

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

As Cornerstone begins a season of leadership transition, we recognize that this period may bring a mix of emotions. And yet, for 155 years, God has been profoundly faithful to this church, and it is in His unchanging character that we find our anchor.

We believe it is vital to begin this new chapter by humbly seeking our heavenly Father's face. This 21 days of prayer guide is designed to help us collectively draw closer to God, lean into His faithfulness, and prepare our hearts for all He has in store, reminding us that He is with us every step of the way.

Each day there is a verse, a song that we would encourage you to listen to (which can easily be found on Youtube or Spotify), and a prayer that you can use as a guide for your own prayers. Half of the days also include a reflection question to spend time prayerfully pondering.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." – Lamentations 3:22-23

We recommend fasting collectively, as a church, on **Friday, August 29th** for a set period of time (for example: choosing to skip breakfast and lunch), and breaking the fast at a pre-chosen time (for example: 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, etc.).

May this time of prayer strengthen your faith and unite us as a church body, living in dependence upon our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the Head of His Church.

The Session of Cornerstone Community Church

Monday, August 11:

Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

Song: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Prayer: Lord, as we begin this new season of transition, we humbly ask for Your divine guidance and clear direction for Cornerstone. Help us to fix our eyes on You, trusting that Your plans, not ours, will ultimately prevail for our good and Your glory. Quiet our anxieties and help us to rest in Your sovereign control over every detail.

Tuesday, August 12:

Verse: "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him." – Nahum 1:7

Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for Your unwavering faithfulness throughout the 155-year history of our church. We acknowledge Your hand in bringing us to this very moment, and we choose to trust You completely with every aspect of our future, knowing You are always at work, even when we don't understand the path.

Reflection Question: How has God shown His faithfulness in your life or in the life of our church recently?

Wednesday, August 13:

Verse: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." – Ephesians 4:3

Song: "Goodness of God" and "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Join us at 6pm tonight for a Hymn Sing!

Prayer: Lord, we pray for deep and abiding unity among our congregation during this time of change. May every member truly feel valued, know they belong, and be empowered by Your Spirit to use their unique gifts for Your glory, fostering a deeper sense of community in this season. Help us to extend grace and understanding to one another, and open our hearts to receive leadership from our Session with patience, understanding, and a spirit of cooperation.

Thursday, August 14:

Verse: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." – Ephesians 3:20-21

Song: "Way Maker"

Prayer: Lord, despite any uncertainties, fill us with a spirit of great expectancy and hope in You alone. We believe You are going to do immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine, even through this transition, as we lean into Your sovereign power and boundless love.

Reflection Question: What is one "immeasurably more" thing you are daring to ask God for in this season?

Friday, August 15:

Verse: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

Song: "The Blessing"

Prayer: Lord, we pray specifically for our leaders and staff in this season. Guide them during this transition, and lead them with Your wisdom, provide abundantly for all their needs, and root them even more deeply within our church family and the Greeley community. May they feel Your peace and provision in every step. We pray for wisdom, discernment, humility, and strength for these leaders, and for their families.

Saturday, August 16:

Verse: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5

Song: "In Christ Alone"

Prayer: Lord, we acknowledge our desperate and absolute dependence on the Holy Spirit in this season of ministry. We confess that apart from Your empowering presence, we can do nothing of eternal value; strengthen us by Your might and enable us to bear fruit that lasts.

Reflection Question: In what specific area do you feel most dependent on the Holy Spirit right now?

Sunday, August 17:

Verse: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – Matthew 28:19-20

Song: "Living Hope"

Prayer: Lord, may Your ultimate vision for Cornerstone become a tangible reality in my own life – may I grow in developing your heart; may I become fixated on knowing Jesus more intimately and loving people more deeply. Equip us, as a church, to fulfill the Great Commission in our community, and bless each of our specific ministries that they would continue to impact lives.

Monday, August 18:

Verse: "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." – 1 Peter 2:2-3

Song: "Build My Life"

Prayer: Lord, we pray for profound spiritual growth in every individual at Cornerstone, especially during this period of adjustment. May we grow deeper in our understanding and faithful application of Your Word, allowing it to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, guiding our every step. We also pray for our personal spiritual growth, asking You to reveal areas in our own lives where we need to grow in faith, obedience, and love.

Tuesday, August 19:

Verse: "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." – Colossians 4:2

Song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Prayer: Lord, help us to cultivate an even more vibrant culture of prayer and authentic worship within our church. May Your tangible presence be deeply felt in every gathering, every time that we are together, drawing us closer to Your heart and transforming us by Your Spirit.

Reflection Question: How can you intentionally make prayer and worship a more central part of your daily life during these 21 days?

Wednesday, August 20:

Verse: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." – James 1:5

Song: "Be Thou My Vision"

Join us at 6:30pm for a Prayer Night!

Prayer: Lord, grant our leaders renewed strength, profound wisdom, and clear discernment as they navigate the unique opportunities and challenges of this new season, leading with grace and truth. We also pray for grace, peace, and clarity for those currently serving and those transitioning out of roles.

Reflection Question: How can you specifically support our church leaders and staff through prayer this week?

Thursday, August 21:

Verse: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" – Psalm 133:1

Song: "Rock of Ages"

Prayer: Lord, may Your Spirit work powerfully to bond all our church staff, volunteer teams, and ministry leaders in a deep sense of unity, genuine love, and a shared, unwavering commitment to Your mission. Break down barriers within us that hinder true fellowship!

Friday, August 22:

Verse: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

Song/Hymn: "Cornerstone"

Prayer: Lord, we pray for every member to discover, embrace, and boldly use the spiritual gifts You have bestowed upon them. May these gifts be exercised with humility to serve the body of Christ and impact the world around us, building up Your kingdom.

Reflection Question: What spiritual gift(s) do you believe God has given you, and how are you currently using it to serve others?

Saturday, August 23:

Verse: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." – Colossians 3:13

Song: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Prayer: Lord, help us to be quick to extend forgiveness and initiate reconciliation with one another, reflecting the boundless grace and mercy You have shown to us. May our relationships be marked by humility and Christ-like love, fostering a culture of peace. We pray for past hurts, which may be deep within us, to be healed and for a spirit of forgiveness to prevail throughout our church family.

Reflection Question: Is there anyone you need to extend forgiveness to this week?

Sunday, August 24:

Verse: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Song: "Gratitude"

Prayer: Lord, guide us, as a church, in our financial stewardship during this time of transition. But not just in our financial giving, may each one of us give of ourselves to serve you, and others, in the church, and in the world. We know that our worship of You is not complete unless it is extended in loving service to others. May that be the posture of our heart.

Monday, August 25:

Verse: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." – Isaiah 55:1

Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" & "God So Loved"

Prayer: Lord, we pray that Cornerstone Community Church would be a welcoming beacon, actively inviting all people to experience the life-giving truth of Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to those around us who are seeking hope and peace, and give us courage and compassion to extend Your invitation. Soften hearts in our community to respond to Your call, and soften our hearts towards our community.

Tuesday, August 26:

Verse: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." – Acts 1:8

Song: "Holy Spirit"

Prayer: Lord, we pray for Your Holy Spirit to powerfully empower every believer at Cornerstone. Equip us with ever increasing spiritual gifts, boldness, and wisdom to live out our faith and share Your love effectively. May we walk in the authority that You have given us to be Your witnesses in Greeley and beyond.

Wednesday, August 27:

Verse: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." – Galatians 3:28

Song: "Firm Foundation (He Won't)"

Join us at 6:30pm tonight for a Prayer Night!

Prayer: Lord, we pray that Cornerstone would truly embrace and reflect Your heart for all people. Help us to intentionally invite and welcome individuals from every background, ethnicity, and walk of life, ensuring that everyone knows they belong and are valued in Your family. May we seek to become a church that draws and connects image-bearers into Your family, the family of God.

Reflection Question: How can you personally demonstrate a welcoming spirit to someone in Greeley this week?

Thursday, August 28:

Verse: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." – Galatians 2:20

Song: "I Surrender All" & "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Prayer: Lord, we pray for every person at Cornerstone to become a passionate disciple of Jesus Christ. Ignite a deeper love for You, Your Word, and Your purposes within us. May our lives be marked by passionate devotion and a hunger to know You more intimately each day, prioritizing You above all else.

Reflection Question: Where do you need to surrender more fully to Christ?

Friday, August 29:

Verse: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Ephesians 2:10

Song: "Here I Am To Worship"

Prayer: Lord, empower us to be engaged disciples, actively living out our faith in practical ways. Inspire us to use our gifts, time, and resources to serve You and others within the church and our community. May our actions demonstrate our love for Christ and draw others to Him.

Saturday, August 30:

Verse: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Song: "New Wine" & "Made For More"

Prayer: Lord, we pray for a continuous journey of transformation for all people becoming disciples, and deeper disciples, of Jesus Christ, including us. May we daily lay down our old selves and embrace the new life You offer, growing in Christ-likeness, and reflecting Your character to the world. Protect us from spiritual attacks and division during this time.

Sunday, August 31:

Verse: "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." – Hebrews 10:23

Song: "To God Be The Glory"

Prayer: Lord, as we conclude these 21 days of prayer, we pray that Cornerstone would fully embody its mission to invite and empower all people to become passionate and engaged disciples of Jesus Christ. May our collective mission bring You immense glory and be a powerful beacon of Your light, Your love, and Your gospel in Greeley.

Reflection Question: As these 21 days conclude, what is one commitment you are making to continue growing as a passionate and engaged disciple of Jesus Christ?