A BOLD FUTURE Igniting Faith | Embracing Tomorrow

PRAYER GUIDE



💋 DAY 1

READ

"This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'" -Matthew 6:9-10

PRAY

This excerpt from the Lord's prayer reveals Jesus's heart for God's Kingdom. His prayer is that the reach of God's reign would stretch across every believer's heart worldwide. As a church, we should pray for **A Bold Future** and that God's Kingdom will transform every space of our community. Pray now for the coming of God's Kingdom in our community, state, nation, and world!

DISCUSSION

WHAT RHYTHMS AND BEHAVIORS PROVE THAT GOD REIGNS IN A PERSON'S HEART? WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR THOSE RHYTHMS AND BEHAVIORS TO GROW ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Discuss who you can invite to church as a family. Make a list of 2-5 people your family can invite to church on Sunday morning, Preteen Small Groups on Wednesday evenings, or Christmas Dinner Theater. Be Bold and invite them to join you at WCC.

This is the Bold Future we want!



READ

"Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, 'We have seen remarkable things today.'" -Luke 5:26

PRAY

God does amazing things when people come into contact with Jesus! As we dream about our **Bold Future** and our church's role in creating that contact, we can expect the remarkable. Pray for Wentzville Christian Church's future and that God will do incredible things through us as we submit to Him. God can do amazing things in our Bold Future!

DISCUSSION

WHAT REMARKABLE THING HAVE YOU SEEN GOD DO IN YOUR LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

What amazing and remarkable things have you seen today? Was it kindness between siblings? A beautiful sunrise or sunset? What can you give God praise for today? What do you want to see God do in the future?

🖉 DAY 3

READ

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us-whatever we ask-we know that we have what we asked of him." -1 John 5:14-15

PRAY

What happens when we boldly submit to God's will and approach Him with our requests? The Lord responds! Both the elders and staff have been praying over WCC's future and we believe God's will is for our church to grow! Our role is to step boldly into our future and, in faith, launch this campaign. Pray and ask God to use the expanded building to grow His Kingdom. Rest in the promise that the Lord hears your prayer and responds! We ask God to give us A Bold Future, expanding His Kingdom!

DISCUSSION

WHAT WOULD YOU LOVE TO SEE IN WCC'S BOLD FUTURE? WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE TO ASK GOD FOR THOSE THINGS?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Talk to your children about how prayer is a way to talk to God. God hears us and God answers back! Have them share a time when they asked you for something. Conclude by praying together, asking God for a bigger church building!



READ

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." -Hebrews 11:1

PRAY

Hebrews describes faith as confidence even when we don't have the immediate result in front of us. Faith is trusting God even when we don't immediately see what we are praying for. In faith, Wentzville Christian Church is launching our **Bold Future** campaign even though we do not know what the campaign results will be. We have confidence that God will work through the commitments even though we don't know what the commitments will be. Pray that our church will grow in faith as we boldly head into our unknown future. We have faith that God will do mighty work in our Bold Future!

DISCUSSION

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD PUTS US IN SEASONS THAT REQUIRE FAITH? WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF FAITH IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Today's session includes an activity you can do with your little ones. Blindfold your child and spin them around a few times to get them disoriented. Give the blindfolded child instructions on where to walk as they make their way across the room. Then, with the child still blindfolded, quietly place a chair behind them. Instruct them to trust you and sit in the chair! Take off the blindfold and talk to your child about faith. Faith is not being able to see, but trusting the One who can! Even though we can't see God, we can trust Him when He calls us to do something!

🖉 DAY 5

READ

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." -Romans 12:1

PRAY

Because of Jesus's sacrifice, we, as Christians, are called to model that same sacrifice. Romans encourages the believer to offer every part of their daily life as sacrificial worship to God. To enter into our **Bold Future**, we, as a congregation, must sacrifice. By sacrificing in faith to our campaign, we are worshiping God! Pray and ask God to begin softening your heart toward giving to the campaign. Our Bold Future is going to require sacrifice from us!

DISCUSSION

WHAT WOULD CHANGE ABOUT OUR LOCAL CHURCH AND THE GLOBAL CHURCH IF EVERYONE LIVED OUT THE CALL OF ROMANS 12:1?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Watch this children's worship song, Start the Party: Dance and sing along with your child. Afterward, talk about how we can worship God with our bodies. When we dance, clap, and raise our hands, it brings glory to God!



Ø DAY 6

READ

"One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." -Proverbs 11:24-25

PRAY

Proverbs 11 teaches us that generosity can lead to prosperity. When we give financially, God blesses us! While the blessing can be financial, often, our prosperity shows up in our faith journey. Submitting to Christ with our finances is an excellent way for us to grow in faith and trust. Accomplishing our **Bold Future** will require financial generosity from all of us! Pray that every member of Wentzville Christian Church will embrace the call to live generously through our **Bold Future** campaign.

The path to a Bold Future is through financial generosity!

DISCUSSION

IN WHAT WAYS HAS GOD BLESSED YOU AFTER MAKING A GENEROUS DECISION? HOW CAN OUR GENEROSITY LEAD TO OTHERS FEELING REFRESHED?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Hopefully, your family received **A Bold Future** box bank for the campaign. Go on a scavenger hunt around the house, looking for loose change to put in the box bank. As you scour around the house, talk to your child about how God calls us to be generous, giving our dollars, dimes, and even pennies to Him!

ENJOY YOUR SUNDAY!

Take this time to catch up on any days you've missed

DON'T FORGET!

Visit wentzvillecc.org/campaign for more **A Bold Future** events



Help us cover A Bold Future in prayer!

Let's commit to A Bold Future at WCC!



💋 DAY 7

READ

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;" -Psalm 24:1 "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things." -1 Chronicles 29:11-12

PRAY

Our wealth comes from God and belongs to God! This should change our perspective on our finances. When we give to the Lord, we are giving back what was His from the beginning! With **A Bold Future** campaign lasting twenty-five months, we would love to see you give weekly or monthly to the campaign beyond what you normally give. In building this consistent rhythm, you recognize that wealth comes from God. Pray and ask the Lord for a financial number you could give consistently through the twenty-five-month campaign. Also, if you haven't signed up for our prayer marathon on November 8-9th, you can register at wentzvillecc.org/campaign. This prayer marathon is an opportunity to pray for the campaign and create space for God to speak to you about what your role is in leading WCC to its **Bold Future**.

DISCUSSION

WHAT WOULD CHANGE ABOUT OUR WORLD IF EVERYONE RECOGNIZED THAT THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THAT WEALTH AND HONOR COME FROM HIM?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Go on a walk outside with your child and point out the different things you see. Look high in the sky and study the ground below. Every time something is highlighted, talk to your child about how it belongs to God. If what is highlighted is natural and not man-made, talk to them about how God created it.

We can sacrifice financially for A Bold Future because we know everything is the Lord's!

🕖 DAY 8

READ

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" -Hebrews 13:5

PRAY

Did you know that roughly 15% of Jesus's preaching and 11 out of His 39 parables were about money? Why was this topic so important to Him? It's because Jesus understood the reality of Hebrews 13; keeping our lives free from the love of money is challenging! One of the ways we can combat this challenge is through generosity! Sunday, November 10th, is our commitment Sunday for the **Bold Future** campaign. On that day, we challenge you to give courageously, making the largest one-time gift you have ever made to WCC. By offering up that courageous sacrifice, you are taking steps to free yourself from the love of money. Pray and ask God to lay a financial number on your heart that you could give on Commitment Sunday. To accomplish A Bold Future, we have to free ourselves from a love of money!

DISCUSSION

HOW DOES THE SECOND HALF OF HEBREWS 13:5 HELP US TAKE THAT STEP OF COURAGEOUS GENEROSITY?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

One way we can teach our children to be content is by acknowledging the good things God has given them. Grab a piece of paper, and with your child's input, write down ten things they are thankful for. Once you have the list, pray with your child, thanking God for each thing.

🕖 DAY 9

READ

"When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!' Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'" -John 6:5-9

PRAY

In this Gospel story, we see Jesus and the disciples faced with the problem of feeding a large crowd. Instead of worrying like Philip, we read about a boy who came forward to offer his food. When Jesus called, this child looked around and asked, "What do I have that I can give?" We would love that same question to be asked by Wentzville Christian Church as we live out our **Bold Future** Campaign. One of the ways you can give is by creatively offering your non-cash items, like real estate and cars, to donate to the campaign. In doing so, you are modeling the same posture of the boy and his food. Pray and ask God to bring non-cash items to your mind that you can donate to the campaign.

We accomplish A Bold Future by creatively offering our possessions to God!

DISCUSSION

HOW DOES THE STORY OF THE YOUNG BOY'S SACRIFICE RELATE TO OTHER VERSES WE'VE READ THROUGH THIS PRAYER GUIDE?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

One way you can support our **Bold Future** campaign is by donating non-cash items. Talk to your family about this concept and then go for a walk visiting each room in your house. Discuss as a group if there's anything here that we could offer to the campaign. Let your children lead this conversation and try to encourage them when they bring up ideas. Celebrate when they choose something of their own because, at that moment, they are worshiping!

Ø DAY 10

READ

"Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." -Mark 10:43-45

PRAY

Jesus Christ, King of Kings, came into this world to serve. As Christians, that same calling is placed on us! We are called to be a slave to all, serving those around us. Our **Bold Future** campaign allows our congregation to serve one another through generosity. By giving to the campaign, you serve our NextGen ministry as our children and youth will have more classroom space to learn. Through your generosity, you are serving the community as they have a larger worship center to glorify God. Pray for the people in our congregation and community who will be served through a new worship center, classrooms, and increased office space for more staff. Financial giving to A Bold Future is a way of serving one another

DISCUSSION

WHY MUST OUR CHURCH CONTINUE TO GROW ITS NEXTGEN MINISTRIES (CHILDREN AND YOUTH)? WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT IN RELATION TO WHERE OUR CULTURE AND WORLD ARE TODAY?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Read Mark 10:43-45 with your family and then pose this question: How can you help serve around the house this week? If they struggle to find an answer, give them a few choices and have them pick. After they help you in the area they served, remind them that they looked like Jesus! Celebrate their service by bringing out a dessert or treat, like fruit snacks!

🖉 DAY 11

READ

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." -2 Corinthians 9:6-7

PRAY

2 Corinthians offers a beautiful truth about generosity: to the person that sows generously, they will reap generously! Knowing that God blesses our faith helps move us from giving under compulsion to giving joyfully. We believe that for our **Bold Future** campaign, the more seeds our church chooses to sow, the greater harvest we will see for the Kingdom! Ask God to affirm a number that He has been laying on your heart throughout this devotional. Listen and try to separate the number you want versus the number that God has for you.

Cheerful and generous giving to our Bold Future will yield a great harvest for God's Kingdom!

DISCUSSION

THROUGH OUR BOLD FUTURE CAMPAIGN, WE HOPE TO BUILD A NEW WORSHIP CENTER, MORE CLASSROOMS, AND INCREASED OFFICE SPACE FOR MORE STAFF. HOW COULD THESE ADDITIONS FULFILL THE PROMISE THAT 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7 OFFERS US?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Talk to your children about the campaign and the additions to the church. Show excitement as you talk about the new worship center, added classrooms, and more office space. If you haven't done so yet, sign up for the prayer marathon with your family on November 8-9. We have a specific kids' track to give your family moments to pray through the campaign.

🧭 DAY 12

READ

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." -James 1:2-4

PRAY

We recognize that this call to generosity might seem scary. Throughout this devotional, God may have laid a number on your heart that seems impossible. When we encounter moments that test our faith, it can be helpful to remind ourselves of James 1. When trials come and our faith is challenged, perseverance and spiritual maturity tend to follow. Through our **Bold Future** campaign, consider it joy when your faith is challenged. Our prayer is not just that we reach our goal but that our entire congregation will grow in their walk with Christ as they embrace this call to generosity. Pray and ask God to grow you in maturity as you take steps forward in generosity and faith. Sacrificial giving to our Bold Future will strengthen your faith and bring glory to God!

DISCUSSION

WHAT TRUTHS ABOUT GOD CAN YOU REMIND YOURSELF OF AS YOUR FAITH IS TESTED?

DISCUSSION FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Talk with your children about what perseverance is and what role your family hopes to play in the **Bold Future** campaign. Without getting into financial specifics, talk about any courageous, consistent, or creative gifts your family hopes to give to the campaign. Then pray for perseverance as your family commits to that goal!

JOIN US IN PRAYER every day at 2:18pm

2:18 represents our theme verse for **A Bold Future** at WCC.

Nehemiah 2:18 says, "And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, **'Let us rise up and build.'** So they strengthened their hands for the good work."

We would love if you and your family joined us in prayer over this campaign!

