

Friends, we are so excited for YOU to join us on this prayer journey!

*Before Jesus began his ministry, he spent 40 days fasting/praying.

*Before Jesus picked his disciples, he spent an entire night in prayer

*Before the church began in Acts 2, they spent 10 days in prayer.

*When the church grew and there was too much to do, they assigned deacons to do work so the church leaders could devote themselves to prayer (Acts 6)

We are anticipating God moving in big ways this year (2020) and beyond.

Our most simple prayer from this experience is from Colossians 4:2-4

Devote yourselves to prayer, being Watchful and Thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may OPEN A DOOR for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

What an amazing Prayer. We pray and ask God for opportunities to share with others about Him (open doors). He provides those opportunities, and we pray that he helps us tell others about him clearly. What could be more important than that?

Thanks for being a part of this prayer experience. Below is a prayer guide prepared by our Prayer Pastor, Lilye Sease. Feel free to pray through on the hour or here or pray through all of the hours at once. We are so thankful for you taking the time to Pray!

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24 Hour Prayer Experience (The Village Christian Church)

8:00 am FORGIVENESS Lord, I pray that you will please forgive me for sins of all unrighteousness. I promise to forgive others quickly as you have forgiven me. I desire to start fresh, new and pure through asking for forgiveness of my sins each time I kneel down to Pray to you God. Lord I ask that you Guide me through my trials with the light of your holy word and cause my heart, soul and mind to be totally anchored in you. Lord God I ask for forgiveness so that my prayers will never be hindered in any way. Amen (Col. 3:13, John 1:9, Eph. 4:32)

9:00 am STAFF Nate Ferguson, Sarah O'Sullivan, Nick Sandeno, Karol Scott, Amy Pehlke, Sarah Windham, Lilye Sease, Kevin McCleary, Shannon Wujek, Brittany Sandeno, Sarah Hurt, Nichole Nyalka, and Tim Juskiewicz. Lord, I lift up our staff in prayer to You. Thank You for the servant's heart and wise counsel. Please keep them from losing the zeal when ministry gets tough. Help them prove faithful continually with the things You have entrusted to them. Bless staff with favor with You as they plan and lead the Church to higher heights and deeper depths in You. Please lead and keep them open and honest before You and the people of God. Teach them to represent and speak Your word truth plainly. Help them keep hold of truth. May they hold short accounts with You so that their conscience is clear. Bless their households with peace and respect. Fill them with Your Spirit and allow them to serve in wisdom as they carry out their responsibilities that you have entrusted to each one. Through each staff member with you God first and Lead Pastor instructing Your for the future growth of our church. Amen (2 Cor. 4:1, 1Cor. 4:1-3, Ex. 33:13)

10:00 am LEAD TEAM & ELDERS Lead Team: Dan Studer, Heather Houck, Nate Ferguson, Diana Carter, Brian Kaplan, Erica Sandeno, Greg Adams, Tim Norman, Gerald Snyder and Sarah O'Sullivan. Elders: John (Sonny) Sease, Dewitt Buchanan, Patrick Ugolini, Aaron Kuzava, Joe Trucano, Phil Jones, and Tom Pruett. Lord, I lift up in prayer our church leaders to You. May they walk worthy of sincere respect with true hearts as they direct the affairs of our church. Keep them from ungodly acts. May they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry, holding the Pastors up in powerful spiritual prayers. Keep them above reproach, devoted to their families, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and able to teach. Lord, may they be gentle and

honest as they deal with people in the church and our communities. Amen (1 Tim. 5:17
Acts 6:4, 1 Tim. 31:13; Titus 17, Acts 6:3)

11:00 am MARRIAGE & FAMILY Thank you Lord for the gift of marriage and family, which You designed. We ask for you to strengthen and protect our marriages and families. Help us to be Godly examples in our community, heal and restore broken marriages and families according to Your word of truth. May our homes be an open door for Your kingdom work. Amen (Genesis 2:22-24, 1 Timothy 5:8, Acts 10:2)

12:00 pm ADULTS Lord, I lift up the adults in our congregation to You and only You. May we live worthy of Your call on our lives. As we respond to that call, fulfill every purpose, every faith-filled act of service by Your power. May we be clothed in righteousness with hearts that sing for joy and delight greatly in You. We want to walk with You, Jesus, and be more like you in all of our ways. Amen (Eph. 4:1, 2 Thess. 1:11, Ps 132:9, Isa 61:10, Rev. 3:4)

1:00 pm CHILDREN / YOUTH Lord, I lift up the children and youth in our church to You in prayer. I ask that the little ones remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in Your kingdom. Let their conduct always be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember You Creator God. Please Lord, teach them to declare Your marvelous acts and wondrous works. May they always remember their first teachings of You Lord right here at The Village Christian Church in Kid Village. May they grow in wisdom and stature. Help them resist evil desires and declare Your marvelous works all the days of their lives. May they be like the tree planted by the rivers displaying fruits of the Spirit, meekness, kindness, long suffering, joy, righteousness, faith, love and peace. Amen (Matt 18:3-4, Prov. 20:11, Eccl. 12:1, Ps. 71:17; 2 Tim 2:22)

2:00 pm SENIORS Lord, I lift up the seniors in our church. Thank You for the spiritually mature among us and for their righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You've promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process one day at a time. Amen (Prov. 16:31, Titus 2:4, 1 Pet. 5:5, Job 12:12, Isa 40:29,31)

3:00 pm LOST AMONG US Lord, I lift up the lost people of our church. Let Your gospel and truth be presented to them through the message with the power of the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. Teach us to make the most of every opportunity to share Your salvation. Help us to be the fragrance of Christ to them. We stand against the enemy and his attempts to keep them blinded to Your truths. Amen (1 Thess. 1:5, Col. 4:5, 2 Cor. 2:15, 2 Cor. 4:4)

4:00 pm WORSHIP LEADERS Lord, I lift up our worship leaders. Appoint people to this position who understand the splendor of your holiness and praise You out of that understanding. Help them lead us faithfully in thanks for Your enduring love. Use their praise to defeat the enemy. May they be true worshipers, worshipping you in spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You, Jesus, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh. All the Glory belongs to You God. Amen (2 Chr. 20:21-22, John 4:23-24, Phil. 3:3)

5:00 pm SPEAKERS / TEACHERS Lord, I lift up the speakers and teachers in our church. May everyone who holds that position-Pastors, teachers, Lifegroup leaders, guest speakers-rightly divide Your word of truth. Let them admonish and teach with wisdom. Reveal the mysteries of Your word to them and encourage them to speak those mysteries courageously and fearlessly. Let them speak with a spirit of faith that springs from their relationship with You. Amen (2 Tim. 2:15, Col. 1:28, Dan. 2:47, Phil. 1:14, 2 Cor. 4:13)

6:00 pm WOMEN'S MINISTRY Lord, I lift up our Women's Ministry. Encourage our older women to train the younger in family issues. Teach our women to be virtuous women with gentle and quiet spirits who put their hope in You in every area of their lives. Let this ministry produce women who feel your passion for them and who choose to spend time with You on their knees in prayer. Train them to teach the gospel side by side with the men according to their calling. Amen (Titus 2:4-5, Prov 31:10, 1 Pet. 3:4-5, Ps. 45:11, Lk. 10:38-42, Phil. 4:3)

7:00 pm MEN'S MINISTRY Lord, I lift up our Men's Ministry to You in Prayer. Please use this ministry to build our men in their faith. Teach them to be in right relationship to You and each other, to love their wives even as you love the Church and gave yourself for it, and to instruct their children with patience and in wisdom of what Your word says. Encourage them to hold each other accountable as they carry each other's burdens. May they speak the truth in love to each other even when it's difficult. Give the men the knowledge that the joy of the Lord is their strength. Amen (Jude 1:20: Titus 22:1, Tim. 5:1, Eph. 5:25, Eph. 6:4, Gal. 6:2, Eph. 4:15, Prov. 27:6, Neh. 8:10)

8:00 pm YOUTH LEADERS Lord, I lift up our Youth Leaders in prayer. Allow these young men and women to set an example in their speech, life, love, faith and purity. Cause them to be strong, alive-in-the word overcomers. Help them to have discernment as they deal with the young people in our church. Help them to notice any youth who lacks judgment so they can teach them to value Your life-giving principles. Pour out Your Spirit on them. Amen (1 Tim. 4:12, 1 John 2:14; Prov. 3:21, 7:7; 7:2; Joel 2:28)

9:00 pm BEHIND THE SCENES WORKERS Lord, I lift up in Prayer the people who work behind the scenes at our church. Thank you for every volunteer who has devoted him or herself to the service of your church. Thank you for their obedience and

generosity they have displayed-may You receive praise as a result! Keep them in an attitude of humility that comes from wisdom and wholehearted service to You rather than to be noticed by others. Lord keep them in the center of Your will. Amen (1 Cor 16:15; 2 Cor. 9:12-13, James 3:13, Eph. 6:7)

10:00 pm CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Lord, I lift up the Children's Ministry to You and only You. Please continue to create an atmosphere here that encourages our children to find you. Let the teachers be careful to remind each child of the marvelous things You have done. Cause everything they learn about You to become a part of them forever. May they consistently choose life and blessing each day because of the training they receive in our church. Keep them walking in the truth of Your word. Amen (Mark 10:14, Deut. 4:9, Deut. 29:29, Deut. 30:19, Prov. 22:6, 3 John 1:4)

11:00 pm PRAYER FOCUS Lord, I pray for even a greater prayer focus in our church. Bless Your house of prayer. Lord Bless our Prayer Pastor and Prayer Team and all of our praying church. We desire to be sober minded, clear-minded and self-controlled as you have called us to be. Lord, we will first and always, continually and thankfully give You all the honor and praise for the focus and dedication to and for prayer you have entrusted each one of us with. May everyone recognize that this is Your commission for everyone and always. This Is for everyone! PRAYER. Use it continually to stand in the gap for others through Godly prayer and petitions. Thank you Lord for the prayer ministry and that it is powerful, cutting and effective. Amen (Mark 11:17, 1 Pet. 4:7, 1 Tim. 2:1, Eph. 6:18, 1 Thess. 5:17, Phil 4:6, Psalms 32:6, Ezk. 22:30, James 5:16)

12:00 am SPIRITUAL LEVEL Lord of Lord and King of Kings I lift up in prayer the spiritual temperature of church in the midnight hour. Lord you get the glory this morning. Father, revive us! Refine us so that we burn hot for You and only You Lord. Give us wisdom, strength and knowledge to always honor You first in all of our doings. Lord we will always have reverence for You and follow Your precepts. Lord pour out Your spirit on us and fill our cup so that we will move Your very heart. Open our minds to understand Your Word so that our hearts burn within us as we embrace our new spiritual level. Amen (Psalms 85:6, Rev. 3:14-18, Jer. 32:39, Psalms 111:10, 2 Kings 23:25, Luke 24:45,32)

1:00 am BEING SPIRIT LED Lord, I lift up in prayer our willingness to be led by Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, show us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting in any way or form. Lead us to level ground. We desire to be led by Your spirit divine. Help us keep in step with You as we live by Your truth. Reign in us, our spirits, so that we experience an awakening and are refreshed for Godly freedom in the Spirit. Lead us into spiritual life more abundantly. Amen (Eph. 4:30, 1 Thess. 5:19, Acts 7:51, John 16:8, Psalms 143:10, Gal. 5:25, 2 Cor. 3:17, Gal. 5:18, Rom. 8:6)

2:00 am SPIRITUAL GIFTS Lord I lift up in prayer the use of spiritual gifts in our church. We desire spiritual gifts that you've given for our common good and to edify the body of Christ. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work. Help us to accept the gifts when they come. Teach us to use what we've received to serve others and faithfully share our gifts with others in whatever form that takes. Help us exercise our gifts to serve others and faithfully administer Your grace through the power that You have given us. Help us exercise our gifts in love as you fan into flame the gifts You've entrusted to us. We will use our gifts as spiritually wise. In Jesus's name we pray Amen. (1 Cor. 14:1, 124:7, 1 Pet. 4:10, 2 Tim. 1:6-9)

3:00 am LOVE/UNITY Lord, I lift up in prayer our love for one another as one body. Help us purify one another as a body. Help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart, and we will prove that we are Your disciples. Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify you with one heart and voice. Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love. Amen (1 Pet. 1:22, Rom. 15:5-7, Col. 3:14)

4:00 am FINANCES Lord I lift up our church finances in prayer. May we sow generously into our church, not in reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work you've assigned us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised. Keep reminding us of Your promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven as we bring the whole tithe into your house. Lord, fill our Cups to overflow with generous giving. Amen (2 Cor 9:6-11, Mal. 3:10)

5:00am RECLAIMED Lord, we pray over our mission partners... Ms. Pearls Daycare, Heart for Africa, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Destiny Rescue, InterVarsity JJC, Night to Shine & Church Plants. Lord, I lift up our outreach programs in prayer this morning. Lord we thank you for the open doors that You have opened financially so we are able to give generously and to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us forwardly and outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers. Continue to enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel, so that the ones we reach might grow closer to You. Amen (Heb. 13:16, Phil. 2:4, Col. 1:7, Jude 1:23)

6:00 am SINGLE PARENTS - Lord, I lift up in prayer the single parents in our church. May they know You as father to the fatherless and defender of widows! Let us be a real family to them when they are lonely. Always help them to overcome the feelings of loneliness through prayer and community with their sisters and brothers of our church family. Show us ways to include them and minister grace to them. Stir up practical ideas

in us that show Your love and care. Help them relax in Your grace and provision which is more than enough for every weakness and need. Amen (Psalms 68:5-6, Psalms 25:16, Matt. 25:35-40, 2 Cor. 12:9, Phil 4:19-23).

Help for the hurting & grieving. Lord, I lift up in prayer those who are hurting right now. May they come to know You as El Roi, the God who sees them. For every situation of rejection, help them feel sonship and bind up the brokenhearted! In every area of bondage, set the captives free, in every case of mourning. replace it with Your oil of gladness. Comfort them so that they will have a ministry of comfort to others. Amen (Gen. 16:13; Rom. 8:15; Isa. 61:1-3; 2 Cor. 1:3-4)

Freedom from besetting sins. Lord, I lift up in prayer every one of us who struggle with sin. Lord give us power to resist the enemy and keep us from the enemy's scheme of condemnation. Grant us forgiveness and repentance so that we can escape the trap of the evil one. Lord God continue to lift up a standard for us. Thank You that sin was done away with on the cross and that we are no longer slaves to it. Help us to throw off everything that entangles-help us run the race with strength from on high and perseverance. Amen (Rom. 8:1, 2 Tim. 2:25, 26; Rom. 6:6, Heb. 12:1)

7:00 am GROWTH THROUGH OUTREACH Lord, I lift up our church in constant prayers to grow, to love You beyond natural measures. Please dear Heavenly Father add to our number daily through new Life Change, Life Growth, and Life Purpose. Lord we pray that we continue to be the image of You In all of our actions. Birth spiritual children through us. Let our actions win people over to you and Godly connection without words. Use us as Your beacon of light and hope to rescue people from darkness and bring them into Your Son's kingdom to press on through life eternal. We long to be worthy ambassadors in this ministry You have entrusted to us that of proclaiming Your message of reconciliation to all people. Amen (Acts 2:47, 1 Cor. 4:15, 1 Pet. 3:1-2, Col. 1:13, 2 Cor. 5:20)

Our neighborhoods Lord, I lift up in prayer our community, especially the surrounding neighborhoods. Let us love these people as we love ourselves. May our concern for their needs override other things that take our time and focus. Rebuild and restore areas that have been devastated. Renew our community- send Your peace and prosperity into this place where You've planted us. Bless each individual home and family. Build each house from the inside out with love to so that our houses will become Godly homes. Lord please cover watch our city with a blanket of your grace and mercy. Amen (Gal. 5:14, Prov. 3:28, Isa. 61:4, Jer. 29:7, Luke 10:5-6, Psalms 127:1)

Connectivity with the Churches in Minooka Lord, I lift up in prayer the churches in our town. Thank you for creating the body of Christ as one which is connected by many parts. Help us understand the value of each part as You have created them. We

confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and God head of each one of our lives. We are Your people Lord, for we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. Help us to work at being one: concerned about one another-suffering with and rejoicing with other churches as the welcome mat is offered. Amen 1 Cor. 12:12-26, 29.

Connectivity Church Leaders of our nation Lord, I lift up in prayer to you Dear Heavenly Father the Church in our nation. Lord even bless the Churches around the World as we come to complete unity whose doors are opened in your name. We humbly unite and confess as one people-one Church called by Your name will humble themselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from their wicked ways. Then Lord you will hear from heaven, and forgive their sins and heal their land. We've operated out of acquired wealth thinking we could do it on our own-but we seek Your face. Please Dear God assist those that have leadership in this land to seek Your face as they make the laws of this land O God! Thank you for hearing and forgiving us. We wait on You for the healing of our land! Amen (2 Chron. 7:14, Rev. 3:17, John 17:11-23)

Gratitude and Protection from the Enemy as we close out 24 hours of fasting and prayer.

Gracious Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for allowing our 24 hour of fasting and prayer a great and amazing spiritual experience for us all. Thank you father for all whom participated whether at home, at work, and those who had the mind to participate in prayer, and God's grace to those who came out to pray with us here at church.

Lord as we close from this prayer wall we ask that You will keep us safely in Your care, protect and deliver us continually from the enemy. Help us to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves, as we deal with the spirits around us. Continue to help us to test the spirit by the spirit so that Your truth will be revealed and blessings and favor will be received.

Lord we ask in prayer for continual wisdom in all the matters that you have entrusted to us from the church leadership to the church's people.

Lord we claim the victory as we place every word of prayer for these 24 hours of fasting and prayer, we stand united and in agreement, we seek your face and your blessings only and submit the fasting and prayer to you. Be with us everlasting father and keep us completely in the center of your holy will. Lord, as we leave from this place but not your presence. What I say unto one I say unto all watch! Pray! and live holy every day! God Bless You, Amen (John 17:15, Matt. 6:13, Matt. 10:14, 1 John 4:1-2, Cor. 11:14, Cor. 2:11)