



## A Prayer of Thanks for TPCBC 40th Anniversary

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Almighty and Eternal God,

We thank you for the blessing of 40 years of fruitful ministry at The People's Community Baptist Church. We celebrate today because You have brought us this far by faith and by Your power to answer prayer. Your Word confirms that all things we ask for in prayer, we will receive if we have faith. (Matthew 21:22 NLV)

Father, before there was a church building, You provided a vision that You planted in the heart of our founding Pastor Dr. T.J. Baltimore. When God sounded the call for the need, he answered the call to go, by faith. God, You were the idea creator, the dream builder, the way maker and every provision. And by Your mighty hand, the seed that was planted grew and became the Kingdom-focused ministry in which we serve today.

We honor you God, for every blessing – for the land, the sanctuary, the education wing, every ministry and every spiritual leader. We thank You for the founding members, their sacrifices and every servant that labored to build and sustain this church. And God, how grateful we are that 13 years ago, You blessed us with our current shepherd, Dr. Haywood A. Robinson, III. To him, Father, You gave a renewed vision with an anointing for prolific preaching, prophetic prayer, Kingdom teaching, ministering through music, a global mission focus and a generous heart for all people.

It is on this holy mountain, at The People's Community Baptist Church, that many have come and received salvation, taken in the living Word through preaching and teaching and received intercessory prayer for their needs. And Lord, You have continued to bless this house of prayer for all people, through numerous ministries that serve domestically and internationally. *Even those I will bring to My holy mountain and give them joy in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and gifts will be received on My altar. For My house will be called a house of prayer for all people.* Isaiah 56:7 (NLV)

We are grateful that prayer has always been the foundation of TPCBC, starting with Thursday evening Prayer Covenant gathering. Thank you Father, for giving us increase in this ministry of prayer – with Tuesday evening corporate prayer, Friday morning prayer in the sanctuary and a five day a week prayer line that you have sustained for over 11 years. We have even witnessed You birth the Altar Prayer ministry, the Saturday morning missions prayer call, and the Prayer Stitch ministry. You continue to grow the number of intercessors who have been appointed as watchman who pray day and night, giving You no rest. *O Jerusalem, I have set intercessors on your walls who shall cry to God all day and all night for the fulfillment of his promises. Take no rest, all you who pray, and give God no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes her respected and admired throughout the earth.* Isaiah 62:6-7 (TLB)

May every member of this church know Your promises and pray Your Word knowing that You watch over Your Word in order to perform it as written in Jeremiah 1:12. May it be our daily prayer that you

continue to instruct us and teach us in the way that we shall go, counseling us with Your loving eye upon us, according to Psalm 32:8. Please anoint and empower each of us daily to persevere in ministry, carrying out the vision of unfinished business You have for this branch of Zion.

In Jesus' Name.

Amen.