

Weekly Online Prayer Focus

May 8-14, 2022

DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:

Pray that the people of Living Hope will be known for holy lives and that the church's good works would shine as a light in our city.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. — Matt. 5:14

MONDAY: National Church Planters

John and Abby Fisher, Journey Church

- Pray for us as we follow up with people who come to our Holy Week activities.
- Please pray for us as we continue in this planting of Journey Church together.
- This week alone we've had both new life and death touch our church body. Pray that we would be faithful to minister to all of those in and around our church family.

Shawn and Tanya Acrey, The Journey Community Church

- Pray for us. Our dog passed away this past week. Pray for peace for my wife and our kids. They're really struggling with this loss!
- Pray for our financial stability. The church has grown to the point that a full time pastor is needed. We're trying to figure out how to make that transition from bi-vocational to full-time. It's more difficult now that we own a facility and operating costs have gone up, yet giving increases have not matched the attendance increases just yet. Pray for God to provide and show us how to wisely make this transition.
- Pray for our follow up from Easter. We had many guests, and two people surrendered to Christ during our worship gathering. Pray we can lead them through their next steps into discipleship.
- Pray for our next steps in our systems and vision strategy. We're hoping to relaunch our discipleship strategy in a way that gets more families involved now that we're seeing people attend our church from all over the Miami Valley area instead of just one suburb. It's very exciting times. We want to make sure we're being wise in how we approach our next steps of sustaining and continuing growth.

TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

Heavenly Father, we recognize that you are the Father of lights and that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We thank you for the work that is being done at the Pregnancy and Counseling Centers and for those who partner with us. We know that with you, there is no variation, no shadow or change, and we look forward to watching as you continue to provide the resources needed to share the hope of Christ with our community. **James 1:17-18** <https://partner.centersforhope.org/>

WEDNESDAY: Continued Revival in Living Hope

Pray that God will create a spirit of humility and brokenness among the believers (**Isaiah 57:15; James 4:6**). God will not revive those who are self-sufficient and proud. The believers must come to see their spiritual bankruptcy and utter dependence on God.

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

Pray for the lives of the unborn to be protected legally and with love.

- Pray for the US government to outlaw the killing of a child.
- Pray for churches to be places of refuge and helpers to moms and their babies.
- Pray for the Pregnancy Center to be a blessing to Bowling Green.
- Pray for Living Hope and other churches to be generous in their giving to the Gift for Life.

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

Continue to pray for God to bless us during this month of transition.

- Pray for the college students who will be graduating to engage in gainful employment and active church involvement.
- Pray for college students who will be going away for the summer to grow in Christ and serve Him wherever they are going.
- Pray for the Gift for Life.
- Pray for high school students who will be graduating to honor Christ and pursue His plan for their future.

SATURDAY: Pray for our worship gatherings as we continue with the sermon series: The Plan of the Kingdom of God (KoG) in the Gospels

Sermon Title: The Intent of the Plan | Text: Luke 13:18-20

Main Thrust: God's intention is for the KoG to grow and to permeate a person's life and for it to permeate a culture through the church.

- Challenge people to cultivate a life that results in the KoG growing in and through them.
- Encourage people to avoid the ways of life that are detrimental the KoG growing in and through us.

- Teach people how to pursue God's intention with their lives.
- Help people see the value the KoG brings to us and to the world.

Next Week's Text: Luke 16:14-17