

Open to prayer

Prayer should be ongoing and something we keep coming back to throughout this specific time of journeying.

This is more than just figuring out what we can afford; this is a spiritual journey of faith. It's about allowing the Lord to lead us individually in His plan for us!

Talk with Him about what's on your heart and mind, specifically in relation to this faith giving commitment. Be honest and **open** about where you are (since He already knows!) and then make sure you spend some time listening to what He is telling you.

Some simple ways to pray:

- **Find a private place to talk with God.**
- **Focus on who God is.**

Let your mind and heart be reminded of who God really is based on the many truths that we find in the Bible. Here are a few Scriptures to help you. (Use the following lines to write down a specific portion from each of these verses which speaks to your heart.)



Psalm 36:5-9

Psalm 139

Ephesians 2:4-10

- **Talk to Him honestly.**

He already knows what you are thinking, so just tell Him what is on your mind and in your heart. You won't surprise Him. Lay out your heart about this commitment – tell Him what you are hesitant about and what you are looking forward to.

- **Choose to trust Him with what matters most to you.**

Remember, God is absolutely trustworthy and loving. Nothing that He is asking you to do will harm you. Wherever it may be difficult to be open-handed with something, CHOOSE to trust Jesus with it and release it to Him.

- **Listen!**

Ask Him to speak to you and then sit quietly with the mind set that you will hear something.

Pray first

“Devote yourselves to prayer,

keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well,

that God will open up to us a door for the Word,

so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ ...”

Colossians 4:3-4

In the 30 day devotional guide, you will be introduced to Nehemiah, who cried out to God in prayer on behalf of his people for God to restore them. We follow a God who forgives and redeems and who supplies whatever we need to accomplish His purposes. Prayerfully seek the Lord above all else. Act with confidence in His promises!



Use the following acronym – ACTS

(As a guide to your prayer time)

A Adoration

(deep love and respect; worship)

Acknowledge that He is Lord over everything. He owns it all. He's in control. He is the Creator. Give Him praise and honor.

"Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy!"

Psalm 99:9

C Confession

(a statement admitting that one is guilty of wrong doing)

Be honest and specific with Him about sin and dealing with it. Thank Him for forgiveness.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9



T Thanksgiving

(the expression of gratitude, especially to God)

Tell Him what you're grateful for. Be specific. Thank Him for being constant in your life. (Use the Thankful page over the next 30 days to record those things you are grateful for.)

"I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my Salvation."

Psalm 118:21

S Surrender

(to relinquish or give up the things you desire, for God's desires)

The hardest part may be this: visualize the very act of physically turning your open palms upward, in willingness to let go of ways and things you desire, and allow God to have His way with your heart and your "things."

And He [Jesus] was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Luke 9:23

"Make your requests known to God."

Philippians 4:6

Grateful. Thankful. Blessed.

My thanksgiving list – 30 days

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“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.”

Psalm 107:1

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30-Day Prayer Calendar

Day 1

Monday
October 23

PRAY that this 8-week spiritual journey is more than “events.” We want true life-change to come! Pray for a willingness in KIBC to be “all-in” to seeking the Lord!

Day 2

Tuesday
October 24

PRAY for the VISION of our church to see “HIS glory declared among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.”

Psalms 96:3

Day 3

Wednesday
October 25

PRAY that we would be relentless to know God’s Word, and practice His ways.

Day 4

Thursday
October 26

PRAY for a Christ-centered generation to take root in the lives of our own children, youth, and university students at KIBC.

Day 5

Friday
October 27

PRAY that we will have favor in cooperation with government officials towards our building project.

PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR as he prepares for Sunday. **PRAY** for our time of OPEN Question and Answers on Sunday.

Day 6

Monday
October 30

PRAY that our hearts are centered together – ONE CHURCH, FOCUSED in PRAYER! Pray for 100% participation in prayerfully pursuing God’s direction this week!

Day 7

Tuesday
October 31

PRAY that God would allow HIS Word to interrupt you, rearrange you, and redirect you to HIS purpose for your life.

Day 8

Wednesday
November 1

PRAY for teachers in our kindergarten as they reach out to encounter children and their families with the message of Christ.

Day 9

Thursday
November 2

PRAY for new believers to be strengthened in their faith. Pray for an **open** opportunity to share your faith.

Day 10

Friday
November 3

PRAY for all of us to catch the vision of OPEN and invite lost friends and neighbors to church.

PRAY for our Bible study leaders as they prepare to teach on Sunday.

Day 11

Monday
November 6

PRAY for the week ahead to be one of SURRENDER: **“Jesus, I invite you to do anything you need to do this week, so that You can do the impossible through me.”**

Day 12

Tuesday
November 6

PRAY for our Pastor and Carole as they travel to the Philippines to lead in a conference for other pastors and wives.

Day 13

Wednesday
November 8

PRAY for the lives of those encountered by our KIBC team while in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Pray for Pastor Nuth Pich and the families who live around the garbage dumpsites.

Day 14

Thursday
November 9

PRAY that God would direct our steps so that when we fall, we will not be hurled headlong, because He holds our hand. (Read Psalm 37:23-24)

Day 15

Friday
November 10

PRAY that God will speak to each of us - that there would be 100% participation - about what financial resources we should give, and that a spirit of sacrificial giving will prevail.

PRAY FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS as they focus on strengthening their teaching skills under the leadership of David Apple with Lifeway/US.

Day 16

Monday
November 13

PRAY that God will even now, prepare a place for KIBC during the time when our building will be under construction.

Day 17

Tuesday
November 14

PRAY for the children at KIBC as they participate in our OPEN poster contest. Pray they might grasp an understanding of the sacrifices that will be made for their future generation.

Day 18

Wednesday
November 15

PRAY that we would build long-lasting relationships with each other in our fellowship. (Read Proverbs 27:17)

Day 19

Thursday
November 16

PRAY for Angie and the Praise Team as they practice for Sunday. Pray for them to lead with a heart for worship.

Day 20

Friday
November 17

PRAY that our commitment in the OPEN process will be inspired of the Lord and successful as He defines success in Psalms 37:5!

PRAY for our Sunday School leadership to be encouraged and strengthened by opportunities for new classes.

Day 21

Monday
November 20

PRAY that we would be a church and a people who completely SURRENDER themselves to the Lord. (Romans 12:1-2)

Day 22

Tuesday
November 22

PRAY for our children and youth to be faithful in Christ-like character and actions.

Day 23

Wednesday
November 22

PRAY that we would examine everything carefully, hold fast to that which is good, and abstain from everything that is evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

Day 24

Thursday
November 23

PRAY for the efforts of Hong Kong's Inner City Ministries and Caroline Simmick.

Day 25

Friday
November 24

PRAY for salvation for any attending Sunday services who do not know the Lord.

PRAY for individuals to be willing to serve in all areas at KIBC.

Day 26

Monday
November 27

PRAY that God would give us a heart of GENEROSITY, truly filled with surrender and sacrifice.

Day 27

Tuesday
November 28

PRAY for our university ministry – Crosspoint – and the influence for Christ they can have on their campuses.

Day 28

Wednesday
November 29

PRAY for an understanding that God-sized vision requires God-size sacrifice. Pray for a willingness to be a generous and cheerful giver. (Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Day 29

Thursday
November 30

PRAY that the Lord would take away every fear and worry, and fill us with HIS presence. (Read Proverbs 3:5-6)

Day 30

Friday
December 1

PRAY that our church would embrace a vision and passion for missions. Pray for the Lord's direction to an unreached people group. (Unreached people group = a group of people who have never heard of Jesus, and have no one actively involved in telling them the Good News!)

PRAY that we would be prepared to be ALL IN for Commitment Sunday!

