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Prayer is talking with God.

Prayer communicates our dependency upon God.

Prayer articulates our faith in God.

Since grace is God's activity in and through our lives, prayer is one of the primary ways we participate with what God is doing.

Prayer is the language of faith in His grace!

We are in the final stretch of Fellowship Bentonville's road to launch. Since first hearing of the generous donation of land and the elders' plans to establish a church in Bentonville, prayer has been a foundational and strategic first step. It started with small groups of people meeting to pray. When the pandemic hit, that group moved to Zoom meetings. And the group grew!

Student groups and community groups have prayed weekly for God's movement in and through Fellowship Bentonville. And He has moved! This year, community groups have grown and multiplied, Discover groups (new members) have exploded, FSM student groups have grown, and our people continue to give generously.

We want to end this road to launch just as dependently and expectantly as we began. In fact, even more so. **We are calling all of Fellowship Bentonville to a concentrated 40 days of prayer.**

Since our first service date is forecasted for February 27 (Lord willing!), we will launch this 40 Days of Prayer on January 19. Each day, this guide will give one Scripture to pray through and three prayer prompts. Will you join us in asking God "to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Eph 3:20^{NIV})?

Expectantly and dependently,
Your Fellowship Bentonville Staff

DAY 1

Not to us, O LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

PSALM 115:1 NIV84

PRAY

- Start with gratitude for who God is. Thank Him for His love and faithfulness.
- Ask the Lord to use Fellowship Bentonville to glorify His name.
- Ask God to reveal His love and faithfulness through us.

DAY 2

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

EPHESIANS 3:14-17A NIV

PRAY

- Thank the Father for letting us be a small part of what He is doing through His global church.
- Pray that God will establish Fellowship Bentonville through the power of His Spirit.
- Ask the Lord to use us to grow, strengthen, and establish His larger church-family in our cities.

DAY 3

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:17B-19 NIV84

PRAY

- Thank the Father for His love for you—a love that is ceaseless, measureless, and causeless!
- Ask the Holy Spirit to root that love more deeply in your heart and mind.
- Ask Him to establish Fellowship Bentonville *in* His love so that we may be a pipeline *of* His love.

DAY 4

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.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NIV

PRAY _____

- Thank the Father for His limitless power that works *for* us and *with* us and *through* us!
- Ask Him to glorify Himself through His church by making Jesus known in our city.
- Pray that all of Fellowship Bentonville's ministries would be a work of His power – a God-thing, rather than an us-thing.

DAY 5

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

COLOSSIANS 3:16 NIV

PRAY

- Ask God to bring the right people together to establish our worship ministry.
- Pray that each member of the worship team would pursue true discipleship of Jesus.
- Pray that the worship team would lead our church by example in being appropriately vulnerable and wholly authentic.

DAY 6

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

COLOSSIANS 3:16 NIV

PRAY

- Pray that our worship services would inspire us to renew our minds in the Gospel, form our wills to follow Jesus, and move our lives to participate in the life of God where we live, work, and play.
- Ask the Holy Spirit that we would experience a profound sense of rest, peace, joy, and celebration in our worship gatherings.
- Pray that we would be an outrageously hospitable and radically inclusive community.

DAY 7

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

ACTS 2:42-43 NIV84

PRAY

- Ask the Lord to keep us devoted (stubbornly dedicated) to the basics of God's Word, prayer, fellowship, and worship.
- Pray that our small group ministry would enjoy these basics as life-giving practices.
- Ask God to fill afresh every small group leader with His Spirit today.

DAY 8

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

ACTS 2:44-45 NIV84

PRAY

- Pray that Fellowship Bentonville would be known for our joyful generosity!
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bless our community groups with a radical sense of care for one another.
- Pray that every community group would provide the frontline of care for their members.

DAY 9

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:46-47 NIV

PRAY

- Pray for a steadfastness among Fellowship Bentonville's community groups; that we would not give up the practice of meeting together.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for His fruit of contagious joy to permeate each group!
- Ask the Lord for a spirit of joyful worship that overflows from our small groups to our neighborhoods and apartment complexes.

DAY 10

I have become its [the church's] servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

COLOSSIANS 1:25-27 NIV84

PRAY

- Pray for every small group to be centered on the Word of God and committed to feasting on it.
- Pray for small groups to live “the open chair,” making room for new people to experience the Jesus they know.
- Ask the Lord to build each small group leader’s identity on “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

DAY 11

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29 NIV84

PRAY

- Pray that every small group at Fellowship Bentonville will be a disciple-making community, helping each member take one more step in becoming like Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower each small group leader as they set the direction and pace for disciple-making in their groups.
- Pray for our small group leaders to have a passion to become like Jesus, first and foremost.

DAY 12

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

JOHN 13:34-35 NIV

PRAY

- Ask God for a Spirit-empowered movement of love for one another within our church.
- Pray that this movement is reflected in each small group and worship gathering.
- Pray for divine appointments where our community gets to witness the love that we have for one another and that it draws them to ask questions about Jesus.

DAY 13

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 NIV84

PRAY _____

- Pray for spiritual revival among the high school and junior high students in our church!
- Ask the Lord to raise up students who **behold** Jesus for who He is, **belong** to each other in love, and **become** disciples that live like Jesus.
- Pray that each student would gain a vision for being a spiritual example among their peers and a spiritual mentor for those younger than them.

DAY 14

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 TIMOTHY 4:13-16 NIV84

PRAY

- Pray that our student ministry staff and cell group leaders would value their relationship with God above all else.
- Pray that they would know the Scriptures, teach truth, and be an example of godliness for their students.
- Ask the Lord to empower their life so that their ministry exhibits endurance and perseverance.

DAY 15

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

MATTHEW 6:31-34 NIV

PRAY

- Pray the students’ parents would live as disciples of Jesus who disciple their children.
- Pray for parents to have the discernment to implement into their family’s schedule a rhythm of life that reflects the ways of Jesus.
- Pray each student’s home would reflect a passion for Jesus and His purposes as they set priorities and make lifestyle choices.

DAY 16

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-8 NIV

PRAY

- Ask the Lord for a movement of families who own the spiritual development of the next generation.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give parents wisdom on how to naturally talk about God's Word in their homes.
- Pray that parents would share their spiritual story with their children, as well as their ongoing spiritual journey with Jesus.

DAY 17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16-17 NIV84

PRAY

- Ask God to give us elementary ministry leaders who express the authentic Christ to our students during Sunday morning large group and small group gatherings.
- Pray the elementary students would hear and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be changed forever.
- Pray for intergenerational relationships to grow in our church. That each kid would have five adult influences who intentionally point them to Jesus.

DAY 18

I have no greater joy than to hear
that my children are walking in the truth.

3 JOHN 1:4C NIV

PRAY

- Pray for the youngest members among us—our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers—that they would come to know Jesus at a young age.
- Pray that the early childhood team will partner well with families as they develop routines that will point their children toward Jesus.
- Pray for each child to have a respect and affection for God's Word, even at a young age.

DAY 19

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth.

3 JOHN 1:2-3 NIV84

PRAY _____

- Ask the Holy Spirit to raise up an army of teachers—men and women who want to be among the first to tell children who Jesus is and what He can do.
- Pray for a building full of dependable and passionate early childhood leaders who want our youngest children to fall in love with Jesus and the Bible.
- Pray for the spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical health of the leaders and families who come through our early childhood ministry.

DAY 20

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

MATTHEW 25:40 NIV84

PRAY

- Pray that Fellowship Bentonville would be a place where we share God’s message of love and grace to those with disabilities and children with special needs.
- Ask the Lord for a team of leaders who lead out of passion and have the skill to share Jesus’ love with those who have disabilities and unique needs.
- Pray for our families experiencing disability to be part of healthy community.

DAY 21

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

MATTHEW 9:36-38 NIV

PRAY

- Ask God to open the eyes and hearts of Fellowship Bentonville to what He is doing among the nations.
- Pray that God would raise up workers (goers and senders) who will join Him in the harvest.
- Pray that our Global Workers would “be strengthened with all power... for endurance and patience with joy (Col 1:11 ESV).”

DAY 22

The foreigner who resides with you must be to you like a native citizen among you; so you must love him as yourself, because you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

LEVITICUS 19:34 NET

PRAY

- Pray that Fellowship Bentonville will be faithful to reach the nations that God has brought to us.
- Pray for genuine friendships to be formed between our people and those from other countries.
- Ask the Lord to use those friendships as a road for the Gospel—that internationals among us would meet Jesus as their Friend and Savior.

DAY 23

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17 NIV

PRAY

- Pray for our congregation to have a Biblical view of money and possessions.
- Ask God to protect us from making wealth our identity or our security.
- Pray for a vision of grateful enjoyment of possessions, without being possessed by them.

DAY 24

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19 NIV84

PRAY

- Pray for Fellowship Bentonville to be swept up in a movement of radical and joyful generosity!
- Ask God to develop among us a vision of stewardship that sees money with an eternal perspective.
- Pray that the Fellowship Bentonville building debt will be paid off completely by Christmas 2022, freeing up more resources for outward ministry.

DAY 25

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

MATTHEW 11:28-30 NIV

PRAY

- Pray for Fellowship Bentonville to be a place of spiritual refuge, rest, and restoration.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to draw people to our services who need to see and meet the gentle and humble heart of Jesus.
- Pray that we might reflect the gentle and humble heart of Jesus as a congregation.

DAY 26

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha,
who was always doing good and helping the poor.

ACTS 9:36 NIV

PRAY

- Ask God to use Fellowship Bentonville in His plan to meet the needs of the poor in our city.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give our people creative ideas to serve our city and “do good.”
- Pray we would be sensitive to how the Lord would use us to meet needs within our church family.

DAY 27

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 3:28 NIV84

PRAY

- Ask God for diversity within our Fellowship Bentonville church family—in race, economics, age, abilities, backgrounds...
- Pray that we would be as diverse as our city's population.
- Pray for a unity among our diversity that can only be attributed to Jesus Christ.

DAY 28

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

JOHN 17:20-21 NIV

PRAY

- Pray for the unity of Fellowship Bentonville!
- Ask the Lord to unify our staff team, community groups, and each ministry.
- Ask the Spirit to supernaturally bond us to one another as we grow in Christ.

DAY 29

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4 NIV84

PRAY

- Pray for a movement of prayer at Fellowship Bentonville!
- Pray for our government leaders, especially focusing on our city's leader.
- Pray for the kind of peace and calm in our cities that leads to the advancement of the Gospel.

DAY 30

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

JOHN 3:16-17 NIV

PRAY

- Ask the Holy Spirit for an explosion of evangelism in Bentonville!
- Pray for a Gospel witness to be in every neighborhood and apartment complex in our city.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare people to hear the Gospel from every people group in our city.

DAY 31

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 NIV

PRAY

- Ask the Holy Spirit for an explosion of disciple-making at Fellowship Bentonville!
- Pray for multi-generational discipleship—disciples who make disciples...
- Pray for inter-generational discipleship—older men and women discipling younger.

DAY 32

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:8 NIV84

PRAY _____

- Pray for a disciple-making movement that is highly relational.
- Pray for a disciple-making movement that is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for a disciple-making movement that is mutually edifying to all members of the group.

DAY 33

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.
They keep watch over you as men who must
give an account... Pray for us.

HEBREWS 13:17A, 18A NIV84

PRAY

- Pray for our elders—for their unity, wisdom, and walk with God.
- Pray the same for our church staff, small group leaders, and all ministry leaders.
- Pray for an uncommon fellowship among church leadership and staff.

DAY 34

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

EPHESIANS 4:1-3 NIV

PRAY

- Ask the Lord to produce in Fellowship Bentonville a godliness worthy of our Master.
- Pray this godliness shows through authentic humility.
- Pray that we would be diligent to preserve the Spirit's unity among us.

DAY 35

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

HEBREWS 13:1-2 NIV84

PRAY

- Ask God to make Fellowship Bentonville a warm, inviting, and welcoming space for all who visit.
- Pray that every small group meeting and every worship service would reflect the warmth of a spiritual home.
- Pray for divine appointments for visitors who attend our groups and worship services, that they would make relational connection quickly.

DAY 36

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

EPHESIANS 1:15-17 NIV84

PRAY

- Ask God for a growing and deepening **faith** within each believer in our church family.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give wisdom and discernment along with that growing faith.
- Pray that each of us would have a continual desire to know Christ better.

DAY 37

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

EPHESIANS 1:18-19A NIV84

PRAY

- Ask God for a growing and deepening **hope** within each believer in our church family.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give a deeper understanding of Christ's power within us as believers.
- Thank God for His "incomparably great power."

DAY 38

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

EPHESIANS 1:19B-23 NIV84

PRAY

- Thank God that He is using His larger church family throughout our city and region.
- Ask the Lord to allow Fellowship Bentonville to join in this larger Kingdom movement.
- Ask Jesus to fulfill every good work He desires through Fellowship Bentonville and His other churches in our city.

DAY 39

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria [their region] experienced peace and thus was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, the church increased in numbers.

ACTS 9:31 NET

PRAY

- Pray that Fellowship Bentonville would enjoy unusual unity and peace.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and encourage us in Him and His Word.
- Pray that the Lord would use us to reach our community with the Gospel.

DAY 40

Not to us, O LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

PSALM 115:1 NIV

PRAY _____

- Ask boldly that the Lord would make Himself famous through Fellowship Bentonville!
- Thank Him for revealing His love and faithfulness to us.
- Ask the Father to reveal His love and faithfulness *through* us to our city!