

Day 1

Theme of the Week - Prayer for the future of Hope Fellowship

Today - expand / change / the health of current ministries?

Scripture - Eph 4.16, Col. 2.19

As churches struggle to grow, they must remember the reason for their existence and look to God for ways to spread their message. This week in the 100 Days of Prayer, we want to focus our prayer on the future mission of Hope Fellowship as we seek ways to share and grow in God's name.

Paul, in his letters to the Ephesian and Colossian churches, shows us that the expectation of God is that His church will grow. Please reread these verses.

'from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.' Eph 4.16

'and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.' Col 2.19

When we as a church function as He intends, there is growth that is spiritual and most likely, numerical. So this week we want to ask the Lord to give us a health assessment of His church, to listen and see what we may need to change to better align with the vision He has for us. This process could be uncomfortable, as God may call us to be stretched. But the reality is, if we are faithful when called by God, then the fulfillment and blessing we experience certainly overwhelms the discomfort of stretching.

Themes to pray this day

- Ask God for each of us to have an attitude of willingness to be stretched
- Pray the Holy Spirit speaks to us this week, giving direction and excitement
- Ask God to prepare us for any difficult decisions.

A Prayer For Us All

Heavenly Father, thank You for the wonderful truths that are clearly revealed in Your Word. I pray that I may abide in Christ and He in me, and that by Your grace I will mature in the faith and produce much fruit for Your praise and glory, and not only me, Lord, but may all those who have been called by Your name, bear much fruit for Your greater praise and glory. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

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Day 2

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Today - Prayer for the future heart of the church (generations to come)

Scripture - Joel 2:28-32

I admit it, one look at the news or spending a day walking among the world, and I am grieved for my children and any future branches of my family tree. The lifestyle that is contrary to what Scripture calls us to, is the norm today and doesn't seem to be tilting toward God anytime soon. It's possible some days to throw your hands in the air and give up, thinking that God has lost.

But we should never believe that as we read the Bible. If we rest in the assurances of Scripture then we see that a day is coming (as prophesied in the Joel passage listed above) when in the end times there will be a great pouring out of the Spirit of God. Until that comes to pass, we want to continue to pray for our 'sons and daughters'.

The future generations of Hope Fellowship need to be lifted up in prayer. Pray for salvations, commitment, growth, strength and perseverance. Let's pray for the future hearts of Hope, for those people a month from now, a year from now, ten and twenty years from now.

Themes to pray today

- Pray encouragement over the Hope Fellowship community of faith
- Pray for the younger generations, for commitment and growth
- Ask God to bless, nourish and grow His church for years to come

A prayer for us all

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your many precious promises to Your people Israel and that despite their rejection of Christ as Messiah, You have not rejected them. Thank You that in Your grace You gave Your Spirit at Pentecost to dwell in the heart of all who trust Christ as Saviour and thank You that this wonderful prophecy will one day be finally and fully fulfilled. But until that time.. use me I pray to tell out the good news of Christ. I pray for the generations to come of Hope Fellowship, that young and old, women, men and children would know Jesus and grow to be like Him. Amen

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Day 3

Theme of the Week - Prayer for the future of Hope Fellowship

Today - Praying for reconciliation and respect in the community

Scripture - Proverbs 22:1

A good name. Well, it matters. It's no secret that the name of Jesus Christ has taken many hits due to the actions, or lack thereof, of His followers. Over the past months, and no doubt in the months to come, there are the reports and findings of the remains of children from the Residential School network. It's tragic and heart-breaking and demonstrates the long road that needs to be travelled to bring reconciliation.

Granted Hope Fellowship had no hand in this chapter of Canadian history, in fact there are few theological similarities between Hope and churches involved. But what is the same and will lump the Hope Fellowship community of faith into the same category as those churches is the name of Jesus. Many Canadians looking for any reason to discredit God, His church and His Word, will point to these sad events and tune out anyone trying to tell them about Jesus.

How that be overcome? I've heard it said that the elevator to success is out of order, so you'll have to take the stairs one step at a time. Rebuilding the name of Jesus takes intentionality, effort and focus. We want to pray towards that, being intentional in loving and serving this region for the name of Jesus. Why? Well not only is the name of Jesus a good name, it's the name above all names.

Themes to pray over today

- Ask God to reveal to us at Hope Fellowship

A prayer for us all today

Father, Your Word indicates the way we interact with those outside the faith will have a positive or a negative influence on whether they choose to follow You. There appears to be no neutral mode in our lives, for we do not live unto ourselves, but regularly give account for our actions and attitudes daily. Inconsistency and double standards are ancient, effective traps Satan has set for believers. For those ensnared by this trap the unbelieving world points their accusatory finger crying, "Hypocrite!" Sadly, it is often a true characterization. May we, as Your disciples, be faithful in our walk and consistent in our talk as we serve You at home, in the workplace, in our churches, and in our sphere of influence. We do not want to disgrace the holy name of Jesus, but we want to honour His name as we glorify You in all we do. It is in Jesus' holy name that we pray. Amen.

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Day 4

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Today - Worship...What Does It Look Like?

Scripture - Isaiah 25:1-5

As you read the words of Isaiah 25:1, when Isaiah speaks of exaltation and praise, your initial thought may gravitate toward worship singing. That's legitimate and understandable, but not complete. We have been conditioned to think that worship is singing, and although it certainly helps change our focus and direct our thoughts, worship is so much more.

As we pray about the future of Hope Fellowship, we want to lift up the aspect of worship as an event. It's no secret we have the opportunity for more to bless us in the area of worship singing, and we need to pray for that. But we want to also want to ask God to direct us in expanding our worship experiences to possibly include

- Expanded Bible reading in the service
- Prayer in ways outside of the usual format
- Acts of Service
- Fellowship
- Generosity
- Obedience

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Themes to pray over today

- Praise the Lord for the freedom we have to worship Him
- Thank God for the opportunity to worship in the context of a community of faith
- Seek forgiveness for the selfish times in your life when worship of God has been neglected
- Pray for a vision of how Hope Fellowship can expand their worship experiences beyond singing

A Prayer For Us All

Dear heavenly Father You are my God, my Lord and my Salvation. I will praise Your name for ever and ever for You have done wonderful things for me and for all who trust in Your unfailing goodness and mercy – praise the Lord oh my soul and let all that is within me glorify and worship His holy name – in Jesus name I pray, AMEN.

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Day 5

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Today - The culture of discipling

Scripture - 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Who were the most influential people in your life? I'm sure you can picture numerous faces in your mind's eye right now, those individuals who made a difference in your life. Those people who took the time to teach you something, especially something that really matters.

No doubt Timothy, the young man we see in Scripture who has a couple of New Testament books bearing his name, thought the world of the Apostle Paul. Paul poured into Tim and built him up in the matters of Christ and told him to do the same with others, for the rest of his life.

In the two verses read today, Paul wants Timothy to keep the spiritual cycle going, so there is a pattern of people constantly building Jesus into the lives of others. The mandate given to Timothy is also given to us and we want to pray about what the cycle of discipleship can look like at Hope Fellowship. We have a mission to build others up in Jesus, something we all need to do.

Themes to pray over today

- Thank God for the spiritual teachers you've had in the past
- Ask God to bring a person into your life that you can encourage and mentor with spiritual matters
- Pray for our church family, that we all have a passion to build up each to be more like Jesus

A Prayer For Us All

Heavenly Father, thank You for the wise instructions we are taught in Your Word and for the spiritual strength and courage that I have received, through the grace that is mine in Christ Jesus. Thank You that I have been empowered to carry out the good work that You have prepared for me to do, and I pray that You would use me to help and encourage others, by the grace that is mine in Christ. This I ask in Jesus' wonderful name, AMEN.

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Day 6

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Today - The future of missions

Scripture - Hebrews 13:15-16

The author of Hebrews gives us the gentle reminder to not forget to do good and share with others. Since Day 1 of Hope Fellowship, there has been a mission segment to this church. We give financially to local, national and a global causes. We have supported various mission trips with a few dollars and some prayer, but is it time to think outside of the traditional box when it comes to missions?

Today we want to pray about that? How can be more engaged? Prayerful? Aware? Missional in a local way? Remember how verse 16 of Hebrews 13 ended, 'for with such sacrifices God is pleased.'

We, I believe, want to please God and show and tell this world about the Good News of Jesus.

Themes to pray over today

- Ask God for ideas on how we as a church can be more aware of our current mission undertakings
- Pray about how we can be missionary minded locally
- Pray for Fresh Start Maternity Support, Teen Challenge, Youth for Christ, Spiritual Rock Church n(NFLD) and the Rodgers with New Tribes Mission

Prayer for us all today

Dear Lord, thank you for the abundance of blessings you've freely offered me. May I offer sacrifices pleasing to you. Give me the eyes to see the need and the heart to do good, sharing what I have. Help me to not hesitate, but be quick to sacrifice for another in need. Amen.

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Day 7

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Today - Fully Devoted Worshippers of Christ

Scripture - Isaiah 25:1

I know, we read Isaiah 25 earlier in the week but I wanted to take a moment to highlight it again.

Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness

you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

How can Hope Fellowship build into the lives of people so they 'will will exalt you and praise your name'? We want to become people who can't get enough of Jesus! We want to become people who will worship not only when it's convenient to us but all the time.

I know, that's no small task. So let's pray about it.

Themes to pray today

- Pray for commitment to Jesus and commitment to His church of Hope Fellowship
- Ask God that the cycle of apathy be broken

A prayer for us all today

Our Father in the heavens, always near us and ready to help.

May your name be precious to us and bring us delight always.

May your kingdom of the heavens come rule over us

So your good, pleasing, and perfect will is accomplished in us and through us.

Provide for us the food and care we need today.

Forgive our sins as we forgive us those who sin against us.

Please hold us by the hand so we don't fall down in trials or temptations

And are kept safe in your care from all evil.

All we want is to live in your kingdom, by your power, and for your glory.

Amen.

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