

# Weekly Online Prayer Focus

## May 3-8, 2021

### DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:

Pray that God would bring the leaders of our city and nation to faith in Christ.

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. — Prov. 21:1

### MONDAY: Local Impact

#### Pray for our new Living Hope Scottsville Road Campus

Today marks the first day of our new Scottsville Road Campus. Former Scottsville Road Baptist Church members will combine with Living Hope members to form this new campus. The new campus will meet in the Student Center at 11a each Sunday through the end of August. Please pray for this new group as they diligently seek to make disciples in Bowling Green, Warren County, and beyond. Also, feel free to stop by on a Sunday to worship with our new Scottsville Road campus.

#### Pray for Refuge Bowling Green

Refuge Bowling Green is a Living Hope partner that strives with us to care for the welfare of our city. One way we engage refugees is through English classes for adults and tutoring and activities for their children. There is a training coming May 22 to help believers prepare to engage refugees with the good news of Jesus. Please pray for more workers in this part of "the harvest." Also, please pray that many disciples will be made through the connection of refugees with Refuge leaders and volunteers.

#### Pray for the Foster Care – OrphanCare Ministry

- Pray for unity among the network of Warren County churches rising up in our community to serve this vulnerable population.
- Pray specifically for the efforts of those serving at Living Hope to be multiplied by God's gracious provisions to meet more of the demand.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up more volunteers to serve foster children.
- Pray for Juju's night and OrphanCare Family Fellowship. This event showcases the light and love of Jesus to Christian and Non-Christian families alike.
- Pray for these children who are all vulnerable growing up without a family.
- Pray also for attachment and healing as these children are transitioned into homes.

### TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

Pray for the Gift for Life offering beginning on Mother's Day and continuing through Father's Day. This offering will go towards the Centers for Hope to enable us to reach more people for the Gospel. **Psalm 9:1-2**

- We praise you, LORD, with all our hearts; we will tell of all the marvelous things you have done for the Centers for Hope.
- We are filled with joy because of you and because of the generosity of the givers who make this ministry possible.
- We praise you for the way in which you have provided through the Gift for Life offering in the past and trust that you will continue to move in the hearts of your people to provide for our future needs.
- <https://partner.centersforhope.org/>

### WEDNESDAY: Continued Revival in Living Hope

Focus your prayer around: **2 Corinthians 5:20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

*Pray: Father, Living Hope bears Your name. We are Your representatives in this world. We have dishonored You and Your name through our indifference, unconcern, and lack of holiness. How can You bear allowing us to continue as we are? Have mercy on us, O God! Grant revival to us that we might live lives worthy for Your name's sake.*

### THURSDAY: A need in our city, nation, or world

Pray for the moms of the world and those who long to be a mom.

- Pray for moms to feel the love and gratitude they deserve.
- Pray for moms to feel joyful for their service to their families.
- Pray for women who long to be a mom to be comforted and encouraged.
- Pray for moms who have lost their children and feel a sense of loss this week.

### FRIDAY: Pray Living Hope (LH) will impact our homes, our neighbors, and every generation with the hope of Jesus.

Continue to pray for the leadership as we continue to adapt and prepare to make more changes to our COVID policies.

- Pray for Living Hope members to respond well with unity and joy.
- Pray for God to bless our procedures for the changes that we are making.
- Pray for people who have not been coming to come back to in-person worship gatherings.
- Pray for Living Hope to remain focused on the glory of God and the mission that Jesus has sent us on to make disciples and not on our preferences or opinions as it relates to COVID protocols.

**SATURDAY: Pray for our worship gatherings**

Pray God will bless us as we continue our series: **Thriving with Truth**

Our focus: *A Thriving Life Affirms the Truth about Marriage, the Family, & Sexuality* | **Text:** Mark 10:2-9 (*Mal. 2:15-16; Eph.5:21-6:4*)

**Main Thrust:** Sexuality, marriage, and the family are not man-made constructions, traditions, or preferences; all are to be lived as creation mandates of a good and wise God.

- *Challenge people* to lovingly and boldly speak up for God's unchanging truths when presented with alternative viewpoints on these things, especially since the family is the foundational institution of society.
- *Encourage people* to be discerning about allowing the world's ungodly redefinitions of sexuality, marriage, and the family to seep into their thinking.
- *Teach people* that God's creation intent is for two genders, male and female (defined by biology/DNA), that marriage is a life-long covenant between one man and one woman so defined, and that a family is people related by marriage, blood, or adoption.
- *Help people* lean into and celebrate the beauties of God's design for marriage (a parable of Christ and the church), the family (nurturing a godly next generation), and sexuality (shared dignity & complementary differences).

**Next Week's Text:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16