



Dear pastors, prayer coordinators, and praying friends,

During May 3–7, 2023, one of 40 Korean prayer teams, visiting USA cities from the World School of Prayer at the Kwan Myong Presbyterian Church, will be in Cleveland. We are extremely blessed to have Pastor Sangmun Jung and a team of nine prayer missionaries coming to pray for our city. God powerfully blessed us during their 2022 visit; however, we believe that we will witness a greater impact in 2023 with the **Convergence Awakening Prayer Initiative** in various churches and on the Lee University campus.

Thank you for joining us in prayer before, during, and following their visit. We are providing these weekly guides to help unify our prayers. As we synergize our prayers with the thousands of **National Day of Prayer** (May 4) gatherings throughout the nation, may this serve as a catalyst “For the earth [to] be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14). Thank you for not only responding to this call to prayer but helping to promote it in your spheres of influence. History reveals that united, prevailing prayer is foundational for any true Christ awakening in a nation. We are praying and believing with you for a true revival and God’s transformational work throughout Cleveland, Bradley County, and the nation.

Believing God for awakening,

Convergence Planning Team

CONVERGENCE SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon North Cleveland Church of God,
Fourth Floor, 335 11th St. NE, Cleveland, TN

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Squires Recital Hall, Humanities Center,
Lee University, 1250 Parker St. NE, Cleveland, TN

7:00 p.m. Comunidad de Esperanza
2779 APD 40, Cleveland, TN

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon North Cleveland Church of God,
Fourth Floor, 335 11th St. NE, Cleveland, TN

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Squires Recital Hall, Humanities Center,
Lee University, 1250 Parker St. NE, Cleveland, TN

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
North Cleveland Church of God, Main Sanctuary,
335 11th St. NE, Cleveland, TN

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon North Cleveland Church of God,
Fourth Floor, 335 11th St. NE, Cleveland, TN

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Squires Recital Hall, Humanities Center,
Lee University, 1250 Parker St. NE, Cleveland, TN

7:00 p.m. Westmore Church of God, Youth Building,
2450 Legacy Pkwy NW, Cleveland, TN

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon North Cleveland Church of God,
Fourth Floor, 335 11th St. NE, Cleveland, TN

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Squires Recital Hall, Humanities Center,
Lee University, 1250 Parker St. NE, Cleveland, TN

7:00 p.m. The Chapel, Youth Room
2412 Wolfe Dr. NW, Cleveland, TN

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

10:30 a.m. Mount Zion Prayer Center, Lower Level, 650 25th St. NW, Cleveland, TN

2:00 p.m. Red Clay State Historic Park, Pavilion, 140 Red Clay Park Rd SW, Cleveland, TN

7:00 p.m. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Main Sanctuary, 799 Inman St E, Cleveland, TN

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER TARGETS WITH US AS PART OF THE 2023 CONVERGENCE AWAKENING PRAYER INITIATIVE.

WEEK ONE

Pray for the Korean intercessors,* local planning team, host pastors, and prayer facilitators.

1. Ask God for physical well-being, safe travel, wisdom, revelation, guidance, and spiritual protection over Pastor Jung, the Korean intercessors, their families, and the World Prayer Center—Psalm 121; Matthew 6:25–34

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2. Pray for wisdom, revelation, and guidance for the planning teams, host pastors, prayer facilitators, their families, and the ministries they serve as they prepare and facilitate the Convergence prayer gatherings and National Day of Prayer—James 1:5; 3:17.
3. Believe that the Holy Spirit will help the facilitators, intercessors, and community participants to experience and exhibit a greater measure of God’s love and compassion throughout their spheres of influence—John 13:34–35.

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power (1 Corinthians 2:1–5).

PRAY AND EXPERIENCE SCRIPTURE

Acknowledge “And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him” (1 John 5:14–15). Pause quietly before the Lord and ask Him to change you, to make you a person who reflects His name. You know this prayer is according to His will, so boldly declare your desire to become more of His “house of prayer.”

Praise God for His sovereignty over the whole earth, every nation, race, and language; rest in the assurance that He is the I Am, who gives strong support to those whose hearts are set on seeking Him—Revelation 4:11; Isaiah 40:18, 21–26; 2 Chronicles 16:9.

Thank God for His supernatural favor, abundant blessings, and opportunity that He has provided for us to pray and seek His face as we desire to make known to the Tennessee Valley region His wonderful grace and provision—Psalm 17:1, 6–8; 105:1–5; Isaiah 55:5–7.

Petition God to divinely cover every aspect of our **Convergence Awakening Prayer Initiative** and each gathering with His anointing, guidance, and protection, asking that all we do be established on a firm foundation of truth; humbly ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten God’s Word and reveal areas of unconfessed pride and our need for repentance and reconciliation —John 16:13–15; 1 John 2:1–2, 27; 2 Corinthians 1:21; Matthew 5:23–25.

Believe God to call, anoint, inspire, and engage a generation of mighty intercessors, worshipers, ministers, and servants to be used by Him; express your trust in His ability and desire to use His church as instruments in His hand to loose the bands of wickedness, demonstrate compassion to those in need, and live in harmony with one another as we prepare for Christ’s return—Isaiah 58:6–12; Romans 8:28–30; Ephesians 4:11–15; Psalm 45:7.

Surrender to the Holy Spirit, submitting fully in new and fresh ways to the Lord, yielding to Him for the fulfillment of His purposes for our individual lives and our time together as He positions His people throughout the community to humble ourselves and pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways that He might hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land—Psalm 24:1–6; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Acts 2:38–39.

Wait before the Lord, listening for His voice and direction from the Holy Spirit; remember to thank God for hearing and answering our prayers—Psalm 25:5; 27:14; 62:5–8.

WEEK TWO

Pray for community leaders, pastors, and churches to become consistent, life-giving influences.

1. Pray for the bond of unity and fellowship among leaders, pastors, intercessors, and all Jesus' followers to be greatly strengthened—Ephesians 4:1–3; Romans 15:5–7.
2. Intercede for each church and para-church ministry to witness an increase of “elders in the gates” taking their place advancing God’s kingdom reign across their community, our city, county, and region—Psalm 24:7–10; 1 Timothy 5:17–20.
3. Ask for biblical fidelity in our churches, so spiritual strongholds will be exposed, weakened, and removed through the teaching and application of practical, biblical strategies—2 Corinthians 10:3–5; 2 Timothy 3:16–17.
4. Believe God for an acceleration of evangelism, discipleship, reconciliation, and church health that promotes unity and harmony as evidenced throughout our city and the broader kingdom of God around the nation—Matthew 28:18–20.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1–3).

PRAY AND EXPERIENCE SCRIPTURE

Declare “Apart from [Christ] you can do nothing” (John 15:5b). Personally declare how much you need Christ’s help to change your spiritual condition—apart from Him, you can do nothing. As you pray, believe He is present, available, and sufficient.

Praise God as the all-knowing, ever-present, and all-powerful Most High God who brought the universe into existence with the word of His mouth and who acts on the behalf of His people—Isaiah 43:10–13; 44:6–8; 46:9–10; Romans 11:33–36.

Thank God for sending His Holy Spirit, who convicts, calls, regenerates, renews, empowers, anoints, comforts, and guides believers toward His purpose in the world; **pause** to reflect on how the Spirit still points people to Christ and brings glory to Him—John 16:5–15.

Pray the Lord will create in us pure hearts and sanctify His church with His truth; confess your need for His mercy; **yield** yourself to the One whose nail-pierced hands are extended to lovingly embrace you as you abandon anything that interferes with Him fulfilling His purposes in your life—Psalm 51:10–13; John 17:17–19; Ephesians 5:26–27; Psalm 130:1–4; Isaiah 53:4–6.

Ask God to send a refining fire to cleanse the entire body of Christ (His church) of any hindrances—things in our lives that have become a distraction and are separating us from Him; **listen** as He reveals those things that may be hindering a mighty move of God to empower His people to speak His Word boldly and express His love and compassion with kindness—Malachi 3:1–2; Titus 2:11–14; Acts 4:31; Ephesians 2:1–5; Psalm 24:3–5.

Recognize and acknowledge problems resulting from these things or any patterns in your life or ministry because of sowing wrongly, dishonoring authority, reacting inappropriately to wrongs or perceived wrongs against you, and judging others; **remember** He has made you alive with Christ as you sense being seated in a heavenly place with Him—Galatians 6:7–10; Ephesians 2:6–7; 6:1–3; Romans 2:1–4; 12:14.

Believe and declare aloud that the fruit and gifts of the Spirit will begin to be more fully realized within the body of Christ that has been cleansed, renewed, and restored to right standing with Him—Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; Romans 12:6–8.

Wait before the Lord, listening for His voice and direction from the Holy Spirit; remember to thank God for hearing and answering our prayers—Psalm 25:5; 27:14; 62:5–8.

WEEK THREE

Pray for the Convergence participants, hosts, drivers, facilitators, interpreters, and logistical aspects.

1. Ask God to sovereignly stir those whom He has prepared to participate in any capacity so that people throughout the community would be mobilized and engaged in prayer for a Christ awakening.
2. Seek the Lord for abundant favor on all who are working behind the scenes in planning, hosting, lodging, meal preparations, interpreting, and facilitating all Convergence details.
3. Pray that the fellowship moments, worship times (musicians/vocalists), prayer facilitators, greeters, team members, media/audio/visual staff, and everyone serving in the prayer gatherings will be anointed and all aspects orchestrated by God to create a symphony of praise, prayer, and harmony in the body of Christ.
4. Invite the Holy Spirit to supercharge the atmosphere across the community—in our homes, churches, schools, marketplace, government/law enforcement, and entertainment/sports venues—with the spirit of unity, power, revelation, wisdom, healing, abundant favor, and grace; take authority as the *ecclesia*, Christ's kingdom representatives, so that nothing would interfere with the work God is doing in our hearts and lives.

The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of your enemies!" Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning's womb (Psalm 110:1–3).

PRAY AND EXPERIENCE SCRIPTURE

Pause now and pray Lord, I'm listening—how might You want to fulfill your purposes through my life? Speak, Lord—I want to hear You—1 Samuel 3:8–9.

Listen quietly for the Lord's voice; give Him time to speak and then thank Him for His friendship and willingness to reveal His plan for you as an individual and His church, united—Psalm 133; John 17:1, 20–23.

Praise God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, the Shepherd who cares for His sheep and desires for us to hear His voice —John 10:1–18.

Thank God that those who belong to Him and yield their lives in obedience to His voice (Word) will be placed high above all the nations on earth, and He will grant that the enemies who rise against us will be defeated before us as we are established as His people on the earth—Deuteronomy 28:1–14; Psalm 81:13–14.

Recognize and embrace the truth that the One to whom we yield our lives is worthy of praise, His greatness is unfathomable, and His kingdom is unending; **encounter** Him as the One who is the very essence of love, gentleness, compassion, and strength—Psalm 145:3–13; 1 John 4:4–8; Matthew 11:25–30.

Ask God to fill each of us with His Spirit so that we might unite in prayer, purpose, and passion during the National Day of Prayer and an ongoing Convergence Awakening Prayer Initiative; **believe** the Spirit will help our weaknesses, intercede for and through us as He teaches us to pray according to the Father's will—Ephesians 5:15–20; Romans 8:26–28; John 6:40; 15:9–17.

Rejoice that as we believe in Him and yield ourselves individually and corporately to His will, we will experience a divine refreshing in our innermost being that will impact the community of faith and overflow to the world around us—John 7:37–38; Isaiah 12:1–6; 44:3.

Wait before the Lord, listening for His voice and direction from the Holy Spirit; remember to thank God for hearing and answering our prayers—Psalm 25:5; 27:14; 62:5–8.

CONVERGENCE WEEK FOUR

Pray for community transformation that is God-ordained, broadly impactful, and lasting.

1. Seek God for purposeful connections and relationships to be established between leaders of various churches and ministries to bring about a sustained local and regional impact that will be transformational.
2. Ask Jesus Christ for ongoing, equipping opportunities for those called to lead in any area related to a true convergence that will cover this region with a knowledge of the glory of the Lord.
3. Intercede for Holy Spirit to establish deepened relationships with the Triune God, bringing fresh energy and vision for building consistently fruit-bearing, God-glorifying ministries.
4. Welcome God to be in our midst especially as we meet for fellowship, worship, prayer, and developing ongoing strategies in alignment with the His stirring and igniting transformational revival in our city and region.

From him, the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Ephesians 4:16).

PRAY AND EXPERIENCE SCRIPTURE

Abraham was described as “the friend of God.” Because of this friendship, the Lord paused to share with Abraham all that He was about to do in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:17). This same Lord wants to reveal Himself to us; He wants to share the good plans that He has for our lives and city.

Declare “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer” (Matthew 21:22). Pray with boldness, and make your requests known to God, trusting you will receive what you ask according to His will.

Praise God as the *El Shaddai*, the Lord Almighty who pours forth life, and as *Jehovah Nissi*, the Lord our Banner (rallying point) as we unite, believing Him for the answers to our prayers—Genesis 17:1–2; Exodus 17:14–15.

Thank God for opening our eyes to see His vision for the church and the victory that awaits us as He restores our biblical foundations and moves us into a new place of intimacy and communion with Him; trust the Lord of Hosts to open our eyes to see new strategies for serving Him together that will break the enemy’s power—Habakkuk 2:2–3; Matthew 28:19–20; Hebrews 10:19–22; Acts 10:30–42.

Petition the Lord to give wisdom and insight for directing the affairs of our families and ministries from what seems insignificant to the most major decisions involving every area of our lives; ask Him to create a new depth of love, honor, and respect between family members, churches, generations, races, cultures, genders, and any other arena Holy Spirit brings to your mind—Ephesians 1:15–23; 5:22–33; Colossians 3:18–21.

Pray for a great youth awakening on our campuses that will be historical, breaking all records because God is on a mission; **recognize** the gift of our younger generations and the responsibility we have to train them in the way they should go not only intellectually but spiritually and emotionally; **trust God** to continually keep a host of angels around them to protect and keep, guarding them for the traps that would be set to destroy them and their future godly influence in our world—Psalm 78:1–8; 2 Timothy 3:14–17; Proverbs 9:10; 2 Timothy 1:6–14.

Intercede for Christ to restore our community, giving us a heightened awareness of how we can live prayer-care-share lifestyles, empowered through His Holy Spirit as He removes any barriers (language, finance, spiritual opposition, etc.) to accomplish His work through us—Matthew 10:7–8; Acts 2:42–47; Ephesians 2:10; Isaiah 40:1–5.

Believe that God's kingdom will come, and His will be done in our individual lives, families, institutions, and region, and nothing will hinder His hand because He can make social unrest cease, bringing peace where there is turmoil and hope where there is despair—Matthew 6:9–13; Daniel 4:34–35; Psalm 46; Isaiah 2:2–4.

Wait before the Lord, listening for His voice and direction from the Holy Spirit; remember to thank God for hearing and answering our prayers—Psalm 25:5; 27:14; 62:5–8.

GENERAL PRAYER FOCUSES FOR MAY 3–7

The following are seven major prayer focuses developed for America Prays 24/7 intercessors. These are basic and may be adapted for use in your private prayer times or in the host churches of Convergence prayer gatherings as the Spirit directs. Please do not feel limited to these but be open to what God may be saying in your prayer times.

PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS TO BE SAVED. Pray that people's hearts will be opened to repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Savior. Pray that every person in the world will be able to hear the gospel and the Word of God in their heart language—Matthew 9:37–38; 24:14; Romans 10:1; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 26:18.

PRAY FOR A NATIONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING. Pray that Jesus will revive the church and awaken our nation to the greatness and supremacy of Jesus. Pray that God will pour His Spirit on America, forgive our sins, and heal our land. Pray that millions of Americans will be convicted by the Holy Spirit, repent of their sins, and turn to God with all their hearts—2 Chronicles 7:14; Daniel 9:18–19; Psalm 85:6; Habakkuk 3:2; Acts 2:37–41.

PRAY FOR UNITY BETWEEN PASTORS AND CHURCHES. Pray that denominational, theological, and ethnic walls will come down so that pastors will live in harmony, loving each other, praying together, and serving each other—John 17:20–23; Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:3–6.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES. Pray that Jesus will heal, restore, and strengthen every marriage and family. Pray that husbands will love their wives like Christ loves the church and wives will respect and submit to their husbands. Pray that the hearts of parents will be turned toward their children to love them and raise them in a God-honoring way. Pray that children will respect and obey their parents—Genesis 2:24; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 127:3–5; Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 5:22–33; Ephesians 6:1–4.

PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION. Pray that God will heal our nation of racism and that God will use the church to stand against racial conflict, violence, and prejudice. The church must lead the way in racial reconciliation by modeling love and respect for everyone regardless of their skin color or ethnic background—Romans 10:12–13; Galatians 3:28; Acts 10:28, 34–35; John 7:24; 1 John 2:9; James 2:9; Revelation 7:9.

PRAY FOR LIFE TO BE VALUED AND PROTECTED THROUGH ALL STAGES, BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION UNTIL NATURAL DEATH. Pray for God to break the culture of death in America and restore a culture of life. Pray for legalized abortion to come to an end—Psalm 139:13–16; Jeremiah 1:5; Proverbs 24:11; Deuteronomy 21:8–9; James 1:17.

PRAY FOR LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS. Pray that God will give them the wisdom to make wise decisions and to govern with integrity, justice, and mercy—1 Timothy 2:1–2; Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2:17; Titus 3:1–2; Micah 6:8.

WEEK FIVE

Pray for those called to intercessory prayer and for the ministries of God-called and anointed apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

1. Ask the Lord of Hosts to call and engage a host of intercessors to align with and petition God to sovereignly fulfill His purposes and thwart the enemy's plans—Proverbs 19:21; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 John 3:8.
2. Pray that the increasing incense of prayer for local communities, our city, state, and the nation would result in measurable transformation of individuals, families, our land, and nationwide cultures.
3. Invite the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower prayer movements to see the fulfillment of the Word of the Lord in Habakkuk: "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (2:14).

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God (Romans 8:26–27).

PRAY AND EXPERIENCE SCRIPTURE

Declare "Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry"—Psalm 146:3, 5, 7.

Praise God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer for coming to seek and save those who are lost, to preach the gospel to the poor, to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to set free those who are oppressed—Psalm 18:46; Luke 4:18–19; 19:9–10; Jude 1:24–25.

Thank God for the gospel of Jesus Christ, the power of God for salvation to all who believe, remembering your moment of salvation and thanking Him for the privilege to share the good news of eternal life with others—Romans 1:16–17; Psalm 40:1–3.

Pray for the Lord to reveal strategic ways to help more effectively meet the physical and spiritual needs of others as we focus our energies on cultivating relationships with those needing Christ—Psalm 107:9; Matthew 25:31–40; 2 Corinthians 5:14–21; John 6:44; 17:3.

Ask God to grant access to the gospel through the following:

- Open heavens . . . to reveal the gospel—Isaiah 45:8
- Open minds to hear the gospel—Acts 26:17–18
- Open hearts to embrace the gospel—2 Corinthians 4:5–6
- Open doors to spread the gospel—Colossians 4:2–4

Intercede for those you know personally who are unsaved and proclaim that these verses from God's Word will become a reality in their lives—Isaiah 42:6–7; John 8:12; 14:6; Romans 10:8–11.

Wait before the Lord, listening for His voice and direction from the Holy Spirit; remember to thank God for hearing and answering our prayers—Psalm 25:5; 27:14; 62:5–8.