

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD IS BIG

ENOUGH





Dear Church Family,

Welcome to the “GOD IS BIG ENOUGH: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE” daily devotional guide. As we embark on this meaningful journey together, we reflect on the profound truth that our God is big enough to fulfill His promises, to guide us through every challenge, and to lead us towards a future filled with hope and possibility.

This devotional guide is designed to accompany us through the Capital Campaign, encouraging us to deepen our faith, embrace our community, and envision the future God has in store for us and John Wesley Methodist Church. Each day, you will find a scripture reading, a reflection, and a prayer to inspire and guide you.

Main Scripture to read daily, last thing before sleeping and immediately after waking: “Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.” – Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

Thank you for joining us on this transformative journey. Together, we trust in God’s infinite capacity to lead us forward, knowing that He is indeed big enough to accomplish all things.

Blessings,

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Here is a simple guide to help us stay focused during these three weeks:

Daily Scripture Reading: Begin each day by reading the provided scripture passage. Take a moment to reflect on its meaning and how it applies to your life and our collective journey.

Reflection: Read the accompanying reflection, which offers insights and perspectives to deepen your understanding of the scripture. Consider how the message resonates with you and how it can inspire your actions and decisions.

Prayer: Conclude your devotional time with the suggested prayer. Allow these words to guide your conversations with God, seeking His wisdom and strength as we build for the future.

Journaling: We encourage you to keep a journal to document your thoughts, prayers, and any revelations you experience throughout this journey. This will be a valuable resource for personal growth and reflection.

Community Sharing: Share your insights and experiences with your church family. Whether through Sunday morning groups, small group discussions or other church gatherings. Your contributions will enrich our collective journey and strengthen our bonds.

Prayerful Consideration: As we move through this campaign, prayerfully consider how you can contribute to building our future. Reflect on the ways God is calling you to support our mission and vision.

WEEK 1

A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

DAY 1- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025

A Prayer for wisdom and strength to stand firm in faith.

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." - Matthew 7:24-25

Reflect on the importance of building your life and your church on the solid foundation of Christ's teachings.

Lord God,

I too often let my mind wander and wonder. The mysteries that mark a future path are within Your sovereignty. Yours is the voice of truth, hope, and promise. As followers of Christ, we acknowledge You as Father God and that Your will is for our good. We wait for wisdom in letting You order our steps in planning for the future of Your church and providing for the fellowship of believers. Open our minds and our hearts to the ways that You will direct us by Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

"A Prayer from Our Young Hearts"

Thank you God
For flowers, stars and trees,
For friends, and family,
school and playing. But most
of all for loving me. Amen

DAY 2- MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2025

A Prayer for a deeper understanding of Jesus as the cornerstone of your life and community.

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." - 1 Corinthians 3:11

Meditate on asking for guidance in aligning your efforts with His will.

Lord God,

We bow before You as the Great Physician, the God of All Comfort, and the Creator of the universe. Nothing is impossible for You. Turn our hearts toward You, so that we may align our efforts in serving You with YOUR merciful will. Help us to see where we need Your grace in surrendering "our" plans to Your will. Give us Your Holy Spirit's Power in making You our Lord over everything we think, imagine, or do - indeed our "Chief Cornerstone." In Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAY 3- TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2025

A Prayer for calm and confidence in His plan.

"So, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.'" - Isaiah 28:16

Meditate on God's promise of stability and security through faith in Jesus.

Heavenly Father,

We praise Your magnificent and generous Spirit to us through Christ our Lord. You've led us thus far through seasons of trials and gifted us with the assurance of Your love that is beyond our understanding. Your love is our firm foundation which cannot be destroyed. Help us seize every opportunity to experience Your divine intervention in our lives so we may praise You and share this assurance of Your love with everyone in our lives. We ask for Your help and assurance for the best path forward for John Wesley Methodist Church. We acknowledge our need for Your stability in our decision making. Amen.

A Prayer for harmony and collaboration within your church community.

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord."

- Ephesians 2:19-22

Reflect on the unity and strength that comes from being part of God's family.

Father God,

We come to You today with praise for who You are and thanks for who we are. Thank you for making us Your children, part of Your family. You have built us on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus as our cornerstone. In Him, we are joined together and grow into a holy temple for Your glory.

Lord, we come before You, seeking Your guidance and strength for our church family. Unite us in love and purpose as we strive to serve You and one another. May we collaborate with the same humility, patience, and grace You have shown us.

We pray for harmony in our relationships and ministries. Let our conversations, decisions, and actions reflect the peace and truth of Your spirit. Help us to use the gifts You've given us to build strength within Your family.

May our church be a shining example of what it means to be Your family; united and working together to glorify You and connect people to Jesus.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 5 - THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2025

A Prayer for the steadfastness and security that comes from trusting in God as your rock and salvation.

"Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken."

- Psalm 62:2

Reflect on the unwavering strength and stability that comes from placing your trust in God.

Dear Lord,

Build our trust in You so that it is strong and steadfast as David's was. Release us from any anxiety over making worldly provisions for ourselves. Rather, put into action what David heard from You in Psalm 62:11-12: One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love. You reward everyone according to what they have done.

Lord, allow your peace and understanding to be abundant within us when we apply Jesus' teaching of Your provision for us, and remind us of His lesson in Matthew 6:31-34: "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 6 - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2025

A Prayer for a renewed sense of purpose as you contribute to the spiritual growth and development of your church.

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

- 1 Peter 2:5

Reflect on how you can contribute to the strength and integrity of this "spiritual house."

Heavenly Father,

How blessed we are to be chosen as living stones in Your spiritual house. You have carefully placed us to be a vital part of this community of faith. We come together as a family, called to build something greater. May we align ourselves, Father, with the love of Christ and the Holy Spirit so that we walk together in unity. May we connect ourselves as living stones for the purpose of building Your spiritual house, our church, with love and generosity.

Amen.

A Prayer for the strength to remain true to Him and to turn away from anything that hinders your spiritual growth

"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

- Ephesians 6:10

Reflect on the source of true strength and empowerment.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You in praise and thanksgiving for Your faithfulness in the past, Your very presence with us now, and Your promises for the future. You are our Mighty Fortress. Your love and power know no limits. Your strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Lord, we thank You for your son, Jesus, our Savior. We thank You for your Holy Word and your Spirit that dwells within us, teaching us all things, guiding and providing for us individually and as this body of Christ.

We pray that as our church moves forward in faith, You will help us to fully trust in Your plan, your provision and Your power to continue this good work that you began at John Wesley Methodist Church over 50 years ago. Lord, You know us. You know how easy it is for us to become distracted, inattentive and discouraged. Forgive us Lord and cut away anything in our lives that keeps us from abiding fully in You and bearing good fruit. Help us to put on your full armor as we ready ourselves to spread the gospel of peace and connect people to Your son, Jesus.

We ask this in the matchless name of Jesus.

Amen.

WEEK 2

DREAMING GOD-SIZED DREAMS

DAY 8- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2025

A Prayer for the courage to dream big and trust in God's ability to exceed your expectations.

"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

Reflect on the God's limitless potential. His boundless love and power.

Father God,

Creator of all that is, Commander of Heaven's armies, You alone are God and we trust in You. We want to stand strong for You and by You, with You and in You. We need Your Holy Spirit to give us strong spiritual backbones, feet planted in the revelation of Who You are, what You have done and will continue to be and do. Remind us You are the same God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, doing the impossible, sustaining them in the desert and bringing them into the Promised Land, collapsing fortress walls and felling giants. You are the same God who conquers not with might and power, but by Your Spirit. Help us to raise our voices in prayer and praise, with confidence those spiritual weapons will demolish strongholds and bring us into the Kingdom You have prepared for us. Make us bold to enter courageously into Your dream for us. We dare to ask because we are in Christ Jesus and Your sons and daughters.

Amen.

A Prayer for hope and assurance in His vision for you and your church.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11

Reflect on God's promises and plans for your life.

Good and Gracious Lord,

With the current chaos in the United States and our world, it is such a comfort to know that You, our Lord, have plans for each of us - not to harm us, but to provide hope and a prosperous future. Each of us comprise the body of Christ in our church, and through the scripture, provides hope for our church to prosper and have a future. This is our prayer.

We ask Your blessing on the persons with vision for the future of our church. May they listen intently to Your still, small voice to direct each move that is made. Please direct us in the path of Your plan for our church, so that as each step is taken, we will have the assurance that the plan is Yours. Help each of us to be an instrument of Your peace in this process that the plan we develop be Your plan.

We offer thanks for all You have done for our church and ask for all these things in the Blessed Name of our Savior.

Amen.

DAY 10- TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2025

A Prayer to see God's vision in your community.

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." - Acts 2:17

Meditate on Seeking God's guidance and inspiration as you dream and envision the future.

Father in heaven,

Thank You that we are part of the Church, which is Christ's Body, and that in Him, we have been given the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit so that in His power, we may tell forth the wonderful works of God. Lord, we pray to see Your vision in our community and ask that You reveal Your will and use us to do Your work in the present time to bring You glory. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 11- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2025

A Prayer for alignment with His higher thoughts and ways.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9

Reflect on Surrendering your plans to God's greater wisdom and purpose.

Heavenly Father,

We know that You have a plan for us to give us peace and hope, and if we keep trusting You. You will take care of us. Lord, help us to remember that You have a perfect plan and purpose for all Your children and the church. Keep us broken at the Cross and may Your will be done. In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen.

DAY 12- THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2025

A Prayer for patience and perseverance as you await the fulfillment of God's promises and visions.

"Then the LORD replied: 'Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it, linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.'"

- Habakkuk 2:2-3

Reflect on the importance of patience, faith, and God's clarity in your journey.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the mission and vision You have chosen for John Wesley Methodist Church. We are grateful for the long-range plan before us that is the result of prayerful discernment. As we, take this first step forward in faith to fund Phase 1, we ask for the patience and perseverance to see it through to its conclusion. May all be to Your glory!

Amen.

A Prayer for His blessing and establishment of your efforts.

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

- Proverbs 16:3

Reflect on how you plan to dedicate your dreams and plans to God.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You today with humble hearts, full of hope and faith. Lord, we thank You for the dreams and visions You have placed in our leadership and within us, and for the opportunity to come together as a church family to work toward a common goal.

Your Word says in Proverbs 16:3, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Today, we dedicate this capital campaign into Your hands. We trust in Your wisdom, knowing that all good and perfect gifts come from You. Bless our efforts, Lord, so that we can connect people to Jesus.

Father, inspire us with generosity and a spirit of unity. Strengthen our hearts to give cheerfully, knowing that our contributions are not fanatical but eternal investments in Your kingdom. Multiply what we offer so that it may far exceed what we can imagine.

May this campaign be a testament to Your faithfulness, provision, and love. Guide us, Lord, as we plan, work, and dream. May every decision we make honor You and further Your purpose. Let our success bring light to our community and serve as a witness to Your goodness.

We pray for encouragement, strength, and perseverance! Remind us, Lord, that with You, all things are possible. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 14- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2025

A Prayer that your desires align with His and that He fulfills the dreams placed in your heart.

"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." - Psalm 37:4

Reflect on the joy and satisfaction in your relationship with God.

Gracious God,

You are the author and fountain of all that is good. All of our desires for good lead us to You, Lord. We delight ourselves in You, the good, gracious, merciful God abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. You are the fountain of all satisfaction for our souls. We pray that You will give us the desires of our hearts. That You would put Your desires inside of us, that we would desire what You desire. Help us to desire that which is good according to Your word and Your spirit. God, as we walk with You and delight in You, we praise You for the privilege of expressing our desires to You. In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen.

"PRAYERS FROM OUR YOUNG HEARTS"

Dear God,

Thank you for this wonderful church you have blessed us with. May all Your people follow in Your name forever and let us sing in praise to the King. For unto us a Savior was born in the glory of God.

Our Father, have mercy on us, give us strength as you did to Jesus. Give us what we need and protect us from evil. Shield us all the days we live, and comfort us when we do not.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen



WEEK 3

INVESTING IN WHAT LASTS

DAY 15- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025

A Prayer for a heart that treasures what truly matters.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Matthew 6:19-21

Reflect on the importance of investing in eternal values.

Dear Father,

How wonderful to have the assurance that You listen to our prayers. One can't imagine the number of pleas You receive every moment. How blessed we are in having the promises You have given us in Your word.

Lord, You gave your apostle Peter the keys to build Your church. What a responsibility. Forgive us for waiting for our perfect timing in our finances rather than Yours. Peter obeyed. How God used this humble fisherman to share God's bride, the church.

We can do our part in helping open new doors to strengthen the church's goals for future plans to share the love of Christ. Lord, be with us in our decision to serve You more.

In the name of Jesus.

Amen.

DAY 16- MONDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2025

A Prayer for a spirit of generosity and a focus on good deeds.

"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

**Reflect on having a spirit of generosity and doing good deeds.
Ask God to help you invest in what lasts eternally.**

Father God,

Gracious and loving Lord, lead us in following You in generosity and doing Your work on earth for our church. Direct us to do Your deeds that need to be completed in order for John Wesley Methodist Church to continue to grow and make this community strong for the Lord. That we may bring all to everlasting life through our actions of making a foundation of blessings for future generations to continue to love the Lord. We thank you for Your love, mercy and grace that You give us daily.

Amen.

A Prayer for a mind that is focused on heavenly values.

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

- Colossians 3:2

Meditate on having a mindset that aligns with God's purposes, finding peace and direction in His promises.

Abba Father,

We thank You for Your gifts to us, most of all for Jesus Christ the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. You even give us the gift of faith needed to believe that His death, burial and resurrection worked just as You intended it. Through Christ we have been restored back into full fellowship with You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We know that we have died to ourselves so we can live for You! Part of living for You is recognizing that we are children of the King of Kings. You said in Your Word that if we have died with Him, we are now seated in heavenly places with Jesus. This perspective helps us keep our minds set on things that are above and helps keep them set on Your will. We want Your will to be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Father, give us faith for the overflow of finances that will be needed to bring an increase in Your kingdom to this place that You have assigned to us here at John Wesley Methodist Church. Abba Father, we pray for supernatural increase that only You can supply.

You are always the God of more than enough. Abba, we also pray for our city and county, we pray for them according to Your word to the captives in Babylon in Jeremiah 29:7 AMPC: "And seek (inquire for, require, and request) the peace and welfare of the city to which I have caused you to be carried away captive; and pray to the Lord for it, for in the welfare of [the city in which you live] you will have welfare".

So, we especially pray for the area we have been assigned to: Houston and Greater Harris County, Abba Father, bring them Your peace and Your presence and Your prosperity.

May it be done for them and us according to Your Word.

In Jesus Name we ask and give You thanks.

Amen.

A Prayer for guidance in storing up treasures in heaven.

"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Luke 12:33-34

Mediate on ways to be more generous and intentional with your resources to bless others and make a lasting impact.

Almighty God, help us to be servant leaders by being less self-centered and love others as You love us. Teach us to steward our gifts for Your church. Open our hearts. Let us consciously place our money and other resources for Christ's mission such that our hearts will dwell more and more on You, dear God. Lord, let our hearts, minds and hope be in heaven such that our spending reflects You. May we, by faith, grow in being more generous and trusting. May we seek to live as Jesus showed us the way.

Amen.

A Prayer for discipline and commitment to invest in what truly matters.

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

- 1 Corinthians 9:25

Reflect on the eternal rewards of faithful living.

Heavenly Father- from Whom all blessings flow,

You have given us Christ- our Light, Life and Eternal gift through all the ages.

We come to You in grave need of the self-discipline for the race You have set before us. The worldly gifts we possess are nothing compared to Your son and your gift of eternal life. In His countenance we find joy and love-the things that make our life worthwhile. We need to heed the advice Paul gives in these verses so that we can be fully committed to Your purpose for our lives.

We ask for forgiveness because we find ourselves wanting in sharing all that we have on Your behalf. May we leave a legacy of God's enduring love and grace.

We seek Your pleasure for all that we say and do to be in Your joyful presence forever.

In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DAY 20- FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2025

A Prayer for focus on eternal realities and God's unseen work.

"So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

- 2 Corinthians 4:18

Reflect on seeing beyond the temporary and investing in the eternal.

Heavenly Father,

You are the mighty God whom we serve continuously, we come before You as a faithful and obedient servants. It comes to mind how our forefathers were daily focused on Your eternal realities that awaited them if not on earth in heaven. In their lifetimes, their visions focused on what it would be like when they met their Creator. I am also reminded of my Zimbabwean sisters as we worshiped, sang and prayed about humbling ourselves before the Lord, trusting that one day all would be well.

Our timing is different from God's; therefore, we must remember to look beyond what is temporary and contribute toward the eternal. These blessings I ask in Your most precious name.

Amen.

DAY 21- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2025

A Prayer for a generous and sacrificial heart that pleases God.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

- Hebrews 13:16

Reflect on Seeking opportunities to do good and share with others.

O Lord,

We seek Your guidance and strength to cultivate a heart that is both generous and sacrificial, pleasing to You in all ways. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, who gave everything out of love and compassion.

Grant us the courage to let go of our fears and selfish desires, so that we may give freely and joyfully in ways that please You. Teach us to see the opportunities to serve and bless others and to respond with open hands and willing hearts.

Thank You for the privilege of serving You and for the joy that comes from giving. May our lives be a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

WEEK 4

SACRIFICING FOR THE FUTURE

DAY 22- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2025

A Prayer for the strength and willingness to sacrifice for God's purposes.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

- Romans 12:1

Reflect on what it means to be a living sacrifice.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for Your countless blessings.

Lord, we seek Your strength and guidance. Fill our hearts with a desire to sacrifice for Your purposes. May our actions reflect our love for You and our commitment to Your mission. Help us to live out our faith with integrity and purpose, being a light to those around us and a testimony to Your goodness.

O Lord, we ask for Your grace to sustain us in times of trial and for Your Spirit to guide us in all that we do. May our sacrifices be pleasing to You and serve to further Your glory.

We pray in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen.

DAY 23- MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2025

A Prayer for joy and contentment in sacrificial service.

"But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you."

- Philippians 2:17

Reflect on asking God to help you see the value and impact of your sacrificial service.

Father God,

Thank You for the joy and fulfillment that comes from serving You. Fill our hearts with a deep and abiding joy that comes from knowing we are doing Your will. Grant us the wisdom to see the beauty and purpose in every task we undertake, no matter how small or challenging. May our hearts be filled with contentment, knowing that our efforts are pleasing to You and are part of Your divine plan. Help us to see the value and impact of our sacrificial service and find joy in the act of giving, and to embrace sacrificial service as a true expression of our love for You and for others.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 24- TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2025

A Prayer for a heart that overflows with gratitude and praise.

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name."

- Hebrews 13:15

Meditate on committing to offering continual praise and worship as a sacrifice to God.

Gracious and Loving God!

We are so thankful for our church and church family. We praise You for the many gifts of the people of our church and a sacred and warm place to worship and praise You. We want to continue praising You in all things. We praise You when it is hard and praise You when it is easy. We will praise You in the good and the bad. We offer this praise to You every day professing Your holy name. You have given us all so much, and we ask that You fill our hearts with overflowing gratitude and thanksgiving for all You have done for us. As we praise Your name, we offer all we have to You. We know every gift is from You, and we honor and praise You. Thank You for the gift of Your Son and we boldly profess His name as our Savior.

Amen.

A Prayer for a heart of true generosity, like the widow who gave all she had.

“Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

- Mark 12:41-44

Reflect on the courage to give selflessly and trustfully and have deeper understanding of how to honor Him through your everyday actions and offerings.

Dear Lord,

As I sit and reflect on this season of giving may I remember the poor widow who gave her two copper coins. I pray that my heart is open to what You have to tell me and my spirit is willing. I pray that like the widow I put my trust and faith in You and know that You are able to do so much more with what I have than I ever could. I thank You for the example Jesus set through this woman and how she gave all she had. I am ever grateful with what You have blessed me with and I pray I am able to bless others with those gifts.

Amen.

DAY 26- THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2025

A Prayer for the daily strength and commitment to follow Christ's example of sacrifice.

"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"

- Luke 9:23

Reflect on asking God for guidance in making meaningful sacrifices for the future of my church and faith community.

Oh Lord,

Give me strength and courage to answer the challenges of living as Jesus taught His disciples. I often find myself struggling to deny my wants so that I can answer the call to serve You and Your church. When I place my faith and trust in You, my heavenly Father, You always take care of me. Help me to follow You.

Give me strength of faith to say yes when You call me to sacrifice in Jesus' name.

Amen.

DAY 27- FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025

A Prayer for a heart willing to give generously and meaningfully, recognizing the value in what you offer to God.

"But the king replied to Araunah, 'No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.' So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them."

- 2 Samuel 24:24

Reflect on the cost of true sacrifice.

Dear God,

Let my obedience and sacrifice to You be reflected in my giving generously and used for Your purposes. May all the results unfold according to Your will.

Amen.

WEEK 5

LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH

DAY 28- SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2025

A Prayer for a for a community that encourages and supports each other in love and good deeds.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

- Hebrews 10:24-25

Reflect on asking God to help you inspire and uplift others through your actions and sacrifices.

Dear Lord,

You entrust us with Your love, forgiveness and grace. You have blessed us with a worthy foundation. May we learn from Your example and righteousness so that these gifts are handed over to the next generations. Your everlasting devotion and steadfast love are forever. May it shine and smooth the path for those who follow.

Amen.

"Prayers from Our Young Hearts"

Father in Heaven,

We come to you this glorious day to thank You for what You have done. We thank You for bringing us here this glorious morning to worship You. You have made us perfectly and wonderfully. We thank You that you brought us here to John Wesley Methodist Church. We thank You for all the people who have brought this church together. We thank our staff who sometimes don't even want to be here some mornings or evenings because they don't feel good or they have something in their lives. Those are the people who brought this church together with their determination and love. We thank You for this church who have helped all of us or some of us through tough times. We also thank You for this wonderful staff that works here. But last but not least, the wonderful people who attend this church.

Isaiah 41:10 Says, I will strengthen you and help you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you and uphold your righteous hand.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen



DAY 29- SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025

A Prayer for wisdom and dedication in leaving a lasting legacy that honors God.

"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." - Psalm 145:4

Reflect on the importance of passing on faith to future generations.

Dear Lord,

You entrust us with your love, forgiveness and grace. You have blessed us with a worthy foundation. May we learn from Your example and righteousness so that these gifts are handed over to the next generations. Your everlasting devotion and steadfast love are forever. May it shine and smooth the path for those who follow.

Amen.

A Prayer for the perseverance to finish your race well and to keep the faith.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

- 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Reflect on asking God to give you strength to leave behind a legacy of righteousness and unwavering belief in God.

Heavenly Father,

It is true and right that You work within us. Without prayerful guidance we cannot do the immeasurable things you have planned. Lord, as we approach this season, help us to be bold, let us "set our face like flint" as we continually reshape Your church that it might bring all the glory to You.

I pray that You lead us, as a congregation and as individuals, to find ways to participate in this wonderful commission to bring others to You. Lord sometimes we look outwardly too much not realizing it truly starts from within. So, help us to lift up our leaders and our brothers and sisters within this congregation in prayer that we may join hands and support a common goal that brings activation and excitement to fulfilling the plan You have for each of us during this activity.

So, to You be the glory, may our path follow Your path, and our plans follow your plan. Let us not get discouraged when we meet obstacles but remain steadfast in abundant love as we walk together doing Your will. Give us the strength to perseverance to finish Your race well and to keep the faith. We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

DAY 31- TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2025

A Prayer for steadfastness and dedication to His work, knowing that your legacy will be blessed.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

- 1 Corinthians 15:58

Reflect on the assurance that your efforts for God are never in vain.

Most merciful, forgiving and loving God,

I thank You for the permanent joy You have placed in my heart. My gratefulness comes in the form of devoting myself to your unending work toward kingdom building. In order for the "church of God to continue to march" we all must bear the weight that it takes to keep marching. This comes in the form of constant connection with Jesus, sharing and spreading the gospel and our monetary contributions. My trust is in you, Father God. As I so faithfully continue my prayers for growth during our 2025 Capital Campaign, I am convinced that nothing will separate us from Your love as we continue with a blessed assurance that our giving is not in vain. Sometimes our giving may seem rough and hard but You smooth out our rough times.

In your most precious name, I offer these requests.

Amen.

A Prayer for the strength to run your race with perseverance, free from hindrances, and focused on Jesus.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

- Hebrews 12:1-2

Reflect on asking God for guidance to leave a legacy of enduring faith.

Heavenly Father,

You are our strength and our shield, always present, surrounding us with Your unfailing love and protection. We are so thankful for the gift of grace and the tender mercies we receive each day. It is so comforting to know that You will never abandon us. You go before us, opening up the way, yet remaining close beside us.

We pray today for strength to continue the race You have set before us, always trusting in Your plan. On difficult and trying days, we ask for courage to persevere and to keep our eyes focused on You. When You are our main focus, we can walk more steadily along this path. On the days when things seem to be going well, help us to not become complacent, but to continue to praise You. Help us to endure this path we are on with faith and patience, keeping our feet moving forward and our faith looking upward. Your steadfast love endures forever, and we trust You with every step we take.

In Your trustworthy name.

Amen.

DAY 33- THURSDAY MARCH 6, 2025

A Prayer for guidance to lead your household in faith, creating a legacy of devotion and service.

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

- Joshua 24:15

Reflect on the commitment to serve God in all aspects of life.

Precious Lord and Savior - the one true God,

You are all knowing and all powerful.

We come to today with seeking and loving hearts to know Your will for our lives in this world.

We praise You for all You have done for our church and ask Your continued guidance as we go forward to improve our campus and our outreach activities.

Your servant Joshua was not only a national leader and military commander in ancient Israel, but he was also a humble person who dedicated himself and his family to serving the Lord.

Because of his steadfast faithfulness he was an instrument of God and was able to do great things to further the kingdom of God and serve many others. In our capital campaign this year let us pray to allow ourselves to also be instruments of God by generously supporting our campaign to provide facilities and outreach activities that will serve more members both of our church and community. "Making Disciples in Jesus Name".

Amen.

A Prayer for the wisdom to teach and instill God's commandments in the next generation.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on 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 6:6-7

Reflect on asking God to lead you to opportunities to share your faith with your children and faith community.

Holy Father,

You gave us your Ten Commandments to order and govern our faith. Impress on the younger generation the importance of these commandments.

So often we turn to You--in gratitude, for guidance and support, to comfort and to sustain.

Let my life demonstrate my dependence on You. Let everything I say and do reflect Your glory.

Let me seize every opportunity to share Your word in a way that will be meaningful to not only my children and grandchildren but to all my I meet. Let me provide them with opportunities to worship and pray--to study and understand Your Living Word.

Give me the wisdom to nourish their faith in a way that is both natural and effective--whether that is in casual conversation or by example. Bless this younger generation with an abundance of faith and let me be the channel to share the blessing of faith in You.

Amen.

A Prayer for the ability to leave a spiritual inheritance that blesses future generations.

"A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous."

- Proverbs 13:22

Reflect on the lasting impact of a righteous life.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging Your boundless love and grace. Thank You for the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us and for the privilege of being part of Your divine plan.

Lord, we seek Your guidance and wisdom as we strive to leave a spiritual inheritance that will bless future generations. Help us to live lives that reflect Your love, mercy, and truth; so that our actions and words may inspire those who come after us.

Grant us the strength to be faithful stewards of the gifts and talents You have entrusted to us. May we use them to build a legacy of faith, hope, and love that will endure through the ages.

Teach us to nurture and guide the younger generations, instilling in them a deep and abiding faith in You. May our lives be a testament to Your goodness, and may our spiritual inheritance be a source of strength and encouragement for all who follow in our footsteps.

We pray that Your Holy Spirit will fill us with wisdom and discernment, enabling us to make choices that honor You and reflect Your will. Help us to be mindful of the impact our lives have on others and to live in a way that glorifies Your name.

Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to leave a lasting spiritual legacy for John Wesley Methodist Church. May it be a beacon of light and hope for generations to come.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

