

Building Hope for Tomorrow Prayer Guide

So *each generation* should set its *hope anew* on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Psalm 78:7

A Church That Prays!

Over the past 30 years, the mission of Lutheran Church of Hope has remained unchanged: **To reach out to the world around us and share the everlasting love of Jesus Christ.** Everything we do is guided by that statement, and we have seen God move through Hope in miraculous ways, far beyond anything anyone might have imagined possible three decades ago.

Something else has been fundamental to Hope since our humble beginnings, and that is an **unwavering belief that prayer changes people and situations.** We say every week that we have been praying for you, and it's true. And it is because we've been praying for you, for our community and for God's kingdom to be done on earth as it is in heaven that we can say **it's no accident that any of us are here** and that God has continued to bless Hope and has helped us to continue working toward our mission.

Our mission stays the same. And through prayer God has given us a fresh vision and dream for a space that will allow us to carry out our mission for generations to come. **Building Hope for Tomorrow will allow us to build a vibrant, God-honoring community where we love our neighbors and serve those around us.** Using this guide, we hope you will join us as we **pray daily** throughout this campaign. We know we worship a God of miracles, and we believe it is God's desire to remind us of his goodness and generosity toward us. We cannot wait to see what God will do through each one of us during these three weeks, and through the **power of prayer**, we believe it will be better than we could have imagined!

Our Posture of Prayer

Our prayers matter to God. They are foundational and critical to our relationship with him.

God is not as concerned with our physical posture (kneeling, standing or sitting) as he is with the posture of our hearts (humble, grateful and open to his Spirit). Whether we are praying for our personal needs or for Building Hope for Tomorrow, powerful prayers are real, simple and persistent.

As we talk with God about Building Hope for Tomorrow we can keep several things in mind:

- **Begin with gratitude.** Thank God for all that he has provided and will provide to the body of Christ and to us individually.
- **Confess any barriers** such as anger, fear or sin that may have come between you and God.
- **Bring your needs, requests and hopes** (which may include the bulleted prayer points on the back) to God.
- **Keep it up!** In every season, no matter how we feel or what we think, God hears our prayers, so keep praying.



Daily Prayer Targets

We invite you to pray for these prayer targets daily, or you may take one and pray for it the entire campaign.

- God's holiness to be known in the world (Matthew 6:9)
- The world to know God's love (Ephesians 3:18-19)
- Renewal for the weary (Isaiah 40:31)
- Reminders of God's generosity (Psalm 23)
- Humility in our spirit (Philippians 2:5-8)
- Worry to be removed from our heart (Luke 12:29-31)
- Faith to trust in God's direction in our lives (Proverbs 16:9)
- Forgiveness of our sins (1 John 1:8-9)
- Abundant life in the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1-2)
- Courage to obey God's word (Joshua 1:9)
- Trading the burdens of this world for the light and easy yoke of Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Joy to be found in the Lord (Psalm 28:7)
- God's continued care for us (Luke 12:22-24)
- Awareness of shelter in the Lord's care (Psalm 36:7-8)
- Wisdom to follow where God leads (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- God's name to be praised throughout the earth (Psalm 113:1-4)
- A spirit of generosity (Hebrews 13:16)
- A commitment to seek life in Jesus (Matthew 16:25-26)
- Protection from temptation (Luke 11:4)
- Transformation of our mind toward the things of God (Romans 12:1-2)
- All creation to recognize the light of Jesus (John 1:4-5)
- The ability and awareness to see miracles (John 14:12-14)
- Joy in giving (Luke 6:38)



Building Hope for Tomorrow Special Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Walks

Join other Hope members as we walk along the perimeter of Hope's building and pray. We will stop at different points to give thanks and pray as a group. Families, small groups and individuals are all welcome to attend (in case of inclement weather, we will walk and pray the interior of the building). Meet at the main entrance; no registration necessary:

- **Sunday, Nov. 3, 1:30 pm**
- **Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:00 am**

48 hours of Prayer

Join us as we pray on-site or at home for the 48 hours leading up to Commitment Weekend. Simply choose one or more 30-minute timeslot(s) to pray. You can pray individually or divide your time up as a small group. A 48-Hour Prayer Guide and instructions will be provided to you prior to the event to those who have registered. Register at buildinghopefortomorrow.org.

- **Thursday, Nov. 21, 5:00 pm – Saturday, Nov. 23, 5:00 pm**