



## Mishawaka Prayer Tour (1-mile radius)

### Three ways to use this guide:

- **A Driving Prayer Tour.** The primary use of this prayer guide is to do a self-guided prayer tour of the Mishawaka community within a 1-mile radius of our church building. Start in the church parking lot, follow the directions, stop at each of the 10 locations, and pray through the prayer points provided. The entire tour should take between 45min to an hour depending on how long you pray at each stop. My hope is that every member of Oak Creek will set aside time to complete this tour and ask God to give us a heart for his mission where we are.
- **A Virtual Prayer Tour.** Using this guide and the accompanying video at [www.oakcreekvideos.com](http://www.oakcreekvideos.com), you can pray through this guide from any location. If you do not live in Mishawaka or are unable to get out, we would love for you to join us in prayer for our community through this virtual journey. Follow the guide to pray through each of the 10 prayer sections.
- **An Ongoing Prayer Guide.** After you have completed the prayer journey, use this guide as a reminder to pray and for specific ways you can pray. Continue to pray for our community, for Oak Creek Community Church, and for how God would use you in pointing others to Jesus where you are and around the world.

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*"Listen to what I'm telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest." John 4:35 (CSB)*

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38 (CSB)*

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### **Start: Our prayer tour begins in our parking lot at Oak Creek Community Church, 833 Lincolnway in Mishawaka.**

As you begin, take a moment and pray that God would speak to you through this prayer time. Pray that God would open your eyes to the harvest field that surrounds our church building. Pray that God would send more laborers into the harvest. Pray that God would send you/us out with his mission and message. Pray for Oak Creek Church as we seek to make Jesus known where we are and around the world as we follow Him together.

## 1. Merrifield Park

**Location:** 801 N Indiana Ave, Mishawaka, IN 46544 (drive around the block at the church first)

**Directions:** As we begin, do a quick driving tour of some of the streets north and south of our building. As you drive, take note of what you see. Pray for the people in the homes that you see. Turn south on Merrifield then right or left on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> streets. Drive around the block and return to Merrifield. Now drive north on Merrifield and cross Lincolnway. Turn down Homewood Ave. and drive 2 blocks. Turn left on Indiana and drive north – cross Mishawaka avenue and drive to the end of the street until you reach the St. Joseph River. Pull into the parking lot at the north end of Merrifield Park. Stop and pray.

### Prayer points:

- Pray for the Neighborhoods within a mile our church building. Pray that God would draw people to faith in Christ as we share the message of Jesus.
- Pray for those Christians who live in these neighborhoods to be a light to their neighbors.
- Pray that Oak Creek will be able to build relationships with people who live in the community surrounding our church building.
- Pray that God would help us to make Jesus known where we are and that Oak Creek would be used of God to reach the people here.

## 2. Mishawaka High School

**Location:** 1202 Lincolnway E, Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Directions:** Continue driving through the neighborhoods, praying as you go. From the intersection of Indiana and Prospect, travel east on Prospect Avenue about a ½ mile to Byrkit Avenue. Turn right and head south on Byrkit to Lincolnway. Turn right on Lincolnway and look for MHS on the right. Pull into the parking lot, stop and pray.

### Prayer points:

- Pray for the approximately 1500 students at Mishawaka High School. The majority of students are unchurched and do not know Christ. Pray also for John Young Middle School and the many elementary schools of our city.
- Pray for Mishawaka School Administrator Wayne Barker, School Board President Richard Currey, teachers, staff and other leaders—that God would lead them as make decisions, for their emotional and spiritual health, and for strength in the coming year.
- Pray for our Youth Group at Oak Creek—that our students would continue to grow in their relationship to Christ and be a light to their lost friends. Pray for students attending Echo who do not yet know Jesus, that they would come to faith in Christ. Pray that Oak Creek will make Jesus known to this generation.

### 3. Beiger Elementary School

**Location:** 1600 E 3rd St, Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Directions:** Turn left onto Lincolnway and travel East. Pass Byrkit street and you'll see Beiger elementary School on the right. Turn right on Beiger St. (south) and then Right on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (west) and then park on the street on the south side of the school.

#### **Prayer points:**

- Pray for the elementary students at Beiger Elementary. Again, many of these students have no church experience and most do not know Christ. Pray that Oak Creek can make Jesus known to children and families in this city.
- Pray for Mishawaka and Michiana principals and teachers, including Beiger principal, Courtney Koszyk, and MHS principal, John Ross. Pray that those teachers who are Christians will have a positive impact on students lives and that others will come to faith. Pray that God will guide them as they teach the children of our community.
- Pray for the children's ministries at Oak Creek. Pray that our kids will grow to not only be strong believers, but also be kingdom minded and be a light to those around them. Pray for church leaders as we seek ways to minister to children and families during this season.

### 4. Lippert Components Plant 39B

**Location:** 408 S Byrkit Ave, Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Directions:** Continue west on 3<sup>rd</sup> street. Take note again of the homes in this neighborhood and pray for them as you drive. Turn left on Byrkit Ave (south). After you cross the RR tracks, you'll see the Lippert Plant on the left. Pull into the parking lot on the right at 5<sup>th</sup>&Byrkit, stop and pray.

#### **Prayer points:**

- Pray for those who work in various industries in Mishawaka/Michiana.
- Pray for those who, in this season of the coronavirus pandemic, have lost their income and are struggling. Pray for an end to the pandemic and for God to provide for the families of our community. If you know anyone who has lost their job or is struggling, pray for them by name.
- Think about the place where you work. Ask God how you can be a light for Jesus in your workplace. Pray for anyone you know who needs to know Jesus. Pray that God would draw them to faith in Christ. Pray that God would give you an opportunity to share your faith and to give you the boldness to do so.
- For more ways to pray for people in the workplace, visit <https://www.faith-in-business.org/prayer-for-the-workers/>

## 5. Golden Living Retirement Home

**Location:** 811 E 12th St, Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Directions:** Continue south on Byrkit Ave. When you get to the stoplight at 12<sup>th</sup> street, turn right (east). After you pass Merrifield, look for Golden Living on the left. Pull into the parking lot and pray.

### Prayer points:

- Pray for the residents of this nursing home facility. Pray that God would keep them safe in this season.
- Many nursing home residents are alone. Pray that the residents would know God's love and care for them and His presence with them. Pray about opportunities Oak Creek might have to minister here.
- Pray for nursing home workers as they serve the residents here.
- Pray for others in the medical community—doctors, nurses, EMTs, hospital employees, etc.—that God would keep them safe from harm and encourage their spirit. If you know someone who lives in a nursing home or works in the medical field, pray for that person by name. Pray that believers who work in these fields can be a light for Jesus in their workplace.

## 6. Hillis Hans Park

**Location:** 600 E 13th St, Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Directions:** Turn left back onto 12<sup>th</sup> St. (West). Take note of the apartment buildings and housing development on either side of 12th street. Before you get to the stoplight, turn left (south) onto Michigan Avenue. You'll see Hillis Hans park on the right. Pull into the parking lot and pray.

### Prayer points:

- Pray for the Neighborhoods of South Mishawaka and those who live in apartment homes and government housing in this area. Pray that God would draw people to faith in Christ.
- Pray for those Christians who live in these neighborhoods to be a light to their neighbors.
- Our planned partnership event with Mishawaka Parks Department at Hillis Hans Park got cancelled because of Covid-19. Pray for other opportunities to do ministry in this park. Pray that Oak Creek will be able to build relationships with people who live in the community and point them to Jesus.
- Pray that God would give us a heart for the more than 10,000 people who live within a one-mile radius of our Oak Creek. Pray that God would use us to point people to Jesus where we are as we follow Him together.

## 7. Mishawaka Police Department

**Location:** 200 N Church St, Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Directions:** Go back to 12<sup>th</sup> Street and turn left. At the stoplight, turn right on Union and head north toward downtown Mishawaka. Cross Lincolnway and look for the Police Department on the right. Pull into the parking lot, stop and pray.

### Prayer points:

- Pray for law enforcement and other first responders. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for those who serve.
- Pray for their safety as well as their mental and emotional health. Pray that God would watch over those who have committed to “protect and serve” our community. If you know a law enforcement officer or first responder, pray for them by name.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as they respond to situations and for protection when crises and emergencies arise.
- Pray for the families of law enforcement—that God would strengthen marriages and families as they serve in a career that is often stressful.
- Pray for the unrest in our country concerning police brutality. Pray that God would help us as a nation to build a just society and discern what reforms are needed even as we support those faithful men and women in our community who serve and sacrifice as police officers. Pray also that God would heal our nation, particularly in regard to racial reconciliation. Pray about how we as a church body might be ministers of reconciliation in Michiana.

## 8. Chicory Café

**Location:** 114 W 1st St, Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Directions:** Turn right on to Church/Main Street and take an immediate left on to Front Street just before crossing the bridge. Turn left and then see Chicory Café on the left. Pull into the parking lot, stop and pray. (After you pray, consider ordering lunch or a café au lait and beignets and leave a generous tip).

### Prayer points:

- Pray for local businesses. Pray that God would bless these small business owners and those who are investing in the community. Pray for those business owners and their employees who have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray for the economy of our city and that God will continue to bless us.
- Pray for residents who live in the newly constructed apartments and neighborhood near the riverfront. Pray that God would draw people to faith in Christ and that we would reach the families here.

## 9. Battell Center

**Location:** 904 N Main St, Mishawaka, IN 46545

**Directions:** Head back the way you came, right at the stop and then turn left (north) on to N Main Street. Cross the bridge and then look for Battell Center on the right. Turn right on Broadway St and then right into the parking lot. Stop and pray.

### Prayer points:

- Pray for Mishawaka Parks and Recreation whose offices are in this building. Pray for the ongoing partnership that Oak Creek has with the parks department and that we would have more opportunities to work together as we seek to point people to Jesus where we are.
- Pray for our Mayor Dave Wood, and for other government leaders as they serve our community. Pray that God would grant them wisdom as they serve.
- Crossroads Church meets here. Pray for other bible-believing, gospel-preaching churches in our area. Pray that God would bless churches like Crossroads, College Park Missionary, First Baptist, and others that are faithfully proclaiming the Word of God. Pray that God would bring revival in our churches and our community.

## 10. Central Park

**Location:** 235 E Mishawaka Ave, Mishawaka, IN 46545

**Directions:** Continue east on Broadway two blocks to Christyann Street. Turn right and continue driving through this neighborhood, praying for the homes as you drive by. After a few blocks you'll cross Mishawaka Ave. and into Central Park. Find a place to park, stop and pray (if you like, you can prayer walk through the park).

### Prayer points:

- Our planned partnership event with Mishawaka Parks Department at Central Park got cancelled because of Covid-19. Pray for other opportunities to do ministry in this park and others. Pray that Oak Creek will be able to build relationships with people who live in the community and point them to Jesus.
- Look around and see the children and families playing in the park. Pray for these families and others who live in Mishawaka. Pray that God would draw people to faith in Christ. Pray once again that God would give you and our church a heart for the people here.
- Pray and ask God how he wants to use you to point people to Jesus where you are.

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*This is the end of our prayer tour. In the coming days and weeks, continue to pray for the community in which our church serves. Pray that God would give us a vision for reaching this community for Jesus. Pray about how God wants you to participate in His mission as we follow Him together.*