

22 Days of Praying in Faith

Sunday October 9th – Sunday October 30th

“There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the works of God and advance the kingdom of God as by prayer.”

– Jonathan Edwards

Goal of this Prayer Guide

We want every adult at RMPC use this prayer guide over the next 22 days. Our primary prayer is that God would grow us and use us as an embassy, an outpost, a forward operating base in the advance of his kingdom. As we prayerfully consider the exciting future of RMPC, funds and facilities are a blessing; however, our deepest desire is to grow as faithful disciples who are devoted to pursuing God's kingdom building mission.

Theme of this Prayer Guide

We have often spoken of RMPC's gathering and sending approach to ministry. We gather together in corporate worship (and other settings) in order to be fed and nurtured in the Word and in the faith. Then, we are sent out into the world in order to be salt and light where we live, work, and play – to live on mission. This prayer guide is structured in terms of gathering in worship and sending out on mission. The hope is that our prayers will be shaped by the life and mission of our church. Also, between gathering to sending, this prayer guide is structured around the layout of our church building. The aim is to provide awareness of our church's great blessing and real needs. If you are able and have an opportunity, consider using this prayer guide to walk through the church building in order to get a tangible sense of our church's blessings and needs.

Using this Prayer Guide

Over the next 22 days, we ask each and every one of us to be in regular prayer, as we consider the future God has in store for RMPC. There isn't a daily-dated-plan to this prayer guide in order to avoid any discouragement over a missed day on a calendar. Some of us will pray through this guide one small section at a time evenly spread out over the next 22 days. Others will prayer through this whole prayer guide a few times over the next 22 days. Still others will take this prayer guide a chunk at a time, as time permits, over the next 22 days. There is no right or wrong schedule for using this prayer guide; please incorporate this prayer guide into your natural regular patterns of personal worship. Keep this prayer guide with your Bible where you regularly do personal worship. Consider using this prayer guide during family worship. Consider using this prayer guide in your community group or Journey Group. We simply ask that you use this prayer guide as you pray, pray, pray.

“If you were to ask me the greatest discovery I have made regarding the truth of the church, I would have to say it is this: When Jesus built the church, He built a praying congregation!” – Armin Gesswein

Gathering Together for Corporate Worship (Entering the Church Doors)

- Pray that God would continue to make RMPC a place where he is glorified, and where disciples grow in their love for God, the Church, and all people.
- Thank God for the relationships he has given you at RMPC. Ask God to strengthen our fellowship. And, ask God to bring many more people through our doors to add to our fellowship.
 - List five people/families you could invite to RMPC. Pray that God would provide you with a prime opportunity to invite them to RMPC, and that he would move those you invite to take you up on the invitation.
 - 1). _____
 - 2). _____
 - 3). _____
 - 4). _____
 - 5). _____
- Ask God to move each and every one of us to show hospitality to those who visit us on Sunday morning for corporate worship. Ask God to give you eyes that recognize the visitor and a heart to warmly welcome the visitor.
- Ask God to provide more volunteers to help with setup and hospitality on Sunday morning before corporate worship.

The Worship Service (The Sanctuary)

- Thank God for the joy and privilege of weekly corporate worship.
- Thank God for the skilled musicians who lead us in worship.
- Ask God to raise up more skilled musicians to help lead us in worship in the future. Ask God to provide more sound and video tech volunteers as we grow.
- Thank God for the faithful preaching of the word and administration of the sacraments. Thank God for our pastors and those who lead liturgy.
- Pray that God would use the preaching of his Word to transform the lives of those who hear, and that the preaching of his Word would bear much fruit in our church.
- Pray that God would use our worship services to strengthen both the personal worship and the family worship of those who attend RMPC.

- Ask God to continue to increase the number of those who come to hear the Word preached and hear the Gospel proclaimed. In particular, ask God to draw in unbelievers to hear the Gospel clearly proclaimed. Pray that God would draw unbelievers to himself through the preaching of his Word, and that we would celebrate many adult baptisms in the future of RMPC.
- Ask God to provide more space for us to continue to welcoming newcomers into our worship services – more space for more seats for more people for more kingdom impact.
- Pray that the transition to two services would go smoothly. Pray that God would quickly provide a suitable and large enough facility so that the move to two services would be temporary (currently, we are nearing 80% compacity of our functional seating, which means future visitors may struggle to find seating). Pray that new visitors would not be discouraged from attending RMPC due to a lack of parking and seating.

Children’s Ministry (The Basement Classrooms)

- Thank God for his covenant promise to be a God to us and to our children. Ask God to help us disciple our children well. And, ask that each and every one of our children would grow to make credible profession of the faith.
- Thank God for a church full of children. Thank God for a Sunday school classrooms that are bursting at the seams.
- Pray that each and every child who gathers for Sunday school would be eager to learn.
- Thank God for those who teach our children faithfully Sunday after Sunday. Pray that God would provide more teachers as we continue to grow.
- Ask God to give our teachers energy, joy, and fulfilment as they teach.
- Pray that our teachers would be living models of the Gospel to our children. Pray that our teachers would delight in the grand responsibility of presenting the Gospel as they teach.
- Pray that our children will retain what they learn in Sunday school. Pray that the Word of God would take root in their hearts for a lifetime.
- Pray that more children would have the opportunity to participate in Sunday school. Ask God to provide more classroom space as we grow (currently, we have no room to expand our classrooms despite the increase in children attending Sunday school).

- Ask God to keep our families healthy and strong. Ask God to cultivate a regular habit of family worship in each and every family in our church.

Youth Group (The Basement Classrooms)

- Thank God for a new and flourishing youth group. Thank God for the growing number of teens and pre-teens in our church. Ask God to continue to increase the number of kids in youth group.
- Thank God for our youth leaders. Ask God to provide more youth group volunteers.
- Pray that the teaching, lessons, and discussions in youth group would help our teens and pre-teens grow in their love for God, his Word, and his mission. Pray that the teaching, lessons, and discussions would help form a strong biblical Christ-centered world-view in the lives of our teens and pre-teens.
- Pray that God would provide deep meaningful Christian relationships among our youth that will help them stand firm against negative peer pressure and destructive cultural forces. Pray that God would keep our youth faithful to him throughout their lives.
- Ask God to help our teens and pre-teens to discern God's call on their lives: that they would grow in biblical discernment, that they would discern God's vocational call on their lives, and that they would grow to live lives of missional vigor.
- Ask God to provide a dedicated space for youth ministry. Pray for a dedicated space that is conducive for learning, fellowship, and growth (currently, the youth group is sharing space with Journey Groups, which are a bit cramped for larger activities).

Adult Discipleship (The Basement Classrooms and the Bradburn Clubhouse)

- Thank God for the broad range of adult discipleship classes we have been able to offer at RMPC. Thank God for the many qualified adult discipleship teachers we have available at RMPC.
- Ask God to greatly increase the space available for our existing adult discipleship classes (people have been turning away from adult discipleship classes due to lack of seating).
- Pray that God would provide new comfortable and inviting classrooms for adult discipleship classes in the future. Pray that God would expand our resources so that we can expand the number of adult discipleship classes we are able to offer on Sunday.
- Thank God for the growing number of Journey Groups available at RMPC. Ask God to greatly increase the number Journey Groups at RMPC in the coming years.

- Pray that those participating in Journey Groups would experience Christ-like transformation throughout their lives. Pray that God would raise up future leaders at RMPC through Journey Groups. Pray that those participating in Journey Group would develop robust evangelistic lives.
- Ask God to increase the space we have available for Journey Groups as we increase the number of Journey Groups in the coming years (for the first time, this year, we have run into scheduling issues due to a lack of meeting space).

The Staff (The Balcony Offices)

- Thank God for our pastors and staff. And, thank God for our elders and deaconate. Ask God to protect, strengthen, and encourage the families of our staff, elders, and deaconate.
- Thank God for the growing level of teamwork, comradery, collegiality, and collaboration among our staff and leaders. Ask God to continue to increase the level of teamwork, comradery, collegiality, and collaboration among our staff and leaders. Ask God to bear much fruit through the work of our staff and leaders.
- Pray that God would provide increased office space in order to accommodate our growing staff and their work (currently we only have office space for one pastor and limited work space for our director of opporations; which leaves other staff using makeshift work spaces). Pray that more office space would provide increased access to a wide variety of ministry resources in one easily accessible location.
- Pray that God would provide office space that would increase our ability to serve our congregation during the week through hospitality, counseling, coaching, training, and collaboration (currently, our office space has limited accessibility due to its location in the balcony and due to its size).
- Ask God to increase our office space so that we can increase our ministry offerings in order to have a greater impact within our community. Pray that RMPC provide Christ-centered ministries that address the deepest needs of those around us.

Church Fellowship (The Kitchen, the Back of Church, and the Patio)

- Thank God for the fellowship we enjoy at RMPC. Thank God for the friendships that are formed over shared food, fun, fellowship, and faith. Thank God for the new people you may have met over the past year.

- Go back to the five people you listed at the beginning of this prayer guide, and pray that God would give them the opportunity to enjoy the same fellowship you enjoy at RMPC.
- Pray that those who are lonely, disconnected, new to the area, suffering the loss of relationship, or outcast would experience the love of God through fellowship at RMPC. Pray that people in need of friendship would find meaningful lasting Christian friendship at RMPC.
- Thank God for the growth and success of the women’s ministry at RMPC. Thank God for the number of baby blessings the women’s ministry has celebrated over the past year.
- Pray that God would continue to grow the women’s ministry at RMPC. Pray that God would use the women’s ministry to enfold women who are new to RMPC.
- Thank God for the volunteers who faithfully help out with hospitality after worship each Sunday and at fellowship events. Pray that God would increase the number of volunteers who provide hospitality services after worship on Sunday.
- Ask God to provide a facility with a fellowship hall/space that will enable us to increase the quality and quantity of our fellowship events. Ask God to provide a facility with a kitchen equipped to handle larger more frequent fellowship events.
- Pray that God would provide a facility with space to serve our neighbors in the surrounding community. Ask God to give us a facility that will enable us to better love those who live around us, especially the poor and the marginalized.

Going Out into All the World (Exiting the Church Doors)

- Thank God for the privilege of being called to be his ambassador in the world.
- Ask God to empower and equip you to live a more evangelistic lifestyle where you live work and play.

1). How, when, and where can you engage people evangelistically where you live?

2). How, when, and where can you engage people evangelistically where you work?

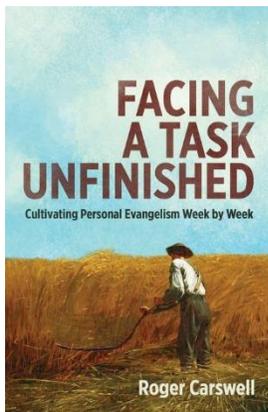
3). How, when, and where can you engage people evangelistically where you play?

- Thank God for the community groups in our church. Ask God to increase the number of community groups in our church. Ask God to use our community groups to grow the church and enfold visitors and new members into RMPC.
- Thank God for our partnership with the Western Church Planting Network (WCPN). Thank God for the church plants that are flourishing in the network.
- Pray that God would increase our ability and resources to support church planting through WCPN. Pray that RMPC would grow to become a church planting hub in the North Denver Metro area and beyond.
- Thank God for our mission partners *Centro Para La Plantacion De Iglesias (CPI)* based in Monterrey, Mexico. Ask God to deepen our relationship with *CPI*. Pray that God would bear much fruit in and through the hard work of *CPI*.
- Pray that God would increase our ability and resources to support world missions so that, one day, we may be able to support vibrant mission partnerships in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. Ask God raise up missionaries from among our congregation (short-term missions, missionary interns, and long-term missionaries).
- Thank God for Denver Rescue Mission and our outreach partnership with Denver Rescue Mission. Ask God to increase our ability to work with and serve Denver Rescue Mission. Pray that God would use us to love the least among us through this partnership.
- Thank God for the work of the deaconate that takes place throughout the week. Pray that their hard work with those in need would bear fruit, and lead to lasting life change. Pray that God would use the deaconate to draw people to himself.
- Finally, as we go throughout the week from Sunday to Sunday, pray that we would glorify God and enjoy him in all that we do.

“Prayer is not so much an act as it is an attitude – an attitude of dependency, dependency upon God.” – Arthur W. Pink

Looking Ahead and Following Through

We want to be a people who pray for more than a brief season. We want to be a people who regularly pray that God would use us as he continues to build his kingdom. As an embassy of the kingdom, we want to continue in prayer asking God to propel each and every one of us in personal evangelism. To that end, on November the 13th, on Celebration Weekend, we will be give each household a copy of Roger Carswell's book "*Facing A Task Unfinished.*" Once a week, over 52 weeks, this devotional will lead you in personal worship with the goal cultivating a heart for personal evangelism. Greater funds and a bigger facility will mean very little without disciples who faithfully pursue God's as he continues to build his kingdom.



Roger Carswell, *Facing A Task Unfinished: Cultivating Personal Evangelism Week by Week*, Christian Focus, updated Ed. 2015.

“Our job in this life is not to go off on our own and get busy, busy, busy, work, work, work, trying in vain to produce fruit. . . Our responsibility is to have a relationship to Jesus Christ and to let God use us. It is a life yielded to Christ. It is a life of rest.” – J. Delany

“It is not enough to begin to pray, nor to pray aright; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray; but we must pray patiently, believing, continuing in prayer. . .”
– George Mueller