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**PRAYER GUIDE | New Life Fellowship**

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## A Letter from the Pastor

**I ENCOURAGE** you to make this 15-day Prayer Guide a part of your daily routine as we prepare for the Increase Our Reach stewardship campaign. Here are some tips that will help you make the most of this prayer guide:

1. Select a specific time that best fits your lifestyle.
2. Choose a special place that is free from distractions.
3. Consider using this guide as a daily family devotional.
4. Follow the plan in your 15-Day Prayer Guide.
5. If you miss a day, don't stop. Pick it up the next day where you left off.

On March 26, 2017, every member will be invited to commit to a three-year pledge to the Increase Our Reach stewardship campaign. Your commitment will make it possible for many to come to Christ and for there to be a place of ministry for the generations to come.

Thanks for taking the first step as we Increase Our Reach for Christ.

Your Pastor,  
Dr. Maurice Pugh

## Increase Our Reach 15-Day Prayer Guide

**THE PURPOSE** of the prayer guide is to prepare you for the Increase Our Reach stewardship campaign. Each daily devotion is divided into five parts: Read, Meditate, Reflect, Pray, and Apply. Each part will strengthen your relationship with God and help you understand His will for you in this campaign.

**Read:** Read the entire selected Bible passage.

**Meditate:** Think about the key verse.

**Reflect:** Read the reflective thought that explains each day's chosen Bible passage. Ask yourself how the Bible passage applies to your life.

**Pray:** Communicate with God every day. Ask Him to reveal to you how He wants you to participate in the campaign.

**Apply:** As you work through each day's devotion, write down in the space provided any thoughts or ideas that apply to your growth as a follower of Christ and to your involvement in the Increase Our Reach stewardship campaign.

## DAY 1

**Read:** Matthew 6:1-15

**Meditate:** "... pray to your Father, who is unseen..." - Matthew 6:6

**Reflect:** During the next fifteen days you will be praying to your Father about your role in the Increase Our Reach stewardship campaign. Remember that as we give to God's work, we do not always see the results. That's what makes this investment so great. One day, when we all get to heaven, we will see that the money we gave to God's work truly was the greatest investment of our lives.

**Pray:** Our Father in heaven, though I cannot see You, I know You are there. I recognize that You are holy. I pray that Your will be done in the lives of the people of New Life Fellowship. I pray that this church will fulfill the potential that it has in You and that we will rely fully on Your awesome power. May our greatest investment be in Your work!

**Apply:**

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## DAY 2

**Read:** 2 Chronicles 7

**Meditate:** “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn away from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven...” - 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Reflect:** God is pleading with you to spend time with Him. First, He wants you to put away anything that prevents you from hearing His voice and receiving His blessings.

**Pray:** God, I pray that You will purify my heart and the hearts of every member at New Life Fellowship. Hear our prayers so that our ministry potential will be maximized through Your power and so that You will be glorified.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 3

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 4

**Meditate:** “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” - 2 Corinthians 4:18

**Reflect:** Most of our lives we focus on the temporal. We trust in what we can see. Our lives are fixed on things that pass away. We tend to invest our time and money into things that won't last.

**Pray:** God, help me to fix my eyes on the eternal, not the temporal. God, cause me to see people like You do. Place in my heart a desire to see people spending eternity with You. Help me to remember that my giving will reap eternal rewards. Help me to invest my money wisely.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 4

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 2

**Meditate:** “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” - 1 Corinthians 2:9

**Reflect:** God has prepared greater blessings for you than you can imagine. He promises this to those who love Him. Begin your prayer today expecting God to give you more than you have dreamed, to show you His wisdom, and to give you a mind like Christ.

**Pray:** Thank you, God, that You are prepared to bless me beyond my greatest dreams. I do love You. Reveal to me what You have prepared for my church and me. Give me wisdom like Yours and a pure mind like Your Son’s.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 5

**Read:** Hebrews 11

**Meditate:** “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” - Hebrews 11:1

**Reflect:** God will bless New Life Fellowship and honor our goals to reach new people for Christ according to His will. We know this because we have faith in His Word. God responds to faith, which is the confidence that He is willing to use His power to answer your prayers.

**Pray:** Father, my prayer is that New Life Fellowship will unite together in faith, so that Your work will be done. I pray that we will have the ability to invest our resources in the lives of others through the ministries of our church.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 6

**Read:** 1 Peter 1

**Meditate:** “Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy ...” - 1 Peter 1:8

**Reflect:** Aren't you glad God gave you the capacity to love Him and the faith to trust Him? Too often we believe joy comes by what we possess and not by who possesses us. Let God possess you completely today. May He remind you of this every day of your life.

**Pray:** Father, increase my love for You and others. May You, the unseen Father, be apparent through my life and giving. Increase my belief and faith. I know You are the One who fills me with inexpressible and glorious joy. Give the members of New Life Fellowship the belief that You will meet our every need. Help us to invest our time, talents, and money in Your work.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 7

**Read:** 1 John 4

**Meditate:** “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.” - 1 John 4:12

**Reflect:** Let this community see God and His love through you. Express your love for the community by finding a place of ministry at New Life Fellowship. Enjoy God’s blessings by committing yourself to that ministry. Let God’s love be made complete in you today.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, I praise Your holy name. Teach me to love the people of my community. Let Your love be made complete in me. Show me where You want me to serve. I want to share Your love with the lost and unchurched of this community. I want to invest my life in theirs.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 8

**Read:** John 20

**Meditate:** "... blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." - John 20:29

**Reflect:** You believe in Jesus Christ without seeing Him. God promises that those who believe in Him and have not seen will be blessed. Great faith is required to believe in what is not seen, but what a great blessing results. Are you willing to invest in what your eyes cannot fully see?

**Pray:** Lord and Savior, I pray that You would give me the courage to look beyond my human limitations and doubts. Grant me the faith to give despite any obstacles I may encounter.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 9

**Read:** Luke 5

**Meditate:** "...they were filled with awe and said, 'we have seen remarkable things today.'" - Luke 5:26

**Reflect:** God still works miracles. He does things to amaze His people and to prove He is God and we are not. This campaign is about God doing the remarkable in each life. William Carey, the father of the modern missionary movement, once said, "attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." Let us attempt great things for God and expect great things from Him during this campaign.

**Pray:** God, I stand in awe of You! You desire to do remarkable things through my church and life. May I never doubt what You can do through me. Help me to be totally surrendered to You. Please begin Your greatest work in me today.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 10

**Read:** Psalm 63

**Meditate:** “I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.” - Psalm 63:2

**Reflect:** God created us to enjoy a rich relationship with Him. David instructs us to seek God ... to thirst and hunger for Him. At New Life Fellowship, you will experience God in the worship service. When you need God the most He will cause you to recall those rich experiences of worship.

**Pray:** God, You are my God. I seek You, I long to spend quiet time with You. I have seen Your power and Your glory in the greatness of worship. May my life be a center of worship for You. And may the worship experience of New Life Fellowship continue to behold Your power and glory.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 11

**Read:** Psalm 98

**Meditate:** "... all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God" - Psalm 98:3

**Reflect:** Envision New Life Fellowship reaching Arlington, Tarrant County and the world by preaching and teaching the salvation of our Lord and Savior. Imagine a diverse congregation in joyous celebration and worship, praying for a mighty move of God. Imagine God's arms enveloping a church body that faithfully walks in perfect step with His will.

**Pray:** Father, I pray that You would continue to embrace New Life Fellowship. Remind me of Your perfect love and salvation so that I will go and share Your blessings with the many who are hurting and in need.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 12

**Read:** Romans 8

**Meditate:** "...but hope that is seen is no hope at all..." - Romans 8:24

**Reflect:** Increase Our Reach is about placing our hope in the only Hope, Jesus Christ, depending on God while reaching more people for Christ. Too often, our hope is placed on the tangible. Tangible things pass away. God and His Word will never fade away. That is why we need to invest our best in the eternal.

**Pray:** Father, You are my only hope. You are the only hope for a lost and hurting world. You are the reason for this campaign. I trust that You will meet every need I have. Nothing can separate me from my hope in You.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 13

**Read:** 1 John 1

**Meditate:** “The life appeared; we have seen it and testified to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life...”  
- 1 John 1:2

**Reflect:** Jesus is Life. He has appeared to you and you have your testimony to share. Proclaim your story and Jesus’ gift of eternal life to your community.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus – the Word, the Life. Thank You, Jesus, for rescuing me from a life of sin and death. Put me in a position where I can proclaim to my community how truly wonderful You are.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 14

**Read:** Romans 12

**Meditate:** "... let him give generously ..." - Romans 12:8

**Reflect:** Be aware of Satan's attempts to minimize your effectiveness in God's plan. He will try to lure you into conformity and attempt to make you believe your contributions will not make a difference. Give generously, worshipping our Lord and Savior, and He will bless it.

**Pray:** Father God, I pray that You would show me my ability to give generously. Give me the courage to step out in faith, obediently trusting You, so that I will be a living sacrifice to You. Help me to make a great investment in Your work to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Apply:**

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## DAY 15

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 9

**Meditate:** “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

**Reflect:** God takes pleasure in those who cheerfully give when the opportunity arises. Although everything belongs to God and He needs nothing, He desires to see the joyful attitude of your heart toward giving. Because of God’s generosity, shouldn’t we give generously to Him?

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, impress upon my heart, through Your Spirit, what I am to give. You gave Your only Son for me. What can I give to You? I desire to give generously because I want to be pleasing to You. Though I cannot see how You are going to use my gifts, I know they will reap eternal rewards. God, thank You for allowing me to make the greatest investment of my life.

**Apply:**

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## OUR FAMILY MEETING: INCREASE OUR REACH

*March 25, 2017*

**Purpose:** To pray, study, and communicate with one another to discover God's will concerning our commitment to the Increase Our Reach stewardship campaign.

**Preparation:** Participate in daily devotions offered in Increase Our Reach prayer guide so God has the opportunity to prepare every family member.

Set a time for your family meeting. The meeting will probably take thirty minutes to an hour, depending on the age of your children.

Instruct each family member to begin thinking of sacrifices that God wants that person, and the entire family, to make in order to make a great investment in God's work.

## OUR FAMILY MEETING: INCREASE OUR REACH

### *Suggested Steps*

- 1** The leader prays, inviting God's presence and leadership in the meeting, asking God to give a spirit of love, unity, and unselfishness.
- 2** Read and discuss as a family the Bible passages listed here. Write God's principles for giving in the space provided.

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**Proverbs 3:9-10**

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**Proverbs 11:24-25**

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**2 Corinthians 9:6-12**

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**Luke 6:38**

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## OUR FAMILY MEETING: INCREASE OUR REACH

### *Suggested Steps Continued*

- 3** Ask family members to talk about sacrifices they and the family could make in order to give to God through the Increase Our Reach stewardship campaign now and over the next three years. List family ideas and be sure to include each child so every family member has the opportunity to experience the joy of giving sacrificially to God.
- 4** Pray. Let each family member pray sentence prayers:
  - \*Thanking God and praising God.
  - \*Asking God's direction and help in making a family decision according to His will.
- 5** Compare God's principles for giving (written under the Bible verses you have read) with the ideas your family has come up with. Add any other suggestions that anyone offers.
- 6** Decide as a family what will be given.
- 7** Close with a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for your family as you step out in faith, and to give you joy in giving, thanking Him for what He has done and for what He will do.

