



FHC NETWORK

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PRAYER GUIDE



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The Commission Prayer Guide invites our church family to pause, realign our hearts, and seek God together around the mission He has entrusted to us individually, corporately, and through the vision of the FHC Network. After the resurrection Jesus gave His followers a clear calling—to go and make disciples, to be His witnesses, and to carry the hope of the Gospel into a broken world. This guide is designed to help us respond to that calling not with just strategies alone, but with humble, dependent prayer. We believe lasting spiritual fruit is born when God's people seek His presence and power together.

Over the next four weeks, we will focus our prayers on four vital areas: the health and unity of our church, the salvation of the lost, boldness and faithfulness in evangelism, and intentional discipleship. As you engage with this guide, pray boldly and expectantly. Ask God to enlarge your vision, deepen your burden for the lost, and clarify your role in His mission. May this season of prayer not only prepare us for what God wants to do in us but also position us for what He longs to do through us for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

—Pastor Stan Parris

WEEK ONE: THE CHURCH

God established His Church as a living fellowship of believers, called together to passionately worship Him, grow as disciples, care for those in need, and boldly proclaim the Gospel. While believers across the world collectively form the Church—the Body of Christ—it is through the local church that this divine mission comes alive and is carried out most powerfully. A vibrant, faithful local church is essential for the Body of Christ to fully obey the Great Commandment—to love God wholeheartedly and love people selflessly—and to actively live out the Great Commission by going into the world and sharing the life-changing message of the Gospel.

Day One

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

God empowers believers today with the same indwelling Holy Spirit He gave the first disciples who went out and “turned the world upside down.”

Day Two

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

Through the example of the early church, God gives us a clear and practical model for an effective local church today.

Day Three

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 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.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

As Acts 2 shows us, an effective church is one that is firmly built on the foundation of God's Word, established through the apostles and prophets, and held together by Jesus Christ, our cornerstone.

Day Four

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:

Romans 12:4-6a (ESV)

For the church to be a living and active body, each member must use his or her God-given gifts according to God's purpose and calling, recognizing that no member can function fully without the others.

Day Five

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (ESV)

Churches must have a unity of purpose to bring glory to God.

Day Six

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **John 1:12 (ESV)**

The church is called to be a welcoming family for all who believe, united and guided by Jesus Christ as its head.

Day Seven

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. **Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)**

Regular and consistent involvement in the life of the church is essential for building a strong and healthy church.

WEEK TWO: THE LOST

The Bible speaks with both clarity and compassion about those who are lost and those who have not trusted in Christ for salvation. Scripture teaches that apart from Christ, people are spiritually separated from God because of sin. This separation is not merely a future reality but a present condition. Jesus Himself spoke about this loss, describing it as perishing apart from Him, while also revealing that He was not sent to condemn the world, but the world might be saved through Him. The Bible never treats the lost casually, there is real consequence, eternal weight, and genuine urgency—but it always pairs that truth with God's deep desire that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Day One

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10 (ESV)

This verse shows that Jesus does not wait for the lost to find Him. He actively goes after them. The lost are exactly who Jesus came for.

Day Two

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

The Bible makes it clear that no one is excluded from this condition. Every person who is lost shares the same need for God's grace.

Day Three

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

Sin leads to separation from God, but God offers a different outcome. Eternal life is not earned, but it is freely given through Jesus.

Day Four

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16–17 (ESV)

God's response to a lost world was love, not condemnation. Jesus came so that the lost could be rescued, not written-off.

Day Five

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

Ephesians 2:4–5 (ESV)

The lost are described as spiritually dead, unable to bring themselves to life. Salvation is entirely the work of God's mercy and grace.

Day Six

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV)

Satan works to blind unbelievers, keeping them from seeing the truth of the Gospel and the salvation found in Christ.

Day Seven

not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9b (ESV)

God's heart is revealed as patient and compassionate toward the lost. His desire is not judgment, but repentance and salvation.

WEEK THREE: EVANGELISM

When we evangelize—sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ (His life, death, resurrection, and message of salvation) with those in our lives—it serves as one of the outward evidences to the world that we have been saved and transformed by Jesus Christ. Jesus, Himself, gave one of the most well-known commands for evangelism in all of Scripture (Matthew 28:19–20). As you read the verses for each day of this week's prayer guide, ask God to specifically reveal who in your life He is calling you to reach as you begin to fulfill His command to "Go therefore and make disciples." And as you respond in obedience by sharing the Good News, remember this incredible promise from God: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Day One

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Day Two

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 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 10:14-15 (ESV)

Day Three

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (ESV)

Day Four

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

Day Five

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

Day Six

When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn’t use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God’s secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NLT)

Day Seven

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

Romans 1:16-17 (NLT)

WEEK FOUR: DISCIPLESHIP

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

Discipleship is the process where saved individuals come alongside one another to think and act like Christ for the glory of God. Jesus modeled for us how to make disciples as He mentored and ministered to His 12 disciples. After His resurrection, ascension, and promised return the church sprang up through large worship gatherings like our worship services and smaller gatherings like our Connect Groups to see disciples made (Acts 5:42). We know with complete certainty where our disciple-making efforts, conversations, mentoring opportunities, prayers, encouragement, Gospel conversations, Connect Group gatherings, and ways of investing in one another's growth in Christlikeness culminates—at the throne of Jesus worshiping with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the ages as we invest in and invite others. Let's pray for God to do a great disciple-making and mentoring work through us.

Day One

Pray for disciples who make disciples.

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

When Jesus called His first disciples, He included the importance that they reach others, too. Let's ask God to help us be verbal and intentional as we invest in and invite others to become followers of Jesus. Each of us knows at least one person who is far from God, and if we will transition an everyday conversation into a Gospel conversation, he or she could become a disciple.

Day 2

Discipleship calls us to compassionately be with broken people.

And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach. **Mark 3:14 (ESV)**

Jesus's disciples didn't have it all together; none of us have it all together. But some of us have had more time to experience God's redemption out of our brokenness. And we can't keep that to ourselves. That is why we need Jesus as our Savior and Lord. He modeled for us the importance and priority of being **with** broken individuals to come alongside them, disciple them, and mentor them. Who is God calling you to be **with**? Pray for them and go be **with** them. Spend time with them. This may mean showing hospitality, taking them fishing, or going for a walk with them. Give them Jesus.

Day 3

A multiplying kind of discipleship

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:7 (ESV)

When we disciple and mentor someone and that individual grows, he or she will, in turn, mentor and disciple someone else. Discipleship is the greatest investment in the universe because it is highly likely the life you impact for Christ will make an impact for Christ in others. Pray for God's joy and encouragement as you invest in and invite others, knowing it will have a multiplying reward.

Day 4

Discipleship means time, teaching, and transfer.

and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. **2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)**

Paul encouraged Timothy that his investment of time and energy in others was worth it. It included teaching God's truths and wisdom to others, explaining how to live according to God's Word by His Holy Spirit. Discipleship includes transfer; what have you invested in them that they will then go and pour into the lives of others? Whose life does God want you to invest in? Pray for them now.

Day 5

Discipleship (mentoring) is long-term work and rewarding work.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

Disciples were never made—by accident. Individuals were never mentored by happenstance. Disciples are made and mentored because individuals stick with it and keep going even in the tough times. We all go through tough times of hardship and discouragement. The individuals you disciple will go through the same. These are not the times to call it quits but persevere in investing and inviting them. Who is God bringing to mind and saying that it's time to reinvigorate your investing and inviting efforts? Pray for them.

Day 6

To *make* disciples, first *be* disciples.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

It is not by accident that Jesus begins His final words to His disciples, the Great Commission, just before His ascension with the words, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore...” (v.18). To reach others to become disciples we must first submit to, yield to, and operate under His authority in our lives. This means we are prayerful, Word-filled, and committed to being with the Body of Christ. If there is someone in your life who needs to become a follower of Jesus, first look into your own heart and life and ask yourself, “How am I being a genuine disciple of Jesus?” first. What is the next step God is calling you to make as a committed disciple?

Day 7

Discipleship and mentorship exist to raise up SENT worshipers of King Jesus.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

The grand, audacious, and magnificent goal of discipling others and mentoring others is to raise up SENT worshipers of Jesus. Revelation 7 depicts a great future seen in which we will all gather to worship Jesus together. Discipleship's burning desire is to gather and usher in more and more people into His presence someday as His redeemed people. Pray that God would give you a fresh desire and vision for discipling and mentoring someone else who will be a part of the gathered nations at the throne someday.



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