



PRAYER GUIDE

VISION: To equip & empower generations by helping people take their next step towards Christ together.

GOALS:

- To continue to gain acceptance and support of the Midland community, and eventually have the residents of Midland claim ownership of community center
- To grow in number of those being served and accepting Christ
- To meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those in Midland
- To establish a satellite church in Midland
- To have continuing resources (financial & volunteer) to sustain the mission

YOUR ROLE:

- Be **committed to prayer for this mission**- we are asking for an ongoing prayer ministry as The Center continues to grow and operate.
- You can pray **anywhere**. We would encourage you to go down and walk the streets of Midland at least once, covering them in prayer.
- There is power when we are **praying together**. Please feel free to contact the other members of the prayer team if you are interested in praying with a group

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2

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- ❖ Please pray that **God's Word is received** by those who hear it. That He would go before us to prepare hearts to receive His message of salvation.

"Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:1

- ❖ Please pray that **God's Presence** would go before us- that we would be faithful in following Him each step; that we would not stray from His leading, and that He would make clear the path we are to take.

*"Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."
Exodus 33:15*

- ❖ Please pray for the **deliverance** of the people in Midland from the plague of poverty- both physical and spiritual.

*"David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the LORD answered prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped."
2 Samuel 24:25*

- ❖ Please pray for the **success** of this mission. Please pray that the political, educational and business leaders of Midland will welcome and support us more & more as partners in the community.

"O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." Nehemiah 1:11

- ❖ Please pray for **protection** of the leadership of this mission- physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually- that through this ministry God's power would be revealed and those who witness it would believe.

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. 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 17:15-21

- ❖ Please pray that God would **uphold and sustain** this mission. Please pray that He will continue to open doors relationally and financially.

*"Then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause."
1 Kings 8:49*

- ❖ Please pray that His **saving power and grace** be unleashed in awesome ways because of your faithfulness in prayer.

"as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." 2 Corinthians 1:11

- ❖ Please pray that as we build and establish a physical presence in Midland, God will be establishing a **spiritual presence** that will remain for generations and will continue to build His kingdom long after we are gone. May what we establish in Midland be pleasing to God.

"The LORD said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there." 1 Kings 9:3

*"May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place."
2 Chronicles 6:20*

- ❖ Please pray for **humble submission** for each person who is involved in The Center- that we would seek only His will, whatever that may look like.

*"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission."
Hebrews 5:7*

- ❖ Please consider **fasting** regularly as your prayer partnership continues.

"So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer." Ezra 8:23

- ❖ Please pray for every area of hesitation, unbelief and lack of faith for those who are in leadership of The Center and the church. Many of the "demons" we will face can only be overcome with prayer- please pray **victory** over any community mistrust, those who would try to thwart God's work there, and the internal battles which threaten to hold us back.

"So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer." Mark 9:20-29

- ❖ Please pray with **anticipation and expectation!** Let's believe & seek God's promise to provide all we need for wherever He leads us.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

- ❖ Please pray for the **salvation** of all those we minister to, that God would already be working and setting up divine appointments for us.

"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites [the people of Midland] is that they may be saved." Romans 10:1

- ❖ This is one of my favorite verses ever! Please pray that God will hear us as we humbly seek Him. Please pray that He will destroy any pride within us; that His will would be all we seek individually and as a church. Please pray that as we seek Him, He will **heal** the land and grow His Kingdom.

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

- ❖ Please pray that the **Lord's favor** be on Midland and us as we are given the privilege of ministering there.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs. "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed." I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations." Isaiah 61