



A FAMILY GUIDE – CONCERT OF PRAYER

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." Oswald Chambers

Thank you for investing in the ministry of Village Church through prayer. As we all come together today in a concert of prayer – in different places, with joint voices lifted up and agreeing – we are told that God will hear and He will give us what we ask (I Jn. 5:14-15; Matt. 18:19). According to James 5:16, if we pray heartfelt prayers (effective prayers), and if we are clean before Him (of a righteous man), then our prayers will accomplish much. Praises be to God our Father, Our Provider, Our Sustainer, Our Friend!

Therefore, we can come boldly and confidently before the throne room of grace with these requests which are presented in accordance to His will. God's word is powerful, so we have listed scriptures to pray back to Him. Allow the Holy Spirit to provide words for you as well. You may choose to pray in different positions – standing, walking, lying, kneeling, prostrate – and you may also try praying audibly, silently, and together as a family. This is a great "memory builder" for families. Years from now, our children will remember when they and their parents prayed for this vision to become reality.

"Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees." William Cowper

"Prayer wonderfully clears the vision; steadies the nerves; defines duty; stiffens the purpose; sweetens and strengthens the spirit." S.D. Gordon

DECIDE A TIME TO SPEND AN HOUR IN PRAYER AS A FAMILY USING THIS SUGGESTED AGENDA:

- **PRAISE GOD THRU MUSIC – LISTEN TO FAVORITE PRAISE MUSIC**
(5 minutes)

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit; who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.”
Psalm 103:1-5,8.

“I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.”
Psalm 116:1-2

- **CLEANSE OURSELVES BY CONFESSING SIN** (5 minutes)

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear my prayers.” Psalm 66:18

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” John 14:24

“Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-38

- **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH STAFF** (10 minutes)

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” Ephesians 3:20

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5

“Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.” Ephesians 6:10-11.

Pastor	Erik Estep
Youth Pastor and Small Group Director	Matthew Phillips
Music Director	James Ballew
Children’s Coordinator	Jeana Reidl

For wisdom in making decisions and responses

For Your guidance and direction

For the salvation of children, youth, and adults of our church

Godly people would continue to rise up and volunteer to teach and love in all areas of ministry: Children’s Ministry Team, Youth, Music, Greeters, Small Groups

Protection from Satan’s attacks

The Building Team and Advisory Team...that they would seek and see God’s wisdom and will for the use of this money and for the decisions that they make on behalf of the church.

- **TIME OF PERSONAL PRAYER** (10 minutes)

“Make me know Thy ways, O LORD; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait all the day.” Psalm 25:4-5

“He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. . . .your eyes will behold your Teacher, and your ears will hear a word behind you, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right or the left.” (Isaiah 30:19b,20b,21)

“Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.” I Timothy 4:7b-8

“And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.” Colossians 3:12

- **PRAY FOR GOD’S PERSONAL GUIDANCE ON HOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MAY SUPPORT “BUILDING ON FAITH” WITH YOUR GIVING**
(10 minutes)

Over the course of this campaign you should expect to feel God’s guidance and receive His peace about your family’s support decision as you continue to pray and share as a family unit during the campaign. Pray for our success in fulfilling God’s will.

We thank you for the generous giving of Phase One of the campaign. "Blessed art Thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Thine, O LORD , is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name. But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from Thee and from Thy hand we have given Thee." (I Chron. 29: 10-14)

Father, assign workers to our building and church whom You have filled with Your Spirit, in wisdom, knowledge, and craftsmanship. Give each of them the heart to teach others their skill and share their wisdom. Fill each of them with the skill to perform every work, both necessary and abundant, in the construction of the sanctuary to house Your ministry. (Ex. 35.31)

LORD, "This temple is not for man, but for the LORD God". We ask "Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?" May we rejoice greatly because our people have so willingly offered their possessions for the service of the house of God, to the LORD, with a whole heart. (I Chron. 29: 1,5,9)

LORD, stir our hearts and move our spirit to bring our contributions for the building and ministry of Village Church. Move us to be generous according to our ability and to bring our best. (Ex. 35:21)

May we give until there is no longer a need for giving - that all the needs will be met and be deemed more than sufficient. (Ex. 36:6)

May our leaders lead by example, just as David did, in giving to the work of this church building and ministry. (I Chron. 29:3)

LORD, You are the Cornerstone for this building, and we want You to be the foundation, the strength, and the purpose for everything we do. Place Your Spirit in us to prompt us to speak boldly of what we have seen and heard, and that we will not stop speaking of what You have done for us. Anoint us with great power and zeal to change this city for Your glory. (Acts 4)

- **FAMILY PRAYER TIME (10 Minutes)**

- PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES BY NAME**

- To attend Village or another church and be surrounded by love and support; Growth** “, We are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of the each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.” Eph 4:14-16

- Salvation:** “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

- Freedom from strongholds:** “It is for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.” Gal. 5:1

- Healing** ”Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much.” James 5:17

- Other needs:**

- **SUBMIT PRAYER LIST ITEMS TO GOD (10 MINUTES) –**

- INDIVIDUALLY LIFT UP THE PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND ITEMS ON YOUR PRAYER LIST** (Pray for your small group members, for other individual needs)

- For example this request is from a small group leader: “Please include my friend who has an addiction. I feel she has been saved at some point but is not attending church as this time. I also pray for my LAN group in general. Some of the ladies are attending church but it is not on a routine basis. I pray that the Lord would fill me with the enthusiasm that will overflow and be addictive so they will want to see what Village Church is about.”

- **CLOSE WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING (5 Minutes)**

- Praise God for our church and the victories He will provide.

- “Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.” I Chronicles 16:24-25

Please continue to use this Concert of Prayer Guide for prayer support throughout the campaign.