

Praying Together - Spring 2025

This Spring, City Reformed will do our reading program in the Gospel of John, between Sunday, March 2, and Sunday, April 20 (Easter.) In addition to reading through the Gospel of John together, with daily devotionals, the AM Sermon Series and Adult Sunday School Class will engage with the Gospel of John in different ways.

Last year, our study of prayer led us to incorporate some intentional patterns of prayer into the reading program. Many people reported that it was a helpful part of the Spring program, so we plan to revisit some of those practices this year as well. There are many references to prayer in the Gospel of John, included promises from Jesus, and the famous “High Priestly Prayer” of chapter 17. However, the content of our prayers will not be driven by the schedule for reading John, instead it will focus on the many immediate needs of the church.

These needs will include ongoing needs like *spiritual renewal* for our congregation and surrounding community. But a significant number of items will address the process of renovation, construction, and fundraising, that relate to our new property on 300 Saline St. We are moving forward with design processes and planning for a capital campaign. It is our hope that neither of those things are done in our own strength, but in dependence upon God. Uniting our hearts in prayer for this particular topic is the most important way for us to keep our eyes on God in this process and lean into his care for us. Jesus invited us to pray for our *daily bread* (Matthew 6) which means we can bring our immediate needs to God. Many parts of this renovation process feel like we need a “miracle of the loaves” to complete the project... so this seems like a good time to start asking God for help.

We will have three opportunities to pray together for these needs, and each of the seven weeks of this program will have a different area of focus. Our hope is that by praying together for specific things, we will be able to see the way God works to answer those needs and experience together the recognition of his care for our congregation. .

3 Opportunities

- **Sunday Evening Worship, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.** (Greenfield Chapel - 3929 Coleman St.)
 - We will hold a time of open congregational prayer at the end of each service, focusing on the prayer topic for the day. (This is similar to what we did last year.)
- **Saturday Morning Prayer, 8:30 am - 9:00 am.** (New Building - 300 Saline St.),
- **Daily Devotionals.** Each of the daily devotionals will have a specific prayer request related to the weekly prayer topic (below), but broken down into more specific requests.

Weekly Topics

Spiritual Renewal

Design Process and Zoning for 300 Saline St.

Capital Campaign Plans for 300 Saline St.

Outreach to Neighbors

Ministry to University and Medical Communities
Generosity and Fundraising
Centrality of Jesus in our Ministry