

PRAYER AND FASTING 2023

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

THE GREAT COMMISSION AND CHURCH PLANTS

- You are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13, you are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14, the Lord wants to encourage us to embark on our plans that he has for us. He goes before us and he always goes with us. Take heart and be courageous.
- Prayer requests for China or the Chinese underground church.
 1. Pray for all of the women who are forced to have abortions in China to have Holy Spirit comfort.
 2. Pray for persecuted Christians in the reeducation camps in China to have strength.
 3. Pray for the Chinese underground Church to be creative in how they can come together to worship and encourage one another.
 4. Pray for the leaders of the Chinese underground church to have wisdom from the Lord on how to lead the church, encourage the church and spread the gospel.
- Lord, show us how to maintain a soft heart towards people. Give us compassion. Show us how to love as you love us. 1 John 4:19,20.
- Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil. To give you a future and a hope." God's heart is large over hope rock. His plans are big. Lord, help us, guide us, counsel us, and let us be vessels for you. Jesus.
- May the work of Hope Rock in Roatan help the island accept Christ at a rate that the entire island becomes an example for the entire country to accept Christ as their savior.
- Lord, give us a vision, the tools for boldness and the obedience to follow your lead. To carry out the great commission. Open our eyes, ears, hearts, minds. Create a sense of urgency within each of us.
- Therefore, throw off the sin that so easily entangles and run the race God has for you. True religion is this to care for widows and orphans. From James, that I may know Christ

and the fellowship of his suffering. Therefore, make the most of your time as long as it is called today. Draw near to him for he draws near to you.

- You are the hands and feet of Christ. You'll run and not grow weary.
- Be ready to embrace the unexpected. When it comes to a move of God, he will open doors and opportunities in a way that we may not be looking for or a way that we may not expect. As with Peter and Cornelius in Acts 10, may we focus on him and see them for what they are.
- God uses the non-equipped. He will equip. Use your gift for church planting. All gifts are needed and valued for your Kingdom. Zechariah 4:6. If we want to see churches planted, we need to remember that it's not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit. Zecharia 4:10 reminds us not to despise small beginnings. The Lord brings us blessings.
- Be willing to step out of what is comfortable. God's ways or not our ways; rely on the Spirit's power, not your own strength. Shine Christ's light in the darkness. Ask for wisdom and guidance in our words or actions towards the lost.
- Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity 1 Timothy 4:12. Even the children in our area have faith and knowledge to share and should be considered as we spread the gospel.
- May we lay down all fear and know that Jesus is with us always. The Great Commission is a command to go make disciples. Jesus has all authority and gives us all his authority. His Spirit is in all of us. So let's go. May we surrender our desires for His and allow Him to guide our steps, Lord.
- Zecharia 2:1-5, it says, "and I lifted my eyes and saw and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then I said, where are you going? And he said to me to measure Jerusalem to see what it is, its width, and what is its length. And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward to meet him and said to him, run, say to that young man, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls because of the multitude of people and livestock in it."
- And I will be to her a wall of fire around, declares the Lord; and I will be glory in her midst.
- God promised to bring so many people to Jerusalem that the crowds would overflow the city, but the effect on the walls wouldn't matter because God would be their protection. A wall of fire around her. May Hope Rock and all that are sent here, sent from here, and all that have planted churches be villages without walls. And know that as we spill out into those around us and the places the Lord has called us to know that the Lord is a wall of

fire around us, protecting us. Villages are settlements of people clustered around a central point. May that point always be Jesus. May we be lights in the darkness.

- May our churches be united in the truth of the gospel and preach the. May the Holy Spirit reveal his plans for those of us that are called to join or start church plants, may the Lord strengthen and equip those that have already answered his call, may we okay with starting small. May the Lord equip the ones he calls in all things and put leaders and support around them.
- May we not be afraid to be vulnerable. May we all be set free from what the enemy is trying to use to distract us from our callings. And may this church be a place of breakthrough, healing, and freedom to send the saints the Lord has chosen. May we know the Great Commission is not just to be sent somewhere else, but may we know it is for every day. It's our purpose. It's our calling.
- God is looking for committed, faithful, dedicated children of God who are willing to take a stand and willing to preach the word at every opportunity no matter what. All the churches in the Lakeway area need to be united. Stand together, pray and even fast together for the government and communities that God can move and change lives in situations. Churches will let go of their materialistic ideas and pride, but become churches that God can move and love can be felt. People would seek for help and healing. Be willing to become separated from the world and want to present Jesus.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

- Look to God and set aside the distractions in our lives so we can better focus on using the blessings we have been given to help those both here locally and around the world who do not have those same blessings in their lives.
- God is with us always, giving us direction and laying out the path, but we must listen and move. His plans for us may take time and it'll get hard. We will want to turn from the path, but his light will always be there even in the darkest of times.
- Hope Rock Church is only as strong as its weakest member. Therefore, elders, deacons, and mature believers must build up the body and help the weak become strong through love, prayer, encouragement and faithfulness to Christ, and his teachings. Leave no one behind. As we march forward in victory, Ephesians 4:11–32.
- Increase our personal maturity in faith through our relationship with the Lord. Accountability.

- Trust God to reveal and restore what you need for the purposes he has for you.
- Be bold, speaking the truth in love. Don't grow weary in doing good, the Lord will sustain. And guide me,
- Isaiah 55:2 - "Why do you spend your money for that, which is bread? And your labor for that, which is not, which does not satisfy, listen diligently to me and eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food." – that we would lay a table of rich food, not fast food, for others as a church, and our lives would be rich food.
- What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. What peace we forfeit. What needless pain we bear all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Friends carry everything to the Lord in prayer. It is a privilege. Let's do this in 2023 and beyond.
- Surrender. Wait, listen, and then move. Abide. The vine doesn't exist for itself, but for the branches. Let go. Listen. Trust in him. Don't need to know how or why, but trust in him. Simple faith moves mountains.
- For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household, be sound minded for the purpose of prayer. Above all, have fervent and unflinching love for each other. For love covers a multitude of sins. Employ gifts received from God in serving one another. As good stewards of God's multifaceted grace.
- Prayer is effective. God hears our prayers and he cares for us because we are his children. Pray, peace, patience.
- Surrender all and let God have the full control of our lives. 1 Peter 5:6.. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that at the proper time, he may exalt you. Spending time with God before doing any God's assignments or plan is far more important than getting them done. The Lord cares about his relationship with each of his children and how focused our eyes stay on him. When we abide in him, he is in us.
- God, please gently remind us throughout the day, small nets that we could drop and follow you. Help us be mindful of how we are choosing to spend our time and thoughts to bring them back to you.
- There is a movement coming and it's time to go. I had a vision of a waterfall. Deep calls to deep Psalm 42, 7. May the Lord pour out His Spirit on a thirsty land. (Isaiah 44:2,3.)
- The Lord said, go out and stand on the mountain. The presence of the Lord for the Lord is about to pass by. Then, a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but the Lord wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake

came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire came a gentle whisper. (1 Kings 19:11 - 12).

- Prayer. Father, God, thank you that you want to commune with your children. Would you bless with hearing your voice. Lord, we let go of preconceived notions of what your voice is supposed to sound like and lean into your presence. Would you lead us by your words into place of peace, joy, love, strength, and hope? Would you speak correction to us? Would you speak guidance over us, and would you speak encouragement over us? In Jesus' name, amen.

PRAYER FOR SPECIFIC CHURCH PLANTS:

Encouragement that God starts small and makes great things from small, weak, and ordinary. Psalm 37:6. God will lead this church to plant new churches in ways and places that may not make sense to us, but he wants us to trust him. My ways or thoughts are higher than yours, (Isaiah 55.)

RESCUE CHURCH:

- Lord, bring them into the inheritance you have for them. Protect, anoint, enlarge, all of those involved.

BORDER CITY CHURCH

- In a city famous for industrialization. I have called you to be a custom builder. One life at a time to change many.
- The Lord is making a way through the wilderness.
- Paul and Minda Nichols: provision, protection, powerful influence.

FIREBRAND CHURCH

- They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord, for the display of his splendor.
- Alan and Meg Jones bright lights in a dark city
- I see a candle. Its light is small, but as it keeps burning, this flame gets larger. This fire doesn't go out, but lights up the darkness. I got Isaiah 41:10, may Alan and Meg fear not, for the Lord is with them. May they not be dismayed because He's their God. The Lord will strengthen them and the Lord will uphold them with his righteous right hand.
- Freedom for those in the area captive to witchcraft, "science as God", activists, et cetera.
- Isaiah 61:1-3. "Your glory is displayed through your creation, which is undeniable." Draw people to Firebrand through your beautiful creation, revival for the state of Washington to display God's incredible glory.

HOPE ROCK

- Recovery, inner healing, and other programs in the Lakeway area to continue to reach the hurting and lost

EQUIPPED CHURCH

- The Lord is bringing a fire that will not burn out no matter how cold it gets. Leviticus 6:13. The fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually. It shall not go out.
- Form strong, unified leadership.

R CHURCH

- They will be a church of redemption.
- Travis and Trish Moran. Fresh outlook and renewal of the original call the Lord has on their lives.
- Medical mission.