

Please try to give at least a half hour each week to pray for the spiritual advance of Grace Baptist Church in our neighborhood, we will see God work spiritually through this “symphony of prayer.” With each prayer request below are some promises to remind the Lord as we pray “in His Name” – for His glory.

REMEMBER - Please begin by praising the Lord for all that He has blessed us with as a church over the past six years. Thank Him for the lives He has rescued, the people He has changed, and the advance He has made through us as a lighthouse.

**Spiritually Advancing God’s Kingdom in our Neighborhood
through Symphonized Petition (Matthew 18:19)**

1. **Pray for regeneration** (New Birth) - that the Lord will save people in our community.
 - a. Pray that as we share the Gospel as a church corporately and as individuals, people will believe the Gospel and be saved.
 - b. Pray that our church member and attendees will be more vocal with the Gospel.
 - c. Pray for people who may attend and rely still on their own works instead of Christ completely for salvation. Pray that they will turn only to Jesus.
 - We can claim God’s desire that none will perish (2 Peter 3:9).
 - We can claim His desire that all the Nations will worship Him (Psalm 22:27-28; Malachi 1:11).

2. **Pray for preaching power** – that the Holy Spirit will use the Preaching of His Word.
 - a. Pray that Pastor Tim and others who preach at Grace will be filled with God’s Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit will evidently work in our midst through the Preaching of God’s Word.
 - b. Pray that our church corporate outreach times would be blessed with fruit that will remain.
 - We can claim that God’s Word is powerful and ask Him to use His promised power (Psalm 29:3-9; Isaiah 55:11; Hebrews 4:12).
 - We can claim God’s promise to use preaching to bring to Him “those who are being saved” (1 Corinthians 1:21).

3. **Pray for growth** - That the Lord will draw three types of people to our church:
 - a. Unbelievers who are open to hearing the Gospel message.
 - b. Believers who are looking for a Bible-driven church.
 - c. Believers who are in churches that no longer seek first God's kingdom.

- We can remind the Lord of His desire to see His church grow numerically as we read of the early church reaching thousands in a short period of time (Acts 2:40-42).
- We can claim His promise of the church's advance (Matthew 16:18)
- We can remind the Lord that although we water and plant we are relying completely on Him for increase (1 Corinthians 3:7).
- We can ask the Lord to work quickly as our time on earth is limited (John 9:4).

4. **Pray for the spiritual maturity** of the members and faithful attendees at Grace.

- Pray for spiritual growth of each attendee, growth in Christlikeness. Pray that Christ's likeness would be formed in each of us.
- Pray that we would realize the spiritual riches that we have and how they far exceed any physical blessing in life.
- Pray for grace for each person to resist temptation, and to live a pure life.
- Pray for faithfulness in church attendance, personal Bible reading and prayer, giving, and evangelism.

- We can claim God's desire to purify His church (Ephesians 5:26-27).
- We can claim the power of God's Spirit living in each believer to change people day by day (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

5. **Pray for spiritual deliverance** of our church from evil and the plots of those who would deter Christ's Kingdom's advancing in our neighborhood of Queens.

- We can confidently claim Christ's promise to build His church and the gates of Hell will not prevail (Matthew 16:18).
- We can claim Jesus' authority over heaven and earth (Matthew 28:12-20).
- We can claim God's sovereign control over all (Psalm 115:3).
- We can claim God's power in us is greater than all (I John 4:4).
