



# NPC SPRING 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

## ADORATION

*"Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife,  
For those he came to save!"*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies. John 11:25*

*He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 25:8*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:26-27, 54-57*

*They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."  
He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:3-5*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3  
Heavenly Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we begin with worship. We bring You our adoration and praise for the miracles of Creation, Resurrection, Eternal Life! We acknowledge You, the One and the Only God—the One who loves our souls—the One who is with us and for us, now and forevermore.*

## CONFESSION

*We confess our desperate need for you Father.  
We confess that we continually opt for other than Your best for us.*

*Forgive us for seeking the comforts of this world in place of the great Comforter.  
Forgive us our grumbling and complaining - guide us into a life marked by gratitude.  
Forgive us our apathy, give us Your heart for this world and even our enemies.  
Forgive us our fear - make our faith grow greater than our fear.  
Help us to rest in your perfect love that casts out fear. 1 John 4:18  
Forgive us our worry - help us to trust in your goodness and cast all anxiety on  
Jesus because he cares for us. 1 Peter 5:7, Matt 6:26-7*

## THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, without You, we are nothing. We are lost. Thank you for loving and saving us. We are redeemed in every sense of the word and we will never stop thanking You. We are so very grateful for our church and our church home. Thank you for this place and these people.

*But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself. Psalm 49:15*

*Thank you for all that we have to look forward to, the hope of the resurrection: Isaiah 26:19*

*Thank you for the certainty that we will rise again. Romans 6:5*

*Thank you that You have overcome the world and darkness can never extinguish your light! 1 John 5:4-8*

*Thank you that You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1*

*Thank you that You are the source of our strength and You are inexhaustible. Colossians 1:11*

## SUPPLICATIONS

*In Your mercy, hear our prayers as we remember Your Word to us: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." John 15:7*

### **For Our Church Family:**

*May our church home shine with the love and hope of Jesus. May those in our community know we are Christians by our love. May the staff and members be powerful witnesses to all those who need to know Jesus loves them and has a beautiful plan and purpose for their lives. We pray that our friends and neighbors would come near to You and join our NPC family.*

**For our Pastors and others in Leadership:** *May they experience the power, faithfulness, and comfort of the Holy Spirit in all their many roles. Father, please bless them as they sacrifice on behalf of the flock You have entrusted to them, and as they seek You in every decision, word, and deed. Bless their homes and their families.*

**For our members:** *May we all hunger and thirst for righteousness. Please give us a desire to read Your Word and take the next steps into connection and spiritual growth. We ask that more will take advantage of all the wonderful programming that NPC offers and that families will choose to follow, to pray, and to grow daily in You.*

**For our worship team, choir and musicians:** *Please bless them as they share their gifts and seek to bring glory to You with those giftings.*

**For our Livestream, communications and technical team members:** *May they know our gratitude and Your pleasure as they oversee the media and technology that are vital to sharing our messages.*

**For our Wednesday Night Prayer Services:** *May these services continue to bring hope and healing to the community.*

**For our elders and deacons and their families:** *We pray that their service would be marked by Your humility, wisdom, and joy.*

**For the generosity of our Congregation:** *Holy Spirit, we seek Your will and Your way. As You see fit, please move in the hearts of our people to support our church with profound generosity. We praise You and offer our deepest thanks for all of Your great goodness to us.*

**For Pastor Greg:** *We ask Your presence with Pastor Greg while he is on sabbatical. Be ever close to him— in his rising and resting, in his work and in his recreation. We pray for Greg's rejuvenation and robust health, and for day-after-day joy with his beautiful family. We also lift up Pastors Brandi and Gary as they cover during their brother's time away.*

**For the new cross-wearers,** Cynthia, Jean, and Carol: May they know the presence and power of Jesus in the coming year.

**For the newly married and long-married in our church family:** May Christ be at the center of their covenants and may He grow their love for one another and devotion to Him.

**For those who are mourning:** We lift up all who grieve the passing of their beloveds. May the God of all comfort guard their hearts and minds.

**For those undergoing surgeries, testing; health procedures:** Jesus, we thank You that You are our Great Physician. Please bring healing and restoration of bodies, wisdom for doctors, and grace and endurance for family members who are helping to care for them.

**For those who are homebound or lonely or sad:** Lord, please bring fellowship and community where it is most needed. Thank you for loving these precious ones like no other—please encourage them and help them find avenues of purpose and meaning.

**For our Stephen Leaders, Stephen ministers and care receivers:** We thank You for this unique Ministry of one-on-one care to those who are hurting. May the Holy Spirit bring revelation, comfort and peace in all their interactions. Father God, we pray that those in need will reach out to Stephen Ministry and that this Ministry will continue to pulse with Your life and power.

**For Nursery school and childcare and their boards:** We are so grateful for the gifts these people bring to our children! We ask that their days would be full of good health, energy, and joy.

**For Gary, Abby, Heather and volunteers:** By following You, may these amazing ones guide each lamb (little or big) to the love of Christ. We pray for increase in their stores of creativity and endurance! We thank you for the ways they love You and the young people in their care!

**For the children and youth of our congregation:** Please help them understand that they are beloved and chosen and that God has a unique and beautiful plan for their lives. That families and children would daily take up Jesus' command to "Follow Me.". Please be with each one as the days lengthen and the end of the school year is in sight. Keep our children and youth safe, we pray, and happy, and whole.

**For those who have celebrated baptisms:** May God grow a deep love for Him in each of these precious children. And Father, please move us to be true to the vow we make on baptism days. Please show us how we can love and help train up these precious ones in the knowledge of You.

**For our Country and World:** Words escape us, Father, as we come to You on behalf of our Country and our World. We are torn and divided by sin and hate; we ache in the face of violence and injustices; we are afraid—there is great evil at every turn. And yet, YOU. We are grateful for Your promise never to leave or forsake us. We ask humbly for Your mercy. We pray that Your love will reign over all the Earth. Come, Lord Jesus. Come.

**For those in war-torn places:** Please be present in miraculous, supernatural ways to those who are suffering and traumatized. Please bring Your peace and Your hope. Protect those who are in danger and make a way for those who are trying to help. We pray for food and water for the hungry and thirsty; for comfort for those grieving and gripped by fear; for medical care; for courage; for Your Hope to endure, and for Your Will to be done. For our national, state and local leaders: We ask for an outpouring of Your Spirit on our leaders so that Wisdom will prevail.

## ***We pray for the specific needs of our Mission Partners' ministries locally and around the world:***

### ***Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission:***

*Pray for Bill and Addie Likens, Directors of Cabwaylingo, for health, stamina, and wisdom as they care for the growing needs in their community. Pray for faith and trust that the Lord will provide donations from companies and government provisions so that food distribution can be consistent, despite the challenges of winter and high inflation. Pray for more people to serve alongside the Likens with Jesus' love and energy.*

### ***Campus Outreach:***

*Pray for God's wisdom and blessing as Artie equips leaders to reach college students with the Gospel and discipleship training. Pray for creativity, compassion, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, that He would draw students to Himself and they in turn would reach their friends. Pray for staff to remain faithful disciples and mentors, have enough financial resources, and fill vacant positions. Pray for programs to be safe spaces for students to ask questions. Pray for the Van Scivers to cultivate faith in their children.*

### ***Christian Mission to Gaza:***

*Pray for a peaceful resolution to the war between Israel and Hamas. Pray for all those who have lost loved ones and their home and are going without enough food or medical care. Pray for resources to help Gazans rebuild after the war. Please pray for Hanna Massad who is in Jordan (as of March 13) working to get supplies to Gaza and pastoring.*

### ***Crossing Thresholds:***

*Pray for each school in Kibera slum: Drug Fighters Primary School (which has a 50-bed residential facility for orphans and endangered children), Facing the Future Primary School, Garden of Hope Primary School, Center of Hope Primary School, and the Community Pillars Primary School. In total, they serve over 1,500 children.*

### ***Forman Christian College:***

*Pray for relief from high inflation and increased unemployment, safe and fair elections, and peace between peoples. Jaranwala was an example of what happens when uneducated people act out of misunderstanding and close-mindedness, and illustrates the importance of FCCU's culture, which enables various faiths to come together for learn and leave respecting one another. Pray for FCCU's staff, who will be making strategic transitions and need safe travel and a reliable airline. Pray that FCCU earns its accreditation with New England Commission of Higher Education, which will make it the only university in Pakistan accredited by a US agency.*

### ***HopeCo:***

*Pray for their young people to reach their full potential, come into a living relationship with Jesus, and serve Him with their lives. Pray for our African leaders and staff, that they will have strength and wisdom to meet the needs of the children and the resources to meet those needs, complete projects, and grow programs.*

### ***Hopeline Pregnancy Center:***

*Pray for their staff and volunteers; the work they do can be emotionally taxing. Please pray for their clients to know Jesus and feel empowered to choose life, knowing that they are brave and strong.*

### ***The Initiative:***

*Pray for Scott as he manages the organization, raises funds, shares the vision of The Initiative, and creates contextual resources that help people practice unity (while still working part time with InterVarsity at Assumption University). Please join us in praying regularly the prayer that marks our community (from their 500th commemoration of the Reformation prayer gathering in 2017):*

*Lord Jesus Christ, you prayed: "May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you. May they be one, so that the world might believe." We pray that the body of Christ might be united in you, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Break down what stands between us. Strengthen what unites us. Give victory over what separates us. Fill us with the power of your Spirit, that we might seek ways to unite with each other. Bring about the day when we can praise you together, in the fellowship of all who believe. Amen.*

### ***LIFE Ministry Kenya:***

*Thanksgiving for our new baby boy, Netanel, and that he and Caroline are well. For wisdom and provision as Paul and Caroline buy a home. For new partners to support the ministry. And for our Student Led Ministry to meet their evangelism and discipleship goals and our new staff to raise full support.*

### *Open Doors:*

*Pray for Staff to serve the most vulnerable members of our community with humility and heart. The economic strain over the last several years has affected not only those they serve but the staff as well. Their team is passionate about their mission.*

### *Pivot Ministry:*

*Pray for the men in recovery and their families. When husbands/fathers are gone for nine months it creates a huge hole in the family structure, particularly financially for these low-income families. Pray for help to develop a strategic plan and Staff to execute it well. Praises to God that Pivot has a new building to provide counseling to men in the program.*

### *Roma Networks:*

*Pray that the Roma revival in Europe will continue to evangelize their own people, in Europe and other continents. Pray that ReachGlobal/Roma Ministry navigates its organizational change well, and for the 4th International Roma Networks Conference in April 9-12, 2024 in Albania; Tom will lead the prayer team at the conference. Pray for God to guide the Beckers as to how to connect with the 60 million Banjara people in India through partnerships and projects.*

### *Rossholme Education Centre:*

*Pray for good health among students, teachers, staff, and the Kiambiu community of Nairobi. Pray that the Lord expands their territory and provides the finances necessary for students and staff.*

### *Tumaini Children's Home:*

*Pray for prayer partner connections, and to partner with the Riamukurwe Parish in Nyeri, Kenya, to meet the spiritual needs of the children and local community. Pray for the vocational training center to be able to start operations in 2024. Finally, pray for a good manager who will run the home when it reopens soon.*

### *WIKS-USA (Nambale Magnet School):*

*Pray for our Board and Officers to carry out their duties with joy, persistence, and excellence, as they help to fund orphans and vulnerable children in western Kenya. Pray that the staff will faithfully serve God and people made in His image. Pray that God will protect the children and staff and provide for every need out of His glorious riches.*

*For all NPC Prayer Ministries: May there be richness in all aspects of prayer, especially for our prayer teams and the Prayer Service. May opportunities grow and abound to pray and be prayed for. Pray especially for the budding growth of our Men's Prayer Group, and for each individual who will share his/her faith statement during the Prayer Service. May the Holy Spirit encourage all of us to come to Him in prayer, openly and without fear.*

*Not only for Prayer Ministries, but also for NPC's Bible Studies, Retreats, Mission experiences, classes, and all other aspects Adult Spiritual Formation: Prayers for growing wisdom, maturity, love of the Word, and love for one another. May all the efforts of our pastors, lay teachers, and Teacher-in-Residence, Stephen Shelton, yield bountiful fruit. May all who venture beyond their places of comfort in service of others or in search of Jesus experience growth and renewal in their faith.*

*For community and small groups, existing and yet-to-be: that these small, intimate gatherings would become a primary way through which the people of NPC would reach out, make friends, and become the conduit for others to experience Christ's love in action. For guidance in planning for next year.*

*We pray that, for more and more of us, NPC would become not only the place where we worship on Sundays, but our place of belonging, our real church HOME.*

***Do you have a praise report of a way that God has healed or moved? Please email [prayer@norotonchurch.org](mailto:prayer@norotonchurch.org) so we can include it in the next guide and we can praise Him together as a church!***





## 2024 MISSION TRIPS

DUNLOW, WV  
JUNE 29 - JULY 6,

KENYA  
JUNE 21 – JULY 1,

### ***PRAY FOR OUR PARTNERS NEAR AND FAR***

1. **Christian Mission to Gaza** (Hanna & Suhad Massad, Gaza + region)
2. **Roma Networks** (Tom & Dora Becker, Europe)
3. **Campus Outreach** (Artie & Kittery Van Sciver, N.C.)
4. **The Initiative** (Scott Brill, U.S.)
5. **LIFE Ministry Kenya** (Caroline & Paul Mukenga, Kenya)
6. **Rossholme Education Center** (Joyce Aruga, Kenya)
7. **Nambale Magnet School** (Rev. Evalyn Wakhusama, Kenya)
8. **Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission** (Bill & Addie Likens, Dunlow, W.V.)
9. **Agape Italia** (Joel & Amy Hardman, Italy)
10. **Tumaini Children's Ministry** (Virginia Munyiri, Kenya)
11. **Crossing Thresholds** (Rev. Carter Via, Kenya)
12. **Forman Christian College** (Rev. Roger Dermody, Pakistan)
13. **Open Doors** (Norwalk)
14. **Hopeline Pregnancy Center** (Stamford)
15. **HopeCo** (Al Lackey / Hudson Mahare, Tanzania & Kenya)
16. **Pivot Ministries** (Pastor Richard Williams, Bridgeport)