



NPC Spring 2025 Prayer Guide

ADORATION

"The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it." Psalm 89:11

"Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" Exodus 15:11

"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace." Psalm 29:10-11

"I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king." Daniel 2:23

"Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name." 2 Samuel 22:50

Heavenly Father, You are our Sovereign Lord. You are the Creator of the world and everything in it. You alone have awesome power, majesty and authority. That you love and care for lil' ol' us blows our mind. That you, our Creator God, choose to share your power with us and permit us to be your conduit for your work here on earth is beyond imaginable! Help us Lord to know you more intimately, to love you more intensely and follow you ever more closely. In Jesus Name, Amen

CONFESSION

"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13

"How many wrongs and sins have I committed? Show me my offense and my sin." Job 13:23

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

"Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free!" Ephesians 1:7-8

"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." Isaiah 44:22

Heavenly Father, We are so sorry for the things we have done wrong in our lives, for the mistakes we have made and the hurtful things we have said and done both unintentionally and intentionally. Please forgive us. Thank you for sending your son Jesus to die for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven. Thank you that through Jesus you erase our mess-ups with your heavenly eraser and we are set free to make a

fresh start. To have this burden lifted is so amazing! How can we ever thank you enough for being so good to us! In Jesus Name, Amen

THANKSGIVING

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name." Luke 1:46-49

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds". Psalms 9:1

"I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king." Daniel 2:23

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Chronicles 16:34

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Heavenly Father, Thank you that we are alive today! Thank you for all your blessings that are too numerous to count! Thank you for your provisions of food, shelter, clothing, clean cold and hot water, safety and peace...so many things we take for granted. Thank you for looking out for us and taking such good care of us even when we are not focused on you. Thank you for sending us your son Jesus. Through his painful, brutal sacrifice on the cross we can be released from whatever negative things imprison us and we can experience your Kingdom life. Thank you for sending people to us to help us to grow our faith. We want to see, hear, speak, feel and do as your son Jesus did. Please help us to imitate him. In His Name we pray, Amen.

SUPPLICATION

"Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior." Psalm 27:7-9

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:31-34

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8

Heavenly Father. Thank you that we can trust that you are in ultimate control of all the circumstances of our lives. No matter what seemingly impossible situation we are facing, no matter what temptation, what health challenge, relationship challenge, financial challenge...nothing is too hard for you Lord. Thank you

for being our Abba to whom we can come to with all the broken things in our lives to fix. In Jesus Name, Amen

We pray for:

For our Church Family

Father we praise and thank you for this amazing church family you have given us. May we continue to grow in faith and obedience to you. Please help us to keep a missional focus...to look for ways to serve our friends and neighbors who are hurting or troubled and point them to you. May we grow in our ability to imitate you so that we spend less and less of our time thinking about ourselves and more and more of our time thinking of others. May the fruits of our transformation be a radical community of love.

For our Pastors and others in Leadership

Please protect our pastors and leaders from being drawn away from you by the incessant and never ending needs of ministry. Please surround them with a culture of permission and encouragement to take time for rest and solitude where they can be refreshed by you. Please send your Holy Spirit to inspire their work, keep them humble and help them with the heavy lifting at work and at home. Please protect them and their families from the Evil One.

For the Children and those leading Children's Ministries

Please bless the NPC Child Care, NPC Pre School and Sunday School ministries. May they experience Jesus' radical love in these early encounters that will create a firm foundation of love and acceptance for the rest of their life. Please send you Holy Spirit to help with VBS 2025. Please help raise up leaders and volunteers who will enable the children to have a wonderful encounter with Jesus. Please bless, protect and help all those in leadership of Children's ministries and their families.

For our Young People and those leading Youth Ministries

We pray for God's hand to be over all our students as they navigate the end of school. We lift up the new Youth Mentorship program and pray that you will raise up many loving adults to be paired up with teens. May these relationships bear much fruit as each youth and adult bless each other. We pray for the planning and organizing of the West Virginia trip to Cabwaylingo Appalachia. May many youths sign up, have loads of fun, form strong and lasting connections with each other and deepen their faith. We lift up the Youth Revival Day Retreat on March 23rd. May each student experience the feeling of home we find in Christ and catch a small glimpse of heaven here on earth.

For the Prayer Ministries of our church

We pray for the Wednesday Prayer Service and for the Prayer Team. May we continue to grow as a house of prayer. May those attending the Wednesday night services continue to be nourished spiritually. We pray for the Prayer Team. Thank you for their faithfulness. May they continue to cover the needs of the church and its members with prayer. May prayer continue to undergird all activities at NPC. May we continue to not make a single move without inquiring of your Holy Spirit in prayer.

For the Adult Discipleship Ministries

We pray for all the efforts of the Discipleship Team as they lead us toward deeper and wider community at NPC. We lift up all the discipleship initiatives including Adult Sunday School, Lunchtime Connection, Men's Fellowship Bible Study, Mom's Sunday Morning Bible Study, Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, CBS, Leadership Journey For Women and Lessons on Christian Living. We pray that people will engage with these offerings and that they would experience many ah-ha moments that deepen their faith. We lift up the new Welcome Team ministry...may you imbue them with a sense of deep purpose and mission...as the face of Jesus to people who may not have yet met him.

For our worship services

May all who come to NPC services experience a spiritual stirring in their soul through the liturgy, music and word of God. May they experience Jesus' love in the distinctive atmosphere of welcome and through the personal one-on-one friendliness of our people. May they be inspired and motivated to explore and find one of the many programs offered where they can find connection and community.

For our on-going Caring Ministries

We lift up all of NPC's Caring Ministries. Please raise up leaders and helpers and equip them to carry on this vital work to alleviate the suffering found in our communities. May those struggling with addictions and those walking alongside loved ones with addictions find friendship and support in Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon. May those who have been racked with grief over the loss of a dear one find understanding in Grief Share and companions with whom to walk on their journey towards healing. May those living alone and worried that no one will know if they need help find relief and comfort through the Noroton Nudge Ministry.

For Stephen Leaders, Ministers and Care Receivers and for the Noroton Presbyterian Therapy Center

We lift up the new class of Stephen Leaders, recently trained and for the planning of the next class. We pray for leaders to be raised up and for this team to be blessed by this work. May the Holy Spirit bring revelation, comfort and peace in all their interactions. We pray for the on-going, thriving work at Noroton Presbyterian Therapy Center. We give you thanks and praise Lord for this work and we ask that many would receive your powerful healing through this ministry.

For Connection and Community

We pray that all those whose soul yearns and hungers for connection and community will find friendships at NPC. Please bless the Dinners For 8 initiative. Please raise up hosts who have the gift of hospitality and embolden even the shyest guests to "give it a try". Please draw men, especially those who have not attended a retreat before, to the Men's Retreat on March 16-18. May the seeds planted there flourish. Thank you for an amazing Women's Retreat this past January and for "bringing home" so many women who have shared life together at NPC. We lift up the new cross-wearers from the Retreat...Heather Smith, Suzy Gates and Katie Cooney. Please bless them and show them your favor Lord. May they see you in their daily lives. We lift up People Encouraging People. May our seniors be blessed with connection and community through this program.

For Mission Trips

We pray for all the upcoming mission trips at NPC. Please send your Holy Spirit to help with the planning, logistics, program development and recruiting. We pray for discernment for the small advance team who went to Jordan with Hanna Massad. Please guide them regarding next steps. We pray for the Roma Network mission trip with Tom Becker to Croatia and Bosnia. We lift up the Cabwaylingo Youth Mission trip to West Virginia.

For those who are homebound or lonely or sad

Please bring them ways to connect with other people face-to-face or over the internet. You made us for connection Father, especially for Christian connection, so that we may encourage each other in our faith. Please intervene and bring people into the lives of those who need it.

For those who are sick or undergoing health challenges and procedures

We pray for the mental and physical health of those in our community. Please help those with challenges to find the right medical help, kind and caring medical professionals and the inner strength they need. Please bring healing and restoration of bodies, wisdom for medical professionals, grace and endurance for family members and care givers that are helping to care for them.

For those suffering from cancer and from chronic illnesses

We lift up all those suffering. Lord please ease their suffering and pain. Please bring them symptom relief. May they receive encouragement in some way...from a verse of Scripture, something they read or hear, or perhaps from a family member, friend or acquaintance who visits or calls. Please help them find meaning and hope in their suffering.

For our Country and the World

We declare by faith that nothing is impossible for you...even when it looks beyond overwhelming to us. Lord, you hear our cries. Please come to our aid in all the places where war, injustice and violence abound. Please send your Holy Spirit to supernaturally change the minds of men so that peace prevails, the innocent are protected, those suffering receive help and those grieving are comforted.

For those Unemployed or about to be unemployed

Please help those who are unemployed or about to be unemployed. May they discover their unique gifts that you granted them and find opportunities where those gifts can be utilized for the benefit of others. Please grow their faith, provide them with encouragers and grant them your special peace that passes all understanding.

For our Local, State, National and International Leaders

Please grant supernatural wisdom and inspiration to leaders here and abroad that they would make wise and good decisions. Please raise up leaders who have a heart for seeking you, discerning and pursuing your will.

We pray for the specific needs of our Mission Partners' ministries locally and around the world:

Tumaini Children's Home

Father, we pray for good academic performance for all the students. We lift up their social worker and manager, asking that you bless her work with kids and families. And we pray for good financial management by the Parish Office.

Rossholme Education Centre (Nairobi, Kenya)

Father, we pray for Joyce and her staff to be of good health and to serve their students with caring and wisdom. For the Grade 6 students who have transitioned to junior secondary schools in 2025, please help them to flourish in their new schools. Father, we ask you to grant Joyce success in obtaining a visa so that she can come to the US and find refreshment and support for her ministry.

Pivot Ministry (Bridgeport)

Father, we pray for the upcoming Prayer Breakfast on April 18th and for our own Pastor Gary who will be the keynote speaker. We pray that many will attend. May your message of grace, mercy, power and love be heard through Pastor Gary's words. Please fill these men in recovery with the power of your Holy Spirit and supernaturally heal them of their physical and spiritual addictions. Please help them to find stable work, restore family relationships and bring new friends to help them grow in faith and lean into you. May you grant them your grace and mercy to make a fresh start. We lift up the Pivot staff and their families to serve in your power with joy.

Hopeline Pregnancy Center (Stamford)

Father, we thank you for providing financial supporters and encouragement for this ministry. We pray for the mothers in need of healing and hope. May they experience first-hand your great love for them through the loving kindness of the staff and the help that they receive. Please give wisdom to the staff as they love on these women, listen to their concerns and share the gospel with them. We pray for the Recovery Care clients. Please give them the courage to reach out for help so that they and their families may continue to flourish.

Christian Mission to Gaza (Pastor Hanna Massad, Gaza and Jordan)

We pray for Hanna and his CM2G ministry. May you multiply the blessings flowing from his work in Gaza and Jordan. Please provide resources and ways for your blessings to be distributed to the suffering people. We pray for peace in Palestine. Please clear the pathways for desperately needed supplies to get through to the ministry workers in Gaza. We pray for protection for those involved in this important work and for many non-Christians to experience the love of Christ through the blessings they receive from these workers. Please guide Hanna and the NPC team to discern if a future mission trip to Jordan is possible and what will be required. Please Lord, open wide these doors if it is your will. We also lift up the Eyeglasses Ministry team from First Baptist Church in Garland Texas as they travel and serve those in need.

Agape Italia (Joel & Amy Hardman, Rome, Italy)

We pray for heavenly appointments and more conversations with students and professors that are drawn to learn more about faith. We pray for deeper relationships to be formed and for students to experience healthy Christian community where they can grow spiritually, emotionally and relationally. Please bring more workers who are willing to share their faith and help with the harvest. We lift up the first ministry training internship (spring 2025) and ask that you fill it with participants that you desire to be there. Thank you for Amy's time at the NPC Women's Retreat where many were able to learn about this ministry. We continue to pray for Amy's health and strength. We pray for their entire family (Livia, Eisley, Aurelia and Stelvio), for their physical and mental well-being, for energy and for rest. May each of them grow in their love and knowledge of you.

Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (Bill & Addie Likens, Dunlow, WV)

We pray for the mission trip to West Virginia that will be March 24 – 29 where volunteers from our church will be setting up and distributing groceries and non-perishables to over 700 families. May these recipient families experience Jesus' love as they interact with the volunteers. We pray for Bill and Addie Likens, for their health, energy, wisdom and joy as they minister to the needs and offer hope to Dunlow and the surrounding communities.

Roma Network (Tom & Dora Becker, Europe)

We pray for Tom & Dora Becker and their work with the Romani people, equipping leaders in Europe to plant Roma churches, disciple Roma leaders, and resource Roma communities to create jobs and education opportunities. We pray that many Romani will come to faith and grow in their faith through these efforts. We pray for your blessing on the upcoming October 24-Nov 1 mission trip to Croatia and Bosnia, for volunteers to learn more about this marginalized peoples... who they are, the challenges they face and how to help them recover their culture and learn about their identity in Christ.

Campus Outreach (Artie & Kittery Van Sciver, Charlotte, NC)

Lord, we pray for the fundraising efforts of staff. We ask that you lead them to ministry partners who will invest in them and encourage them in their ministry. We ask for divine appointments with students who are lonely, troubled or searching and are in need of your love and care. May older students exude your joy, your love and your welcome to these students who need you. May these new students find themselves drawn to you through experiencing your love, your healing and your grace. Please watch over Artie and Kittery and their family and provide for their every need.

Crossing Thresholds (Rev. Carter Via, Nairobi, Kenya)

Father, we pray for the Eli's Spring Fundraiser on April 26, 2025 in New York City that will support the Eli trip, the first ever Emerging Leaders initiative this June. We ask your blessing and anointing on the next generation of Crossing Threshold leadership who will be leading this trip. We lift up this trip and the other upcoming mission trips to Kenya this summer where people can experience your love in action. We pray for the students at all the Crossing Threshold schools, for help with their studies and stability in their home lives. We pray for protection and good health for the staff at all 5 CT schools, and for them to be godly examples to students and the Kibera community.

Forman Christian College (Rev. Roger Dermody, Lahore, Pakistan)

Jesus, we pray for the students at FCCU to build lasting friendships, develop godly character, and grow to become the leaders Pakistan needs. We pray for the continued development of a strong donor network that will support this beacon of light in this strategically important country.

HopeCo (Tanzania & Kenya)

Lord Jesus, we lift up HopeCo's Tanzanian students at universities in the US; please protect them from the shifting political sands and enable them to flourish at their studies and complete their education. We pray for HopeCo staff and teachers to stay strong physically and spiritually as they equip students to be life-long learners and disciples of You. And we ask you to bless leadership efforts to expand their donor base.

LIFE Ministry (Kenya)

Lord, we pray for fruitful ministry with students, young professionals, and church partners. Please bless the National Director with wisdom and humility. Please bless Grant Maina/Paul and Caroline in the work that they do for the school and with the students.

Nambale Magnet School (WIKS-USA) (Nambale, Kenya)

Father, we pray for Evalyn, Wendy and their staff to lead the school and students with wisdom and love. We lift up the start-up of the new 9th grade class. May this be a great blessing to all as the school expands to serve more students. We also lift up the Black Soldier Fly Project, an innovative project which uses Black Soldier Fly larvae to convert organic waste into valuable resources (providing high protein larvae as feed, composting organic waste, creating organic fertilizer). Please help Nambale in its efforts to become a satellite training center for the Black Soldier Fly initiative to benefit the community around the school. Please help all the Nambale students to focus on their studies and do their best.

Open Doors (Norwalk)

Lord, we thank You for the strategic ways that Open Doors is providing and equipping people and families with safe and stable housing. Please protect our neighbors in need and help them to find their way to Open Doors so they can receive essential resources that they need. Please bless Michele in her work leading this ministry.

The Initiative (various US locations)

Lord, please help Scott Brill and his ministry partners design the national gathering in June 16-18. May they continue to focus on praying for a radical increase of love for the whole body of Christ. Lord, may you continue to work on the renewal of love in our inner lives, the fruit of which will be manifested in outer change. May the renewal of love in our inner lives supernaturally empower the challenging work of bridge building across different groups.