

Plaza Bible Church
Prayer Guide for Church Renewal / 2021

Week 1 / February 21-27 / Jesus' Church

Read Matthew 16:13-18. As you pray today, use these prompts:

- Acknowledge afresh that Jesus is the Son of God.
- Give our church to Jesus.
- Recognize that Jesus is the Head of the church.
- Thank God for His protection and provision for His church.
- Ask God to give our church a vision of being Jesus' church that matches this passage.
- Pray for God's touch in renewing our church.
- Bring God any praises or prayer requests that are on your heart today.

Week 2 / February 28-March 6 / The Work of the Church

Read Matthew 28:16-20. As you pray today, use these prompts:

- Ask God to speak to you about how well our church is fulfilling Jesus' last command to us.
- Thank God for being given Jesus' authority.
- Ask God to help you be aware of someone who might become a new disciple of Jesus.
- Pray for missions in our city, in our country, and around the world.
- Ask the Lord to show you any areas of your life that you need to surrender in obedience to his commands.
- Ask God to help you be constantly aware of Jesus' presence in your life every day.
- Pray for God's touch in renewing our church.
- Bring to God any praises or prayer requests that are on your heart today.

Week 3 / March 7-13 / The First Church

Read Acts 2:40-47. As you pray today, use these prompts:

- Ask God to add new believers to our church.
- Ask God to help you and our church be devoted to and engage the Bible.
- Ask God to deepen true fellowship in our church.
- Ask God to renew your sense of awe and wonder of Him.
- Ask God to identify someone who has a need you can meet today.
- Ask God to help every church member to share his or her faith in a way that brings favor with people outside our church.
- Pray for God's touch in renewing our church.
- Bring to God any praises or prayer requests that are on your heart today.

Week 4 / March 14-20 / The First Church in Prayer

Read Acts 4:23-37. As you pray today, use these prompts:

- Ask God to instill a passion for bold prayer in your life.
- Ask God to instill a passion for bold prayer in our church.
- Ask God to help you and other church members to speak God's Word with loving boldness.
- Ask God to fill you anew with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for God's touch in renewing our church.
- Bring to God any praises or prayer requests that are on your heart today.

Week 5 / March 21-27 / Revitalization and Transformation

Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. As you pray today, use these prompts:

- Pray that you will continually be transformed more and more in Christ-likeness.
- Praise and thank God for the hope He gives us.
- Ask God to soften our minds to His Word.
- Pray for God's touch in renewing our church.
- Bring to God any praises or prayer requests that are on your heart today.

Week 6 / March 28-April 3: Unity in the Church

Read Ephesians 4:1-7. As you pray today, use these prompts:

- Pray for unity in our church.
- Ask God to reveal to you anyone with whom you are not in unity. Ask Him to help you seek out this person or persons and seek forgiveness for whatever broke that unity.
- Make yourself a prisoner of Jesus.
- Ask God to help you and our church measure ourselves against His standards of humility, gentleness, patience, and unity.
- Thank and praise God for His grace shown in your life and our church.
- Pray for God's touch in renewing our church.
- Bring to God any praises or prayer requests that are on your heart today.

Week 7 / April 4-10 / The Multiplying Church

Read Acts 9:31. As you pray today, use these prompts:

- Ask God to build up our church.
- Ask God to bring a sense of peace to our church.
- Pray for a renewed fear of the Lord in your life and in our church.
- Ask God to make our church a multiplying church.
- Ask God to make us ready to receive new believers, unbelievers and seekers.
- Pray for God's touch in renewing our church.
- Pray we make disciplers, multiply leaders, and increase our sending efforts.
- Bring to God any praises or prayer requests that are on your heart today.



Hello, Church Family!

I want to invite you to be a part of our church renewal process. As we think about the renewal of our church, here is a helpful framework to understand our next steps.

My heart is that we would be a Great Commission church. Just as Plaza has a rich spiritual legacy of serving families, making disciples, and sending missionaries, I desire that we would again have a deep sense of mission and urgency to fulfil the Great Commission to make disciples.

1. Rethink Phase.

Since my family and I arrived at Plaza in September 2019, we have been studying and processing our church history. We have looked carefully at its many aspects and have been praying and seeking God with you.

Picture with me a beautiful sailing ship. This ship is sitting at the dock after many voyages at sea. The new captain arrives and begins to listen to the crew about their voyages, its history, and where the patched holes in the sails came from.

2. Realign Phase.

Now we begin to realign. February 14 marks the beginning of preparing the ship for a new voyage. Write this date down. Let's begin to prepare the vessel for the next mission ahead.

Think about our sailing ship. What will it take to get the vessel ready for its next voyage? The sails will need to be mended, barnacles scraped off the hull, decks refinished, and ropes repaired. Everything needs to be aligned so our ship can be ready for the open waters.

My heart is that we would realign together. That we would get the ship ready together. This is an all-hands-on-deck kind of season. We will work to reestablish our mission, vision, values, teams, strategies, and a fresh church identity. This will take each of us, heart and soul, serving and realigning together.

3. Relaunch Phase.

This is where we launch as a renewed church. Visualize our beautiful sailing ship ready for the ocean. Everything is clean, the crew is ready, the galley is stocked, the captain calls for the anchor to be pulled up. The sails are raised and the whole crew trusts that the wind will fill their sail and carry them to sea.

I would love for you to circle this date on your calendar, September 12, 2021. This is the date that we will target to relaunch our church...to set sail

Take courage, take heart, we do not need all the details at this moment, but we do need to commit to the process, to commit to taking action.

Prayer Guide for Church Renewal

An essential first action is prayer. We see from the early church in the book of Acts that prayer was the fuel for a Spirit-empowered, world-changing church. Beginning on Sunday, February 21, we are committing ourselves to seven weeks of focused prayer.

The **attached prayer guide** presents a specific prayer focus based on a scripture passage for each week with bulleted prayer points. Read the scripture each day and let the bullets be the starting points as you allow the Spirit to guide you into faith-filled, powerful prayer.

I truly believe that we can be positioned to connect people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Are you ready to make a difference in someone's life? Are you ready to see people connected to Jesus? Great!

Let's pursue Jesus together and allow him to lead us through this season of renewal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micah". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "S" at the end.

Pastor Micah