

# A Call to Prayer / A Call to Speak

# **Prayer Guide**

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Welcome, and thank you for joining this call to prayer for the Church of the Nazarene. This is perhaps an unprecedented time in the life of our church to bring everyone together in Canada and the United States in prayer. We seek after God and He declares that He will be found! What a blessing and a promise we have from our living God.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord

- Jeremiah 29:11-14a

During this season of prayer from now through Pentecost 2022, we will pray for God's PROTECTION, DIRECTION, REVELATION for ourselves, our families, our pastors, our regional leaders, our college leaders, and for every person that calls themselves Nazarene in the USA/Canada Region. We join together in prayer for RENEWAL and for a RESURGENCE of our ministries to *Make Disciples in all the Nations*.

This prayer guide has been created for our many prayer warriors across the region. These brothers and sisters strengthen our denomination and movement in ways known and unknown to us all. They are appreciated!

"God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it."
- John Wesley

### **November 2021 (Pray for PROTECTION)**

God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>37</sup> ...we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:31b, 37-39

#### Holy God, you have our ADORATION.

- Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. (1 Chronicles 29:11b)
- You God are the Creator of the universe, everything is from your power.
- You are a great, mighty, and glorious King, we worship you.
- There is no other God except you.
- All praise and worship are for you Father God, we sing your songs of praise.

#### Lord, we CONFESS our sins and short comings.

- We confess as we may have allowed the busyness of life encroach on our walk with you.
- Some of us have failed to pray continuously. Lord forgive us.
- We strive but may have missed the mark to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind.
- We may have also faltered in our love for our neighbor as you have taught us.
- Lord we confess if we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; have mercy on us.

#### God, we are **THANKFUL** for all you have done and continue to do.

- Father God, we thank you for your love, inseparable from us through Christ Jesus.
- We thank you that you are our shelter, our refuge, our fortress.
- You protect us from trouble, you never desert us.
- You will strengthen us and help us; You will uphold us with your righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10b)
- We thank you for your grace and our salvation.

#### Lord, we come to you in humble **SUPPLICATION**, hear our prayers.

- For your divine protection on the ministries of our local churches.
- We pray for unity within the body of Christ.
- Lord, keep your hand of protection on every pastor in the USA/Canada Region.
- For your hand of protection on every layperson in the Nazarene Church!
- Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:13)

# **December 2021 (Pray for DIRECTION)**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** 

- Lord, we give our hearts to you, it is through surrendering our understanding that we can receive your direction.
- We trust you God, we know that you are faithful, you called us.
- We trust only in you, help us to set aside our ways and embrace your ways in all things.
- Help us to see with your eyes the people and needs around us, fill us with your grace to love and serve others.
- Lord, we acknowledge you in our lives, we believe in you, we submit ourselves to your ways.
- Please God, make straight our paths. Help us to follow your guidance and direction daily.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

- Psalm 32:8

- Lord, we embrace your truth and your direction in our lives.
- Help us to have a teachable spirit, thirsting after you and your ways.
- God, we trust you will show us the way, should we go to the left or to the right? Help us to be sensitive to your nudge.
- We know you love us and care for us daily. You are watching and you are helping us in all things.

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- **Ephesians 1:22-23** 

- Christ Jesus, you are the Messiah, the head over the Church, our redeemer.
- Help us to submit our lives to you daily, and recognize you as the head of the Church.
- Lord, help us to love what you love, help us to love the Church and to faithfully serve her.
- God, we pray for unity in the Church of the Nazarene, and to be known for our love.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us

- **Hebrews 12:1** 

# **January 2022 (Pray for REVELATION)**

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- John 1:14

- Father God, we begin by thanking you for sending your Son for our salvation.
- God, you revealed yourself in Christ, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)
- We thank you in every circumstance as we see you working in our lives.
- Your amazing grace is revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ, our hope.
- God, we pray for our lives and for the church to reflect your ways.

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Lord we trust in your Word, your Holy Scriptures are God-breathed.
- Help us to have a teachable spirit, seeking your ways for ourselves and the church.
- Lord, help us pray, to read, and to listen to your still small voice.
- God, your revealed truth for every situation can be gained through prayer, thank you.

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

- Ephesians 1:17-19a

- Father God, thank you for giving us the Spirt of wisdom and revelation as you promised.
- Holy Spirit, you are our counselor, our helper, and our advocate. Thank you for guiding our lives and for guiding your church.
- We are sanctified by grace through the Holy Spirit. God, you are faithful and we are thankful.
- Holy Spirit, lead us and speak to us about your plan for the Nazarene Church in the coming days. Help us discern your plans for our future.
- Lord, speak to us about your plans and your will, help us to be obedience in all things.