



**PRAYER**

# Open to Prayer

**Prayer needs to be a priority, ongoing, and something we keep coming back to in this next chapter of our Open journey.**

It is one of the primary ways in which God will lead you, speak to you, and impress His will upon you; so that you will know how He wants you to respond to the Open: Next Chapter Campaign. Although the desired outcome of this process is our ability to have a new building for the future, the process to get there needs to be a spiritual one. The process we want to undertake, if done right, will help each of us grow closer to God as we seek Him, hear His voice, and step out in faith and obedience and follow Him into the future.

This spiritual journey over the next few weeks should be your highest priority because God wants to use this season to grow you in faith and obedience. The Devotional section in this Journey Guide will help you through your personal journey of prayer and surrender to the will of God. A prayer that we encourage everyone in church family to pray in this season is, **“God, what do you want to do through me?”**

So, talk with Him about what’s on your heart and mind, specifically in relation to this faith giving commitment. Be honest and open about where you are (since He already knows!) and the make sure you spend some time listening to what He is telling you.

## Some simple ways to pray:

- Find a private place to talk with God.
- Plan on a specific time of daily prayer regarding **Open: Next Chapter**.
- Expect God to bring a new, fresh, and meaningful words to you.
- Begin by focusing upon on who God is.

The song, “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” sums up well what your alone time with God will be like – “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of this earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.”.

Now let your mind and heart be reminded of who God really is based on the many truths that we find in the Bible. Here are a few Scriptures to help you (Use the following lines to write down a specific portion from each of these verses which speaks to your heart).



## Psalm 36:5-9

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## Psalm 139

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## Ephesians 2:4-10

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- **Talk to Him honestly.**

He already knows what you are thinking, so just **tell** Him what is on your mind and in your heart. You won't surprise Him. Lay out your heart about this commitment – **tell** Him what you are hesitant about and what you are looking forward to.

- **Choose to trust Him with what matters most to you.**

Remember, God is absolutely trustworthy and loving. Nothing that He is asking you to do **will** harm you. Whenever it may be difficult to be openhanded with something. **CHOOSE** to trust Jesus with it and release it to Him.

- **Listen!**

Ask Him to speak to you and then sit quietly with the mindset that you **will** hear something.

# Open to Prayer

**“Devote yourselves to prayer,  
Keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;  
praying at the same time for us as well,  
that God will open up to us a door for the Word,  
so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ...”**

**Colossians 4:2-3 (NASB)**

In the 30-day devotional section of this guide, you will be introduced to Nehemiah, who cried out to God in prayer on behalf of His people for God to restore them. We follow a God who forgives and redeems and who supplies whatever we need to accomplish His purposes. Prayerfully seek the Lord above all else. Act with confidence in His promises!

# Use the following acronym - ACTS

(As a guide to your prayer time)

## **A** Adoration

(Deep love and respect; worship)

Acknowledge that He is Lord over everything. He owns it all. He's in control. He is the Creator. Give Him praise and honor.

**"Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy hill, for holy is the LORD our God." - Psalm 99:9 (NASB)**

## **C** Confession

(A statement admitting that one is guilty of wrongdoing)

Be honest and specific with Him about sin and dealing with it. Thank Him for forgiveness.

**"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."  
- 1 John 1:9 (NASB)**

## **T** Thanksgiving

(The expression of gratitude, especially to God)

Tell Him what you are grateful for. Be specific. Thank Him for being constant in your life (Use the Thankful page over the next 30 days to record those things you are grateful for).

**"I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation." - Psalm 118:21 (NASB)**

## **S** Surrender

(To relinquish or give up the things you desire, for God's desires)

The hardest part may be this: visualize the very act of physically turning your open palms upward, in willingness to let go of ways and things you desire and allow God to have His way with your heart and your "things."

**"And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." - Luke 9:23 (NASB)**



# GRATEFUL. THANKFUL. BLESSED.

My thanksgiving list – 30 days

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**“Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good;  
His love endures forever.”**

**Psalm 107:1**

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# 30-Day Prayer Calendar

- Day 1**  
Monday  
October 11
- **PRAY** that this 7-week spiritual journey is more than a sermon series. We want true life change to come! Pray for a willingness in the KIBC family to be “all-in” to seeking the Lord!
- Day 2**  
Tuesday  
October 12
- **PRAY** for the VISION of our church to see “HIS GLORY DECLARED AMONG THE NATIONS, HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS AMONG ALL PEOPLES.” – PSALM 96:3
- Day 3**  
Wednesday  
October 13
- **PRAY** that we would be relentless to know God’s Word and practice His ways.
- Day 4**  
Thursday  
October 14
- **PRAY** for a Christ-centered generation to take root in the lives of our children, youth, and university students at KIBC.
- Day 5**  
Friday  
October 15
- **PRAY** that we will have favor in cooperation with government officials towards our building project, leading in the discovery of our interim building, and smooth progress during construction.

## Focused Prayer Point

PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR as he prepares for Sunday

## Day 6

Monday  
October 18



**PRAY** that our hearts are centered together **ONE CHURCH**, **FOCUSED** in **PRAYER**! Pray for 100% participation in prayerfully pursuing God's direction this week! "Dear Lord, what do you want to do through me, through us?"

## Day 7

Tuesday  
October 19



**PRAY** that God would **allow** His Word to interrupt you, rearrange you, and redirect you to His purposes for your life. Ask God for the strength to rearrange your priorities, spending, and savings plan so that you can and respond in the way He is leading you.

## Day 8

Wednesday  
October 20



**PRAY** for our Kindergarten ministry that God will **bless** it and the children will encounter Jesus and **live** that out daily in their homes and among their friends.

## Day 9

Thursday  
October 21



**PRAY** for new believers to be strengthened in their faith. Pray for an open opportunity to share your faith.

## Day 10

Friday  
October 22



**PRAY** for **all** of us to catch the vision of **OPEN** and invite **lost** friends and neighbors to church.

### Focused Prayer Point

PRAY for courage and faith for all of us, especially those who have been affected by Covid-19.

## Day 11

Monday  
October 25



**PRAY** for the week ahead to be one of SURRENDER: “Jesus, I invite you to do anything you need to do this week, so that You can do the impossible through me.”

## Day 12

Tuesday  
October 26



**PRAY** that God will speak to us about what financial resources we should give, and that a spirit of sacrifice giving will prevail. That the theme “not equal gifts but equal sacrifices” will prevail.

## Day 13

Wednesday  
October 27



**PRAY** for our KIBC Missions ministry. Turn to the Missions Section of the Journey Guide and pray for each ministry we support. This year, our mission offering will come out of our OPEN: Next Chapter giving.

## Day 14

Thursday  
October 28



**PRAY** that God would direct our steps so that when we fall, we will not be hurled headlong, because He holds our hand. (Read Psalm 37:23-24).

## Day 15

Friday  
October 29



**PRAY** God will speak to each of us – that there would be 100% participation – about what financial resources we should give, and that a spirit of sacrificial giving will prevail.

### Focused Prayer Point

PRAY for God to bless the work, businesses, and careers of our KIBC family so that they will see His mighty hand helping, guiding, providing, and sustaining them.

## Day 16

Monday  
November 1



**PRAY** that God will even now, prepare a place for KIBC during the time when our building will be under construction. Pray that it will be affordable, accessible, and the right size for us.

## Day 17

Tuesday  
November 2



**PRAY** for the salvation of the lost to encounter God through our church family, and that we would be people of faith, hope, and love as we witness to them of God's goodness.

## Day 18

Wednesday  
November 3



**PRAY** that we would build long-lasting relationships with each one in our fellowship, making sure we reach out to those we have missed, and include those who are new to KIBC, and care for those we already know (Read Proverbs 27:17).

## Day 19

Thursday  
November 4



**PRAY** for Angie and the Praise Team as they practice and prepare for Sunday. Pray for them to lead with a heart for worship that inspires us to worship openly and boldly.

## Day 20

Friday  
November 5



**PRAY** that our commitment in the OPEN process will be inspired of the Lord and successful as He defines success in Psalms 37:5!

### Focused Prayer Point

PRAY that God will open the door for us to return to 100% occupancy of our building. Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near" - Hebrews 10:25.

## Day 21

Monday  
November 8



**PRAY** that we would be a church and a people who completely SURRENDER themselves to the Lord (Romans 12:1-2).

## Day 22

Tuesday  
November 9



**PRAY** for our children and youth to be faithful in Christlike character and actions.

## Day 23

Wednesday  
November 10



**PRAY** that we would examine everything carefully, hold fast to that which is good, and abstain from everything that is evil (I Thessalonians 5:21).

## Day 24

Thursday  
November 11



**PRAY** for salvation for any attending Sunday services who do not know the Lord; and for the courage to be baptized in Jesus' name.

## Day 25

Friday  
November 12



**PRAY** for everyone who works in the medical field for wisdom, strength, and compassion for those effected with illness or loss.

### Focused Prayer Point

PRAY that everyone would give with equal sacrifice as God directs them – let's pray that each person would be led by God as to what that means for them.

## Day 26

Monday  
November 15



**PRAY** that God would give us a heart of **GENEROSITY**, truly filled with surrender and sacrifice. Work through the Commitment Section of the Journey Guide, it will lead you through the process of discovery of what your commitment to Open will be.

## Day 27

Tuesday  
November 16



**PRAY** that our university ministry and the influence for Christ they can have on their campuses.

## Day 28

Wednesday  
November 17



**PRAY** for an understanding that God-sized vision requires God-sized sacrifice. Pray for a willingness to be generous and a cheerful giver (Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

## Day 29

Thursday  
November 18



**PRAY** that the Lord would take away every fear and worry and fill us with HIS presence (Read Proverbs 3:5-6).

**PRAY** that our church would embrace a vision and passion for missions. Pray for the Lords' direction to an unreached people group. (Unreached people group = a group of people who have never heard of Jesus and have no one actively involved in telling them the Good News!).

## Day 30

Friday  
November 19



### Focused Prayer Point

PRAY that we would be prepared to be ALL IN with our 3-year financial Commitment to Open. May our commitments reflect our surrender, our prioritizing God's Church over all other giving, savings, and spending opportunities.



# Pray Without Ceasing

Use this section to write down things that God says to you,  
impresses upon you, reveals to you.

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**Lord, I pray that You would grant me an open heart that seeks You above ALL else.**

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