

Weekly Online Prayer Focus

January 5-10

Monthly Memorization

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:

Father, Living Hope bears Your name. We are Your representatives in this world. Have mercy on us, O God! Grant revival to us that we might live lives worthy for Your name's sake.

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

MONDAY: Global Impact - Burnham Family

- Thank you for all your support in 2025 Living Hope! What a blessing it is to have a home church that cares for her sent out ones so well! Please join us in praying for a restful Christmas season with no school, no travel, and lots of Christmas sweets to enjoy!

PRAISE:

- We have seen the Lord do amazing things this year. Danny, Asim, and Yohanna have now expanded their church planting networks back into the Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia! This "reverse flow" of refugees has been part of our vision since we began this ministry in Greece over a decade ago. To see the Lord using former Muslim refugees to plant churches in closed countries is amazing!
- We have also seen over 200 Europeans trained in church planting principles and practices in 2025. We are praying these trainings will result in new church plants in 2026 throughout Europe!

TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

As we begin a new year, with new beginnings, pray the counselors and advocates in the Centers for Hope will be reminded everyday of John 16:33 and share this truth with others. *"I have told you these things, so that in me you might have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* <http://bit.ly/3JX3vaw>

WEDNESDAY: 10:2 Focus

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:2

Pray for God to bless Living Hope as we launch into **2026**. We have a significant year ahead. Ask God to shape us into a people who pray diligently, give generously, serve faithfully, and share the Gospel redemptively.

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

Ask God to bless students, administrators, and families as they begin the second semester of school.

- Pray for children to return with hope and renewed focus.
- Pray for teachers to return with a recommitment to their calling.
- Pray for administrators to be strengthened as they support and encourage healthy systems.
- Pray for families to adjust to their in-school schedules.

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

Ask God to bless LH50, the yearlong 2026 celebration of God's faithfulness to Living Hope over the past 50 years. We will be celebrating *The Heart of Living Hope – The Gospel*.

- Pray that many will hear the Good News and be saved.
- Pray that many will hear the Good News and be restored to a faithful walk with Christ.
- Pray that many will be renewed in their commitment to Christ and the church.
- Pray that the church will be strengthened through each season of the year.

SATURDAY: Pray as we begin our first series of the year: The Heart of Living Hope Saves!

The Gospel saves sinners. We are all sinners and tend to fall into one of two dangerous ditches, reflected in the two sons of Luke 15:11–32. One ditch is that of the wandering rebel who believes God is restricting personal freedom, expression, and the capacity to flourish. The other ditch is that of the dutiful, cold-hearted rule keeper who assumes God owes them a reward for outward obedience performed for personal benefit.

But the good news is this: we have a loving, heavenly Father who pursues us with a lavishly extravagant grace. He loved us even when we did not love Him, and when we wanted nothing to do with Him. From birth, we desire God's gifts but not God Himself. Through every act of defiance, the Father continues to seek and save those who will receive Him. Through the Gospel - The Heart of Living Hope, the Father welcomes sinners home to the life we were made for.

Title: The Wandering Rebel | Text: Luke 15:11-20a

Main Thrust: We often think too much of ourselves and too little of God. For those who think God is limiting them, they can come to know and be set free by *The Heart of Living Hope* and be saved.

- **Challenge people** to see that God is not an obstacle to their fulfillment. God is the way to their fulfillment by the power of the Gospel.
- **Encourage people** to personally experience the Gospel, *The Heart of Living Hope*, and come to salvation before they get stuck in the “pig pen” of sin, brokenness, and spiritual death.
- **Teach people** that pride always leads to destruction, but anyone who humbles themselves and comes to the Father through faith in Jesus Christ can be forgiven, restored, and saved.
- **Help people** know that the Father is looking for their return with a loving heart so that He might save and empower them to pursue and recover God’s design. People recognize that the Father is always looking with a loving, welcoming heart for the return of a lost child. The Father is ready to save, renew, and empower those to repent and believe the Gospel to pursue and recover God’s Design.

Next Week’s Text: Luke 15:25-30