



Welcoming
SPACES

HOPE

PRAYERS OF

*42 Days of Connecting
with Our Generous God*

Dear Hope Family,

What a privilege to pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! This book of scripture and prayer prompts is designed to unite us—wherever we are—as one body in prayer and purpose. It was written by a collection of voices from our congregation.

We thank God for the generations who have come before and laid a strong foundation and written wonderful chapters in Hope's story! As we enter this Welcoming Spaces capital campaign, we seek God's will together for our future chapters yet to be written both individually and corporately. Through daily prayer we join as one family, asking for direction, wisdom, and unity. As Paul instructs to the Romans "May the God who gives endurance

and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” May our prayers, stewardship, and generosity reflect Christ to our community and each other.

Whether in our building or in our own homes, let us take steps toward Jesus together, entrusting the future of Hope Church to God’s faithful hands.

Capital Campaign Committee



“David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.”

1 CHRONICLES 29:10–13

Pray this prayer that David prayed as he commissioned Solomon to build the temple. Praise God for all He has done in your life and all He has given you. Give thanks for Hope's legacy past, present, and future.

NOTES:



“Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.”

1 CORINTHIANS: 29:14B–17

After a long list of gifts given from the community to the treasury for building the temple, David continues his prayer. All we have is a gift from God! As we dream about what Hope could look like and become in our community, let's pray that we continue to be grateful for all He has given and has done in our body.

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“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

ROMANS 12:10–13

Dear Lord,

May we go beyond ourselves and our "small world" and see others as You see them. Help us to open our hearts, home, and church to them. Amen.

NOTES:



“But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

JONAH 2:9

Salvation comes from God, let us in turn give Him our lives in thankfulness. Pray and reflect on the ways that we need to surrender more of ourselves to God.

NOTES:



“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 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. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

COLOSSIANS 3:15–17

Pray for unity within the body of Christ and that He would give us the peace to live in that unity. Reflect and thank God that we have community with others who love Him and can openly celebrate that.

NOTES:



“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

MICAH 6:8



Pray Hope lives this out in the East Metro as individuals and as a church.

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“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.”

PSALM 95:2–3, 6

Celebrate that God is King above all, worthy of song and worship. Focus on God's majesty, strength and glory. Praise Him for who He is. Spend time listening to "We Praise You" by Brandon Lake.

NOTES:



“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1

Pray that our church's giving is not motivated by guilt, philanthropy, or just human kindness; but that the grace of God gives us a longing to be able to help our church move forward and reach more people.

NOTES:



“In the midst of a very
severe trial...”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:2A



Pray that in the midst of the difficult situations everyone finds themselves in, that they would be able to rise above their own difficulties and focus on meeting the needs of others who they have not even met (yet).

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“...their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:2B

Pray that the church might focus on the incredible gift God has given in the sacrifice of His Son and that we might joyfully embrace the opportunity to give in return.

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“And they exceeded our expectations: **They gave themselves first of all to the Lord**, and then by the will of God also to us.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 *emphasis added*

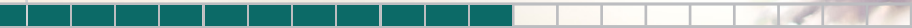
Pray that everyone would begin by fully giving themselves to Christ, which Romans 12 says is a “living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God and is your spiritual worship”.

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“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:8 *emphasis added*



Pray that each person would be encouraged as their spiritual commitment is shown to be true as they support, however they are able, this next step the church is taking in reaching others for Christ.

NOTES:



“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9



Pray that Jesus' self-emptying, sacrificial love, would motivate the people in our church to give freely and generously to further reach others for Christ.

NOTES:



“And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. **Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.**”

2 Corinthians 8:10–11 *emphasis added*

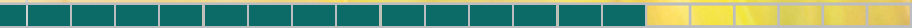
Pray that even though our church has a rich history of wonderful generosity, that our people would finish the task to which we have been called. Pray that God would work in and through us and build His church in our midst.

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“One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek: that I may
dwell in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life, to gaze on the
beauty of the Lord and to seek him
in his temple.”

PSALM 27:4



Thank God for Hope. Also pray that we have eyes to see His beauty. Listen to song "Psalm 27" by Motion Worship.

NOTES:



“Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:16–17



Father God, give us the energy, enthusiasm, and urgency to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your truth is the truth, and we ask that You embolden the Spirit to work through us both as individuals and as a church body to spread Your light and word.

NOTES:



“Thanks be to
God for his
indescribable
gift!”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

God, we come to you with gratitude: for the hope we have, for the community you have blessed us with, and for the future believers who will walk through our doors. Help us to start each day with thanksgiving, knowing that You are the provider of every good thing.

NOTES:



“We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:20–21

Father God, help us to be good listeners. We want to hear Your voice and follow the plans You want us to implement. Help us to want to do what is right in Your eyes, in Your timing, and by the power of Your Spirit. Help our desires and plans to be aligned with Yours.

NOTES:



“In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you.”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:22

“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.”

PSALM 145:13

God, help us to look to You with full confidence. We desire to rely on You and trust You with provisions, plans, and purposes. Help us to release our fears and anxieties to You. As a people, help us to look different in the world, as people with faith and hope, people who are confident in the promises You have made. And please make us people who are trustworthy and true, for we are representing You in every thought and action.

NOTES:



“As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.”

2 Corinthians 8:23–24

Father God, make us a people eager to help. We have people in physical and spiritual need all around us. As you guide them to our doors, bolster our faith so that we can be receptive to their needs. Give us energy, the words and actions we will need to minister to whoever You bring to us. Help us to see each person who shows up at Hope as Your beautiful creation, a person to love and bless.

NOTES:



“And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.”

ISAIAH 6:3–4

Listen to hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" and imagine the angels and cherubim singing with you to the Lord.

NOTES:



“So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:5 ESV

Pray that God would work in our hearts to make us ready to give when it is needed. Pray also that the Holy Spirit would give us wisdom in planning so that our gifts are ready when the time comes.

NOTES:



“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

Pray that we would give generously, so that when the time comes, we will reap a bountiful spiritual harvest.

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“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Pray that we would be cheerful givers. Not giving reluctantly or because we are compelled, but out of an overflowing of the love God has poured out on us.

NOTES:



“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, ‘He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8–9

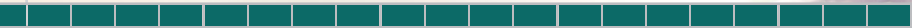
Praise the Lord that He has given us grace, and that His grace is sufficient to lead us to live godly lives. Pray that we would walk in obedience to Him through the grace He has given us.

NOTES:



“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10



Just as God provides for us physically, He also provides all we need spiritually. Pray that he would give us all we need to produce a bountiful harvest of righteousness.

NOTES:



“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11–12

God is generous to us. May we be generous to others also. Pray that the fruit of our generosity will produce thanksgiving.

NOTES:



“By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:13–15

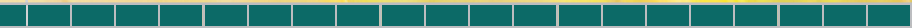
Pray that our lives would not only be examples of generosity in our giving but in our confessing of the gift of salvation that comes through Jesus' death and resurrection. Thank God for this indescribable gift as we proclaim the truth of it to others!

NOTES:



How good and pleasant it
is when God's people live
together in unity!

PSALM 133:1



Pray that Hope Church remains unified in mission to bring glory to God by making disciples through abundant hospitality. Listen to "The Church" by Upperroom this week.

NOTES:



“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

HEBREWS 13:2

Dear Lord,

Please show us where we can be generous today. Help us show love and respect when we might forget. May Hope be welcoming and a place of refuge.

NOTES:



“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—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 2:4–5

Pray that each person at Hope will live their life as a spiritual act of worship and in so doing make a beautiful temple, holy and pleasing to God. May we sacrifice our time, talents, and tithes as God asks of us.

NOTES:



“Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

LUKE 14:12–14

Dear Lord,

Help us grow deeper in our generosity and hospitality.

Help us see the blessing of giving to others.

NOTES:



“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

ISAIAH 60:1–3

Pray Hope is a beacon of light in the East Metro and draws many to God's kingdom.

NOTES:



“‘For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

MATTHEW 25:42–46

Lord, open our eyes to recognize Jesus in every person. When our impulses urge us to overlook those we find difficult, grant us the patience and compassion to notice their needs. Remind us that taking a moment to pause and truly see others can change everything. May we as a church body make a kingdom impact in our community even as we meet the physical needs of those around us.

NOTES:



“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

PSALM 90:1–2



Think on how wonderful, marvelous, and beautiful is the work of God's hands. Listen to "Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us with Your Love)" by Shane & Shane.

NOTES:



“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?”

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

Each one that calls Jesus “Lord” has the Holy Spirit inside them! Pray we each recognize this and walk in this truth. While we pray about what our building can become, let us also pray about how God can remake us.

NOTES:



“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”

1 PETER 4:8–9

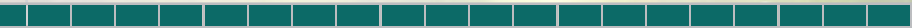
Oh Lord, there are times when I feel I might have nothing more to give, however You know me better than I know myself. Open my heart to the possibility of more.

NOTES:



“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”

MATTHEW 5:14

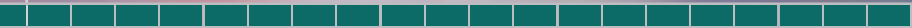


Pray Hope shines God's light so bright that many come to see and know God!

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“Commit to the Lord
whatever you do, and he will
establish your plans.”

PROVERBS 16:3



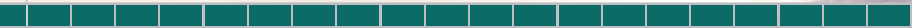
God, we want at Hope what You want for Hope! Please direct us! Guide us! May our plans be pleasing to You and may You bless the work of our hands!

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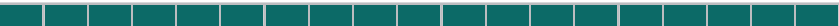
“If any of you lacks wisdom,
you should ask God, who
gives generously to all
without finding fault, and it
will be given to you.”

JAMES 1:5



Pray God's wisdom is asked for, received, and obeyed by all who attend Hope.

NOTES:



“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, for ever and ever! Amen.”

EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Pray that God will continually move through Hope in our community in ways we can't even imagine yet, all to the glory of God for generations to come.

NOTES:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

ROMANS 15:13

God, we trust you with the future of Hope Church! May we continue to depend on you for each step in this journey. Will you please fill us with all joy and peace so that You overflow out of each person and our building into our communities. May your Holy Spirit remake us and reshape us to be more like Jesus each day. Listen to "Fresh Wind" by Hillsong this week.

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MY RESPONSE:
