



90 Days of Prayer: Part One

**For God's Blessing on Our Congregation
and Our Capital Campaign**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
September 29 – October 19, 2019

Imagine if each member prayed one prayer a day...

Each Bethlehem household is receiving this booklet as part of the *Set Free to Build God's Family* campaign. Imagine what would happen if every member prayed the simple daily prayer in this booklet each day. That would be over 500 prayers a day asking God to help us understand his purpose for our church, bless this campaign, and help us better proclaim his Word to our members, the community and the world.

We ask that you put this booklet on your nightstand, near the dinner table, on your desk at work or wherever it will be convenient for you to take a moment and say the daily petitions.

These petitions were written specifically for our congregation. We know they will be a blessing to you. We also hope that if you are not in the habit of daily prayer, this will inspire you to keep praying even when the campaign is over.

The prayers are organized around the different themes of the different weeks of the campaign. Some weeks the prayers will focus on spiritual renewal, other weeks on stewardship, and other weeks on celebrating the gifts that are coming forward during this campaign.

If you want extra booklets you can pick them up in the narthex at church.

Blessed Praying,

Pastor Shearier

The Reason for this Campaign

Set Free to Build God's Family

Since we know that "the Gospel cannot be bound (2 Tim 2:9), this campaign is about freeing us to more effectively do our mission of building the family of God. It frees up resources for us to serve and love well. It gets us all pulling together in the same direction. It proves that we can go through the hard times and take the next steps into the future.

We have all been led by God to be at Bethlehem. He has arranged us, the parts of His body, just as He wants (I Cor. 12), and the body is still developing. At this Bethlehem, there is more room in the inn!

This campaign will enable the Bethlehem faith family to continue to “do what God is blessing” – to serve and connect more with our community, with our members, and with our God!

On the Campaign Calendar – *This week we kick off the campaign. We pray that God will help us understand the importance of this effort.*

Sunday, September 29 Day 1

Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.

Monday, September 30 Day 2

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for all that You daily provide for us. Guide us now as we seek Your will for our capital campaign, knowing that all we have or will have comes from Your hand and is provided according to your design and purpose. Give us wisdom that we may know and do Your will using the resources and blessings you provide. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Tuesday, October 1 Day 3

O Lord, giver and sustainer of all life, give us new life through spiritual growth nurtured through this campaign. We thank You and ask You to bring renewed opportunities to strengthen and build your family in this place. We pray for the success of this campaign in serving and connecting more with our community, our members and with You. Amen.

Wednesday, October 2 Day 4

Heavenly Father, we come to You in prayer asking for Your blessings as we venture into our campaign. We trust You will guide us as You have for many years. We pray for Your continued strength as You prepare our hearts and minds to see what You see as we go forward. You have given us the mission and the resources to accomplish it. Help us to respond with caring, loving, and willing hearts. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Thursday, October 3 Day 5

Lord God, you are our rock and our foundation. Supported by this foundation, we pray that you would guide our ways in thought, word and deed, so that they may be pleasing to you as we move forward in faith. In your holy precious Name we pray. Amen.

Friday, October 4 Day 6

Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit: We are about to embark on a campaign intending to free up resources so that we can continue to serve and love

well all those who are here now as well as those who are yet to come. We ask that You help us with our thoughts and ideas on how to make this campaign successful. Please make our members willing to accept this challenge. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Saturday, October 5 Day 7

O Lord, graciously hear these prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***On the Campaign Calendar** – Today we begin three weeks of spiritual renewal. Read the spiritual exercises booklet carefully and bring your renewal pledge to church on Sunday, October 20.*

Sunday, October 6 Day 8

Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.

Monday, October 7 Day 9

Dear Heavenly Father, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take our sinful nature upon Himself. Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to grow spiritually, both personally and as a congregation during this first phase of the campaign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Tuesday, October 8 Day 10

Our gracious God, as your adopted sons and daughters, we can be assured of inheritance of your gift of eternal life, guaranteed by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us to share this assurance with others and invite them to share in your promised inheritance. In the name of our Savior, Amen.

Wednesday, October 9 Day 11

Gracious Father in heaven, I praise and thank you for all the blessings given to me because of Jesus Christ, whom You sent into the world to be my Savior. Help me to recognize and respond to your blessings, Lord, that I may grow in my knowledge of You and grow in my response to your calling for me. Lord, show me ways to glorify your name with my deeds, even as I glorify your name with my words. Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer. In Jesus precious name I pray. Amen.

Thursday, October 10 Day 12

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Friday, October 11 Day 13

Dear Jesus, who is Lord of the church, thank you for our Pastor and for all of the staff whom you have given to serve us and to lead us in serving others. Renew them daily with a reminder of their Baptism that they may be encouraged, strengthened, and nourished for their service. And renew us daily with a reminder of our Baptism that we may be encouraged to share in service with them. With thanks for your ultimate sacrifice and service for us, Amen.

Saturday, October 12 Day 14

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity and be strengthened for acts of love and service; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sunday, October 13 Day 15

Heavenly Father, builder and sustainer of all things, because you have brought Bethlehem this far, from the manger all the way to Aloha, we pray that you will continue to build your family, particularly here in our neighborhood. You have broken the chains of our sins and set us free so that your church can be built among us. Lord, have mercy on us as we pay down our debt so that Bethlehem can be free to serve and connect more with our community, with our members and with You our God. With all thanks and glory, Amen.

Monday, October 14 Day 16

Dear gracious Lord, You are so very good to each and every one of us, giving us all that we have and all that we need, particularly forgiveness of our sins through faith in your Son. Sustain our faith, Lord, that we may continue to grow spiritually through Word and Sacrament. We humbly bow before You to confess our need and to seek your help for continual spiritual growth. Praise and thanks be to You always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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Tuesday, October 15 Day 17

Our Father in heaven, who brings us to faith through the work of your Spirit. Keep us strong in faith, always trusting You, so that we might honor You by boldly proclaiming your love to all the world. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Wednesday, October 16 Day 18

Gracious God, You have promised to preserve and protect your Church until the last day and return of your Son. Defend Your Church from all error and strengthen her in the proclamation of Your unchanging truth, so that your people may grow in trust toward you and in the generosity of love toward one another. Amen.

Thursday, October 17 Day 19

Dear God, Name above all names, and King above all kings. Replace our arrogance with humility that we may rely on you completely and not our own understanding. As we trust in you, so may we also respond by following your guidance and direction in fulfilling our mission. In You we ask all these things. Amen.

Friday, October 18 Day 20

Our dear Father, help us to view this campaign as a spiritual exercise to place our trust solely in you, using the blessings and resources you give us for the purposes you intend. Give us a yearning to know and do your will so that others may be blessed with the sure and certain knowledge of the salvation that you offer them. In the name of our risen Savior and Lord, Amen.

***On the Campaign Calendar** – Tomorrow is our campaign prayer vigil. Come join us at church in prayer for this effort to set us free from debt.*

Saturday, October 19 Day 21

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins, fill us with courage and confidence to step out in faith and conquer the challenges of this campaign, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.