the way back to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with a renewed *obedience* and *faithfulness* to our *Lord, Jesus Christ*. rather than social issues, by placing Jesus back as the head of the Church.
- **Pray** for Christians here and around the world who face persecution, torture, and death daily for their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for protection, strength, and perseverance and continued hope.
- **Pray** for The Church in America to walk in unity, harmony, and oneness, so His Church personifies, calls, and leads America to unity.
- **“Not my will but thine be done.” AMEN**

So we humbly turn to you now and away from our responsibilities and routines, our own problems and pressures. We turn away from any self-reliance or self-interests, and we *look* to You. We *run* to You.

## THE TRUTH OF WHERE WE ARE

“For our **struggle is not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” **Eph 6:12**   **\*\*Pray on the full armor of God\*\***

**We can no longer hide from this truth.** The Church, the Country, the World are **at a Crossroads**. Our churches are under the attack of the enemy like never before. We are in a battle for our faith, our nation, our values, our way of life, our very lives. Our leaders and each of our brothers and sisters in Christ need our prayers. **We are the Body of Christ and we must lift one another up!**

**It is time** to be united in one accord in prayer. Time to seek God’s presence, will, guidance, & strength.

**Let's use these prayers for the church - both your local church and those around the world.**

Eyes and Hearts must be opened. “Give us strength to persevere until we see You in death or at Your return. In the encroaching darkness, fill us with Your Light that directs people to the living Hope that is found in You.”

**UNTIL JESUS’ RETURN, WE WILL HUMBLY PRAY, REPENT, & THEN *CONTINUE* PRAYING FOR US TO INDIVIDUALLY, NATIONALLY, AND GLOBALLY RETURN TO YOU!**

**WE CLAIM THE BLESSED ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE YOURS AND YOU ARE OURS!**

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# **ADD'L SCRIPTURES (Search for more on your own)**

## **1 John 5:14**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

## **Encouragement for the Church**

### **Acts 20:28**

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

### **Ephesians 2:20-22**

Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### **Colossians 3:16**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

### **Romans 12:5**

So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

## **Repentance & Revival**

### **Old Testament**

Psalm 22:27; 80:18

Joel 2:12

### **New Testament**

Matthew 4:17

Romans 1:16-17 \*