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PRAYER GUIDE



A LETTER FROM PASTOR WILL

I encourage you to make this 12-Day Prayer Guide a part of your daily routine as we prepare for the Imagine More project. Here are some tips to help you make the most of it:

- Select a specific time that best fits your lifestyle.
- Choose a special place that is free from distractions.
- Consider using this guide as a daily family devotional.
- Follow the plan in your 12-Day Prayer Guide.
- If you miss a day, don't stop. Simply pick up where you left off the next day.

On November 20th, we will ask everyone to commit to a three-year financial promise for the Imagine More project. These promises will make it possible for thousands to be reached with the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. These commitments will also allow families to grow together in the blessings of God for generations to come.

And finally, THANK YOU for taking the first step in what may be the greatest investment in your life!

Your Pastor,



Will Lewis

THE PURPOSE OF THE PRAYER GUIDE

The purpose of the prayer guide is to prepare you for the Imagine More 2016 project. Each daily devotion is divided into five parts: **READ, MEDITATE, REFLECT, PRAY** and **APPLY**. Each part will strengthen your relationship with God and help you understand His will for you to Imagine More.

READ

Read the entire selected Bible Passage.

MEDITATE

Think about the key verse.

REFLECT

As you work through each day's devotion, write down any thoughts or ideas that apply to your growth as a follower of Christ and your involvement in the Imagine More project.

APPLY

Read the reflection that explains each day's chosen Bible passage, and ask yourself how the Bible passage applies to your life.

Read 2 Chronicles 7

MEDITATE

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn away from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven." - 2 Chronicles 7:14

REFLECT

During the next twelve days, you will be praying to your Father about our Imagine More project. God wants you to spend time with Him. He wants you to put away anything that prevents you from hearing His voice and receiving His blessings.

PRAY

God, I pray that You will purify my heart and the hearts of every member of Brazos Fellowship. Hear our prayers so that our ministry potential will be maximized through Your power and that You will be glorified.

APPLY

DAY 2

Read Matthew 9:35-38

MEDITATE

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." - Matthew 9:37

REFLECT

Someone once said, "The church is the one organization that exists for those who aren't even here yet." There are literally thousands of people who don't have a personal relationship with Jesus in our community. You know some of those individuals as your neighbors, coworkers and friends. How will they find Jesus?

PRAY

God, help me to realize You have called me to work in Your harvest. Give me opportunities to share Your love with someone today. Please help us as a church to remember that we exist for those who don't know You.

APPLY

Read Matthew 28:16-20

MEDITATE

"Go and make disciples of all nations ..." - Matthew 28:19

REFLECT

In the Brazos Valley, there will soon be over 250,000 people. Thousands of people who need to hear about Jesus and His love live within a ten-mile radius of Brazos Fellowship. Many of these people have never experienced the love of Jesus in a local church which gives us a tremendous opportunity to make disciples.

PRAY

Lord, help us to be a church that genuinely cares about making disciples. Empower us from the inside out so that we will be a light in the dark world around us, offering hope and peace through the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

APPLY

DAY 4

Read Luke 5:17-26

MEDITATE

"They were filled with awe and said, 'We have seen remarkable things today.'" - Luke 5:26

REFLECT

God still works miracles. He does things to amaze His people to prove He is God and we are not. This Imagine More project is about God doing the extraordinary in our lives. William Carey, a pioneer of the modern missionary movement, once said, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." Let us attempt great things for God and expect great things from Him during this project.

PRAY

God, I stand in awe of You! You desire to do remarkable things through my church and my life. May I never doubt what You can do through Me. Help me totally surrender to You. Please begin Your greatest work in me today.

APPLY

Read Colossians 4:2-6

MEDITATE

"Make the most of every opportunity." - Colossians 4:5

REFLECT

Just about every waking minute of every day provides us with opportunities to minister others. As we imagine the possibilities of expanding our ministry, those opportunities become even greater. Keep your eyes open today for areas where you can serve Jesus.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for the possibilities of ministry You will place in my path today. As we expand our ministry at Brazos Fellowship, may we see even greater opportunities to share Your everlasting love with an ever-changing world.

APPLY

DAY 6

Read Acts 11:19-21

MEDITATE

"The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord." - Acts 11:21

REFLECT

In times of great challenge, the church has always seen growth – both spiritually and numerically. The key to that success is the fact that God's hand must be involved. We must rely on His strength, wisdom and provision. It takes courage to say, "We're going to do something so big, but if God's not in it, it's bound to fail!" It is then that we truly see the hand of God at work.

PRAY

God, You supply more than all we need. I praise You and thank You for all your blessings. May we as a church be completely reliant upon You as we expand this ministry. And as we rise to that challenge, may we see Your hand at work like never before – in our lives and the lives of others.

APPLY

Read 2 Corinthians 4

MEDITATE

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." - 2 Corinthians 4:18

REFLECT

Most of our lives, we focus on the temporal. We trust in what we can see. Our lives are fixed on things that pass away, investing our time and money into temporary things.

PRAY

God, help me to fix my eyes on the eternal, not the temporal. God, help me see people like You do. Place in my heart a desire to see people coming to a life-changing connection with Your Son, Jesus Christ. I want to see all people through the cross. Help me to remember that my giving will reap eternal rewards. Help me to invest my money wisely.

APPLY

OUR FAMILY CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 13TH-19TH

PURPOSE

Pray, study and communicate with one another to discover God's will concerning our commitment to the Imagine More project.

PREPERATION

Participate in the daily devotions offered in this guide so God has the opportunity to prepare every family member.

Set a time for your family meeting. The meeting will probably take thirty minutes to an hour, depending on the age of your children.

Instruct all family members to begin thinking of the sacrifices that God wants each individual and the family to make in order to make a great investment in God's work.

DATE

One evening between November 13th and November 19th, agree to your written commitment to be turned in on Sunday, November 20th.

LEADER

Typically the head of household will serve as the leader with ALL family members present.

SUGGESTED STEPS

1. The leader prays, inviting God's presence and leadership into the meeting, and asking God to give a spirit of love, unity and unselfishness.

2. As a family, read and discuss the Bible passages below. Write God's principles for giving.

- Proverbs 3:9-10
- Proverbs 11:24-25
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
- Luke 6:38

3. Ask family members to discuss the sacrifices they could make in order to give to God through the Imagine More project now and over the next three years. List family ideas below. Be sure to include each child so every family member has the opportunity to experience the joy of giving sacrificially to God.

4. Let each family member pray sentence prayers:

- Thanking and praising God
- Asking God's direction in making a family decision according to His will

5. Compare God's principles for giving (written under the Bible verses you have read) with the ideas your family has developed. Add any other suggestions that anyone offers.

6. As a family, decide what will be given.

7. Close with a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for your family as you step out in faith, to grant you joy in giving, and thank Him for what He has done and for what He will do.

DAY 8

Read 1 Corinthians 2

MEDITATE

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." - 1 Corinthians 2:9

REFLECT

God has prepared greater blessings for you than you can imagine. He promises this to those who love Him. Begin your prayer today expecting God to give you more than you have dreamed, to show you His wisdom, and to give you a mind like Christ.

PRAY

Thank You, God. You are prepared to bless me beyond my greatest dreams. I do love You. Reveal to me what You have prepared for my church and for me. Help me to abandon my own agenda and surrender my will to yours. Give me wisdom and a pure mind like Jesus.

APPLY

Read Psalm 63

MEDITATE

"I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory."

- Psalm 63:2

REFLECT

God created us to enjoy a relationship with Him. David instructs us to seek God – to thirst and hunger for Him. At Brazos Fellowship, we truly experience God every weekend in worship. When you need God the most, He will have you recall those rich experiences of worship.

PRAY

God, You are my God. I seek You. I long to spend quiet time with You. I have seen Your power and Your glory in worship. May my life be a center of worship for You. And may the worship services of Brazos Fellowship continue to lift up Jesus and show Your power and glory.

APPLY

DAY 10

Read Acts 16:16-34

MEDITATE

"He was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole family." - Acts 16:34

REFLECT

It is exciting to see baptisms at Brazos Fellowship. It is especially joyful to see entire families make that commitment to God. One of the benefits of expansion is to help more families find the joy of knowing Jesus. Can you imagine more? When we make Christ the center of our family, forgiveness is found, wounds are healed, and relationships are restored.

PRAY

Father, You know the names of every family that our future ministry will touch. Please make Brazos Fellowship a safe place for families to find Your love, forgiveness and grace. Use me in that process of ministry.

APPLY

Read Ephesians 3:14-19

MEDITATE

"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." - Ephesians 3:16-17

REFLECT

It has been said that the way to truly change a city is to start one family at a time. And the only way to change a family is from the inside out. Ask yourself, "How much am I allowing God to change me? Is Christ at the center of my family?"

PRAY

God, I can never thank You enough for the family You have given me. And Thank You for my living church family. I pray that my family will give You priority above all else in our lives. Unify us so that we can work together as a team, heal us from past pain, and strengthen us so we can endure the hard times in life. Make us into the kind of family You desire.

APPLY

DAY 12

Read 2 Corinthians 9

MEDITATE

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

REFLECT

God takes pleasure in those who cheerfully give when the opportunity arises. Although everything belongs to God and He needs nothing, He wants to see a joyful attitude in your heart toward giving. God has met our deepest needs by giving us His Son. In light of God's generosity, shouldn't we give generously to Him?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, through Your Spirit, impress upon my heart what my role needs to be in giving. You gave Your only Son for me. What can I give to You? I desire to give generously because I want to glorify You. I know they will reap eternal rewards. God, thank You for allowing me to be a part of the Imagine More project.

APPLY



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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

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