

# March 2021: Prayers for Oak Creek as we transition back during pandemic

Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.

Psalm 27:1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 CHURCH LEADERS & 2021	8 Pastor Todd (Heidi) Pastor Mike (Tiffany) John 15:5, Gal 6:14	9 Elders, Deacons, & Deaconess Team 1 Peter 4:10	10 Church Finances: Generosity in giving & Wisdom in Spending Luke 14:28, 2 Cor 9:7	11 Families of Church Leaders Ephesians 6:11-12	12 COVID-19 Response & 2021 Planning Psalm 27:1	13
14 ADULT CONNECTIONS	15 Fellowship Team Acts 2:42, Ephesians 4:2-3	16 Women's & Men's Ministries- Titus 2:1-4 (Men's Leader Needed)	17 Small Groups Acts 2:42 & 1 Peter 4:9	18 Discipleship & Bible Studies 1 Timothy 4:10-11	19 Worship/Media Team John 4:23-24	20
21 STUDENTS & CHILDREN	22 Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Matthew 19:13-15	23 ECHO Student Ministry Ephesians 3:17-18	24 Wednesday Evening Kid's Outreach (Leader Needed)	25 VBS/ Backyard Bible Club Outreach Matthew 9:36-38	26 Caring Well Initiative Luke 4:16-21	27
28 MICHIANA OUTREACH	29 Prayer Ministry Acts 6:4	30 Outreach/Missions- (Leader Needed) Romans 10:14	31 Disaster Relief (Apprentice Leader needed)	1 Building & Grounds 1 Peter 4:10 (Leader Needed)	2 Red Cross Partnership Matthew 25:32-46	NEXT MONTH'S PRAYER THEME: Members of Oak Creek

# PRAY

## Praise

Tell God who He is and what you are thankful for. This will get your heart in the right place as you begin connecting with God in prayer, even if we are in pain & weary. *Hebrews 13:15, Psalm 100:1-5*

## Repent

Admit to God your faults and allow Him to convict you. This is the natural response of a sinner in the presence of a sinless God. *1 John 1:9, Acts 3:19*

## Ask

Paul teaches us that we should confidently present our requests to God.

*Philippians 4:6*

## Yield

Stop and quiet your heart to hear from God. This is probably the most difficult step in prayer, but it's worth the effort.

*Matthew 6:10*

## PRAYING GOD'S WORD

If you'd like more guidance in how to pray, praying bible verses is a great place to begin. The calendar gives an example of a scripture you can pray over that ministry. Below are some examples of how to use God's Word to guide your prayer.

### PRAYERS FOR PASTORS OF OAK CREEK

#### DEPENDENCE ON GOD

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

Lord we ask for total dependence on you for Pastor Todd and Pastor Mike. It is easy to slip into independence and their own strengths, but we ask that they abide in you knowing that apart from your son Jesus Christ they can do nothing.

#### RIGHT HEART IN MINISTRY

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal 6:14*

Father, allow Pastor Todd and Pastor Mike to not boast in anything but glory in the cross. Keep our pastors from pride and pity. Let the cross be their reason for ministry.

#### PROTECTION FROM SPIRITUAL ATTACK

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:11-12*

Lord, we pray for discernment in exposing any schemes of the enemy against our pastors. We pray Pastor Todd and Pastor Mike are protected from the spiritual attacks of the enemy, help them to claim and put on the armor of God daily. And, Lord, protect us as we wage spiritual warfare on behalf of our pastors.

### PRAYERS FOR OAK CREEK MINISTRIES & VOLUNTEERS

*"May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Col 1:11*

Lord, we thank you Father for our many volunteers at Oak Creek. Thank you for their patience and joy as they work in every area of our church. We ask Lord that you strengthen volunteers, giving them endurance that only come your Holy Spirit. We ask that we all feel the gratitude at being saved from the domain of darkness, and that gratitude motivates us all to be in service in any way, big or small, to a ministry that serves the people who come into Oak Creek.

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

Lord please allow the members of Oak to serve in whatever gift you have given them. Let our gifts be used only for your glory, and never our own. If someone in Oak Creek does not yet know their gifting, please open their eyes to it and the ways it can be used for your Kingdom. Help the members of Oak Creek to be faithful in whatever form of service you have called them into, even in the hard times of life.

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:36-38*

Lord, we ask you the Lord of the Harvest, to send out workers to the field. Please multiply our volunteers so we may become your workers, and bring you Glory. We ask that we see our community with compassion, and that it motivates us to serve them in any way we can in our church walls or outside of them. Help us to be of your work, and not ours.