



24 HOURS OF PRAYER

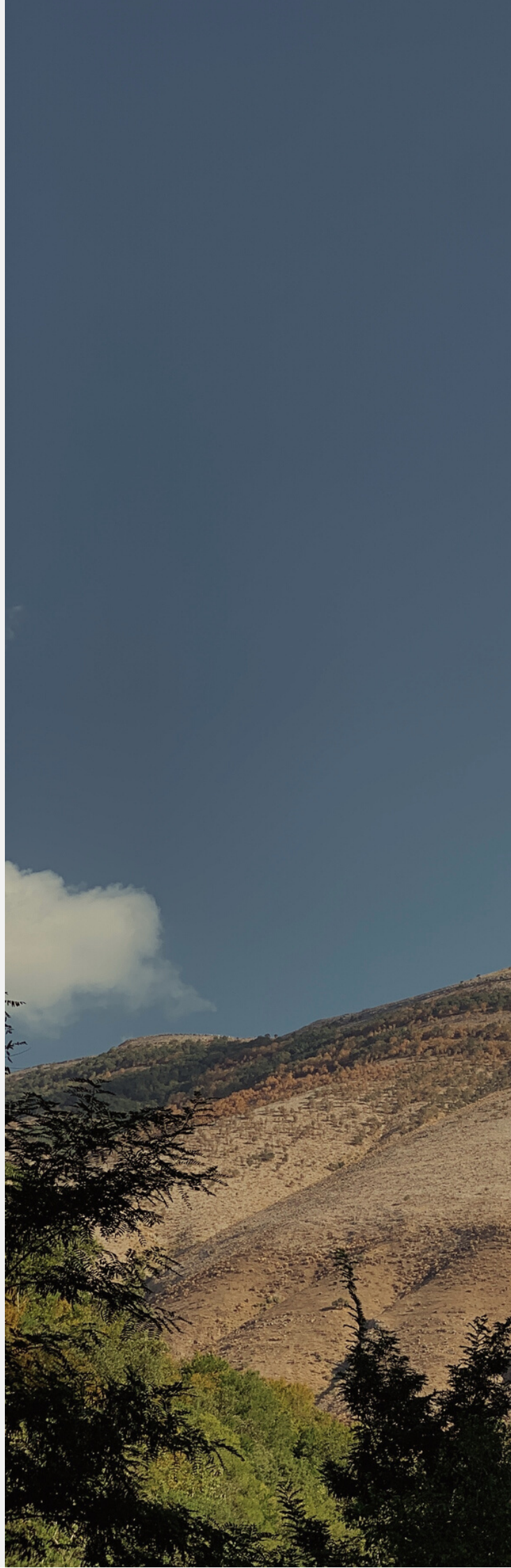
**AWAKENING
CHURCH**

OCTOBER 1, 7 PM - OCTOBER 2, 7 PM

**“[Prayer] is the opener of the heart of God, and a means by which the soul, though empty, is filled. By prayer the Christian can open his heart to God, as to a friend, and obtain fresh testimony of God’s friendship to him.”
- John Bunyan**

Why 24 Hours of Prayer?

Thank you for taking part in 24 Hours of Prayer. We love the above quote by John Bunyan because it captures our hope for this time in our church family; as we begin our 6th year as a church, we want to know God more, and we need and want him to work in us individually and as a church in the year to come. Let us ask and expect him to answer!



How to Pray for 30 Minutes

- Find a quiet spot and clear your schedule. Consider turning off your phone and removing other distractions.
- Grab your Bible and something to write on. Write or speak your prayers and take notes on things God might be saying to you.
- Let the passage lead you. As you read Matthew 6:9–13, notice that the language is plural, not singular: “our” and “us,” not “mine” and “me.” Look beyond your household to pray specifically for the body of Christ at Awakening Church. Pray for our communities, our nation, and missionaries around the world.
- Follow along with the guide, but feel free to adapt as needed. Each section of this guide provides some specific ways (and suggested times) you can pray for yourself, the church, and our world. These are suggestions, so if the Holy Spirit leads you to extend, pause, skip a section, or pray from other passages of the Bible, go for it!

Read “The Lord’s Prayer” from Matthew 6:9–13

We are praying through Matthew 6:9–13, which is often called “The Lord’s Prayer” and is Jesus’ response to his disciples’ request, “teach us to pray.” Matthew 6:9–13:

‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’ (ESV)

PRAYER TIME #1

(SUGGESTED TIME: 5 MINUTES)

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

As in all things, Jesus teaches us that our greatest desire in prayer should be God’s honor. Therefore, we begin our prayer by considering who God is and what he is like. He is our compassionate Father. He is holy and he rules over all.

Spend some time thinking about how God has revealed himself in his Word and demonstrated his character through his work in your life. Center your attention on God and use these phrases to help you begin to praise him:

God, I find great joy in knowing that you are

Your name is great and greatly to be praised because



PRAYER TIME #2

(SUGGESTED TIME: 5 MINUTES)

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

God’s will and kingdom must prevail. When we consider who God is, the proper response is to surrender to him. What could possibly be better than his rule, his plans, and his promises? Do you trust God to do what is best for you and your family? For our church?

Spend some time asking for God’s kingdom to come and his will to be done. Use these prompts to help you get started:

- Pray that God would help us “seek first his kingdom and righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). **Confess** any selfish ambitions or areas of life in which you resist God’s will.
- Ask God to **make us effective witnesses** of the gospel.
 - Pray by name for church planters and missionaries whom we support.
 - Pray for **unbelieving friends and family** to turn and follow Jesus.
 - Pray for **fruitful discipleship** of the next generation
- Pray that our church would reflect the unity and multiethnic nature of God’s kingdom.
- Ask God to strengthen believers living under governments that are hostile to Christianity.





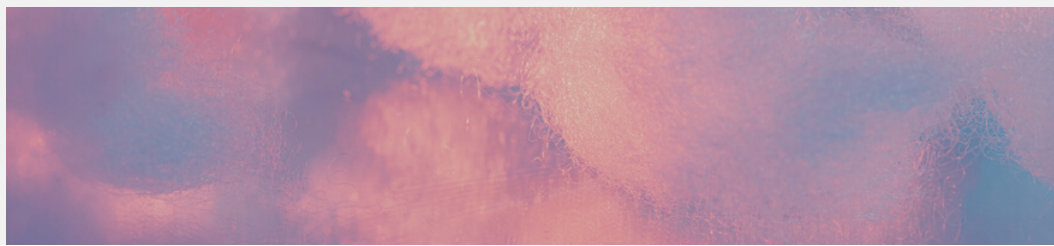
PRAYER TIME #3

(SUGGESTED TIME: 5 MINUTES)

“Give us this day our daily bread...”

We are dependent on God to provide all we need for every aspect of our lives. God feeds us both physically and spiritually; the Scriptures teach us that “man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4). Think of your needs and the needs of those around you, and ask God to supply them by his wisdom and grace, using these examples to help you get started:

- Ask God to provide what you need as you “seek first his kingdom” (Matthew 6:33).
- Pray for faithful preaching of God’s Word at Awakening Church and our church plants, and other local churches.
- Ask God to feed you with his Word and teach you to feast on it.
- Pray for physical needs in your community. Ask God to provide for these needs and help us actively engage in meeting them.



PRAYER TIME #4

(SUGGESTED TIME: 5 MINUTES)

"...and forgive us our debts..."

Confession is a glorious privilege. We can boldly approach the "throne of grace" because of Jesus' shed blood (Hebrews 4:16), which cleanses us of our sin when we trust in him.

Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and uncover any sin that needs to be confessed. Ask him to do this for each person in our church. Don't rush through this. Wait for God. Respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. You may find it helpful to use these phrases to acknowledge and confess your sin:

I confess my failure to obey your commands when I

I admit my rebellion when I

PRAYER TIME #5

(SUGGESTED TIME: 5 MINUTES)

"...as we also have forgiven our debtors."

We cannot expect to enjoy God's forgiveness without offering the same to others. Are you holding onto any bitterness or withholding forgiveness from anyone? Forgive as you have been forgiven. Say out loud, "I forgive _____ ."

Ask God to make us a people who freely forgive because we have been freely forgiven.

PRAYER TIME #6

(SUGGESTED TIME: 5 MINUTES)

"...and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Only our Savior is "able to keep [us] from stumbling and to present [us] before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy" (Jude 1:24). Ask for his help!

- Ask God to lead you and our church to walk in paths of righteousness.
- Pray that you would be alert to the schemes of the Enemy and avoid temptation.
- Ask God to keep you from temptation through various seasons of hardship.
- Pray that God would grow you, our pastors and staff, our Awakening Church family, and brothers and sisters around the world in godliness.

End your prayer time by thanking God for his grace, goodness, and nearness to you. Pray that he would continue to lead you and speak to you as you seek after him.

How do we respond now?

Now that you've spent these 30 minutes in prayer, what's next? We know for sure that our need for God to speak to us, keep us, provide for us, and work on our behalf has not decreased. We must press in and seek his face with greater resolve.

We want to encourage you to make prayer a part of your daily life as you grow as a worshiper of Jesus. Here are a few recommendations to help you in this journey:

- Maintain a set time to pray each day.
- Use the Awakening Church daily Bible reading plan to lead your prayer.
- Keep a prayer journal, writing out your prayers.
- Participate in City Groups and weekly prayer group, and monthly prayer and worship gatherings.

Ask God to show you where and how you can be connected to his mission here at Awakening Church. Pray continually for the advancement of his kingdom as we wait for his glorious appearing.

