FOR OUR CITIES.

PRAYER JOURNEY

October 26 – November 15, 2026

For Our Family • For Our Neighbors • For the Nations

A Journey of Prayer

FOR OUR CITIES is more than a generosity initiative. It is a shared season of discipleship—a time for The Bridge to listen to God, trust Him together, and ask how He wants to shape us into a church that lives with open hands and a heart that is truly FOR people.

The central conviction is simple: because Jesus is **FOR** us, we can live generously **FOR** one another. Jesus tells us, “Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” Our love for one another makes Jesus visible to the world (John 13:34–35).

Over these 21 days, we will pray through the three commitments of **FOR OUR CITIES:** strengthening our church family, serving our neighbors, and coming alongside brothers and sisters around the world. These are not competing causes. They are one expanding movement of love from our church family, to our neighbors, to the nations.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Set aside a few quiet minutes each day. Read the Scripture slowly. Sit with the devotional thought. Then use the prayer prompt as a starting point, not a script. Ask God to make His priorities clear, to align your heart with His, and to show you what faithful obedience looks like.

OUR POSTURE

We are not beginning with a number. We are beginning with prayer. We are asking God to lead us, to form us, and to make our generosity part of our discipleship. Our desire is not simply to complete projects, but to create places and pathways where people can worship, belong, grow, serve, experience dignity, encounter Scripture, hear the Good News, and know the love of Jesus.

Because **Jesus** is for us,

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invites us to *live generously* **for** one another.

OCT 26 | **Begin With Prayer**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 127:1

"Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted."

Before we build, plan, give, or move, we pray. Scripture reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house, our labor is empty. **FOR OUR CITIES** must begin with more than good ideas or strong plans; it must begin with God. This 21-day journey is an invitation to seek Him together and ask Him to lead every step.

PRAYER

Lord, go before The Bridge in this journey. Quiet the noise around us and make us attentive to Your voice. Lead our pastors, staff, leaders, families, and every person who calls The Bridge home. May nothing move faster than You. We trust and follow You completely.

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OCT 27 | **Open Hands**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him."

Everything we have already belongs to God: our time, our abilities, our homes, our church, and our resources. Generosity begins when we stop asking what belongs to us, and begin asking how God wants us to steward what belongs to Him. Open hands are a posture of trust before they are an act of giving.

PRAYER PROMPT

Father, help us hold everything You have entrusted to us with open hands. Search our hearts for fear, control, comparison, or attachment. Teach us to trust You and to enter this journey ready to obey whatever You ask of us.

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OCT 28 | **Jesus Is For Us**

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:31–32

“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?”

Before we can become a people who are FOR others, we have to remember that God has already moved toward us. His generosity begins in His own heart. He did not stand at a distance; He gave His Son. Every step of this journey begins with truly knowing and receiving that love from such a wonderful Savior. Jesus freely gave because He is FOR us.

PRAYER

Father, remind us that we do not have to earn Your favor. Let the generosity of Jesus reshape the way we see our resources, our church, and one another. Make The Bridge a people who give from a heart of gratitude, knowing You are FOR us.

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OCT 29 | **Love That Becomes Visible**

SCRIPTURE John 13:34–35

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples”

Jesus said the world would recognize His disciples by the way they love one another. Our witness is not only in what we say, but in the kind of community we become. When people worship, belong, grow, and serve together, the love of Christ takes visible form.

PRAYER

Jesus, make our life together a clear picture of Your love. Strengthen unity across every campus, generation, ministry, and background. Let people who walk through our doors experience a church family that is genuinely FOR them.

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OCT 30 | **Room for People**

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:21–23

"The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'"

In Jesus' parable, the invitation keeps expanding. There is still room. That is a helpful way to think about ministry environments: not as square footage to possess, but as space prepared for people to encounter grace, relationship, truth, and belonging.

PRAYER

God, help us see every campus decision through the eyes of the people You are drawing. Give wisdom for Sugar Land, Richmond, and Fulshear. Help us create room, not just physically, but relationally and spiritually, for more people to know and follow Jesus.

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OCT 31 | **A Place to Belong**

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42–47

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."

The early church was marked by worship, teaching, meals, prayer, generosity, and shared life. Their strength was not a building; it was a people devoted to Jesus and to one another. Our spaces matter because of the ministry, relationships, and formation that happen within them.

PRAYER

Lord, deepen the spiritual life of The Bridge. We ask that you make our campuses places where children, students, adults, families, and people in every season of life are known, seen, loved, and invited into meaningful community.

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NOV 1 | **Faithful With What We Have**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:21

“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’”

Faithfulness is not measured by how much we have, but by how we steward what God has placed in our hands. The Bridge enters this season from a position of strength because of years of faithful generosity and responsible stewardship. The next question is how we will faithfully steward the opportunity in front of us.

PRAYER

Father, give our leaders wisdom, humility, courage, and clarity. Help us steward every dollar, every facility, and every opportunity in a way that honors You and serves people well. Protect us from fear, pride, hurry, and waste.

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NOV 2 | **One Church, One Heart**

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1–6

"Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all."

A multi-campus church can easily think in terms of "us" and "them." The Gospel calls us to something better: one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one hope. **FOR OUR CITIES** is a shared vision for the entire Bridge family.

PRAYER

God, knit Sugar Land, Richmond, and Fulshear together in love. Keep us unified for the mission You have called us to, and protect us from comparison or competition. Give us joy when a campus flourishes, and help us carry this vision as **one church** *with* **one mission**.

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NOV 3 | **Who Is My Neighbor?**

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25–37

“One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” (v. 25-29)”

Jesus answered a question about neighbors with a story about compassion that crossed boundaries. The Samaritan did not merely feel concern; he moved toward the wounded man and used what he had to help. Love became tangible.

PRAYER

Jesus, open our eyes to the people around us. Interrupt our routines. We ask that you give us compassion that moves toward need with humility and wisdom. Show The Bridge how to be a faithful neighbor in Fort Bend County and beyond.

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NOV 4 | **Dignity, Not Distance**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:27

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

Every person we serve bears the image of God. That truth changes the way we speak, give, partner, and pray. People experiencing incarceration, housing instability, or crisis are not problems to solve. They are people to love, honor, and walk alongside.

PRAYER

Father, guard our hearts and our language. Help us see every neighbor with dignity, potential, and God-given worth. Teach us to serve in ways that empower, restore, and point people toward hope in Jesus.

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NOV 5 | **Freedom and Restoration**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1–3

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory."

God's heart is drawn toward people who are brokenhearted, bound, grieving, or crushed by life. Jesus took this passage on His own lips because restoration is at the center of His mission. The church gets to participate in that restoring work with humility and faith.

PRAYER

Lord, we pray over men and women impacted by incarceration and over their families. We ask that You bring freedom, reconciliation, spiritual renewal, wise mentors, and healthy community. Strengthen ministries and partners serving in correctional settings.

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NOV 6 | **A Home, A Future, A Hope**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 68:5–6

“Father to the fatherless, defender of widows; this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.”

Scripture repeatedly reveals God as a defender of the vulnerable and a God who places the lonely in families. Stability can become a doorway to healing, discipleship, and a new future. Our prayer is not merely for temporary relief, but for lasting pathways of hope.

PRAYER

God, be near to single mothers, children, and families facing instability. Please provide each family with safe housing, trusted relationships, practical support, spiritual care, and opportunities to flourish. Guide The Bridge toward wise, lasting partnerships.

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NOV 7 | **Do Good to Everyone**

SCRIPTURE Galatians 6:9–10

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone…”

Doing good can be slow, costly, and sometimes unseen. Paul tells us not to grow weary. Faithful love is often a long obedience, showing up again, serving again, giving again, and trusting God for fruit we may not immediately see.

PRAYER

Father, strengthen every volunteer, ministry leader, and DO GOOD Partner. Keep us from compassion fatigue, and give us endurance to serve faithfully, especially when results are slow or complicated. Let us not miss the opportunities You place before us.

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NOV 8 | **Seek the Good of the City**

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:7

"And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

God told His people to seek the welfare of the city where He had placed them. Our calling is not to retreat from our community, but to pray, serve, build trust, and work for its good. As our cities grow, so does our opportunity to carry the hope of Jesus.

PRAYER

Lord, bless Fort Bend County and the communities surrounding every Bridge campus. We pray for schools, neighborhoods, civic leaders, nonprofits, first responders, families, and those who feel overlooked. We ask You to continue to use The Bridge as a source of practical help and gospel hope.

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NOV 9 | **To the Ends of the Earth**

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Jesus’ mission moves outward, from where we are to places we may never see. The Holy Spirit gives power not for comfort, but for witness. The same Gospel that transforms our homes and cities is good news for the nations.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, make The Bridge a sending church. Give us courage to go, wisdom to partner well, and a deep love for people beyond our own culture and geography. We ask that You keep the global mission of Jesus alive in our hearts.

NOV 10 | **Every Nation, Tribe, and Language**

SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9–10

"After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

Scripture gives us a glimpse of the destination: a redeemed people from every nation, tribe, people, and language worshiping before the throne. Global mission is not a side project, it is participation in the story God is bringing to completion.

PRAYER

Father, awaken our hearts to Your global family. We pray for churches and believers serving in places where following Jesus is costly, and ask that You strengthen them with courage, unity, provision, and joy.

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NOV 11 | **The Word of God Runs**

SCRIPTURE 2 Thessalonians 3:1

“Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.”

Paul asked the church to pray that the message of the Lord would spread rapidly and be honored. Access to Scripture is a gift many of us can easily take for granted. For millions, hearing or reading God’s Word in a heart language is still a profound need.

PRAYER

God, thank you for open doors for Scripture translation and distribution among unreached peoples. We ask that you give translators wisdom, accuracy, endurance, cultural insight, and protection. Let Your Word take root in hearts and communities.

NOV 12 | **Churches That Multiply**

SCRIPTURE Acts 14:21–23

"After preaching the Good News in Derbe and making many disciples, Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch of Pisidia, where they strengthened the believers. They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God. Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust."

The book of Acts shows a pattern: the gospel is proclaimed, disciples are made, leaders are raised up, and churches are established. Healthy local churches become enduring witnesses, rooted in their own communities and equipped to reach others.

PRAYER

Jesus, we ask that You strengthen church planters and local pastors around the world. We pray especially for places where The Bridge is supporting church planting. Raise up mature leaders, healthy congregations, and multiplying disciples.

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NOV 13 | **Remember: What God Has Shown Us**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 77:11–12

“But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.”

For nearly three weeks, we have asked God to shape our hearts around one *movement of love:* **FOR OUR FAMILY, FOR OUR NEIGHBORS, and FOR THE NATIONS.**

We have prayed for places where people can worship, belong, grow, and serve. We have prayed for neighbors to experience dignity, stability, spiritual care, and hope. We have prayed for churches to be planted, Scripture to reach people, and the Gospel to move around the world.

Before we look ahead to Response Sunday, we **pause and remember**. What has God shown us? What has He stirred in us? Where has He made His heart clearer to us?

PRAYER

Father, thank You for everything You have shown us during this journey. Bring to mind the people, Scriptures, needs, and moments that have stayed with us. Help us see **FOR OUR CITIES** as one movement of love, from our family, to our neighbors, to the nations. Do not let us rush past what You have been teaching us. Prepare our hearts to respond from remembrance, gratitude, and trust.

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NOV 14 | **Listen: What Is God Asking of Me?**

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:7–8

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

Tomorrow is Response Sunday, but our response does not begin with a card, a number, or what someone else may do. It begins with listening to God. Biblical generosity is never about pressure or comparison; it is a willing response to the grace of God. Today, create space to ask one simple question: "Lord, what are You asking of me?" Then be still enough to listen. Faith does not require us to know every outcome. It asks us to trust the One who is leading.

PRAYER

Lord, quiet every competing voice. We ask that You free us from comparison, fear, pressure, and the need to impress anyone. May each person and family at The Bridge have clarity to truly hear Your voice. Show us what obedience looks like for us; how to pray, how to serve, how to give, and how to live more open-handedly. Give us courage to say "yes" to whatever You ask.

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NOV 15 | **Respond: Here We Are, Lord**

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1–2

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice, the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Today is Response Sunday. For 21 days, we have prayed, opened our hands, remembered that Jesus is FOR us, prayed FOR our church family, our neighbors, and the nations. **Now prayer becomes response.**

Commitment is ultimately an act of worship. God is not simply after a financial decision; He desires surrendered people. So today we bring Him our whole selves, our plans, possessions, preferences, future, and trust, saying, 'Here we are, Lord. Use us.' Whatever God has asked of you, respond with faith, freedom, and joy. Together, may our obedience make Jesus visible in our family, our cities, and around the world.

PRAYER

Father, today we say, 'yes to You.' Receive our worship, our trust, our generosity, and our lives. We pray that every response be rooted in Your grace and led by Your Spirit. May The Bridge be a church that is truly **FOR** people: a church that creates room for people to find hope and life in Jesus, serves our neighbors with dignity and love, and carries the gospel to the nations. May what begins today become a way of life long after this initiative is complete. For Your glory, and for one another. Amen.

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A Final Collective Prayer

Jesus, You loved us first.
Teach us to love one another as You have loved us.
*Shape The Bridge into a church that is **FOR** people; for our family, for our neighbors, and for the nations.*

Give us ears to hear You, courage to obey You,
wisdom to steward what You have entrusted to us,
and open hands for whatever You ask.

May our life together make You visible.
May our generosity become part of our discipleship.
May people experience Your love and hope through Your church.

For Your glory and for the good of our cities.

Amen.

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