

Building Hope for Tomorrow

PRAYER GUIDE

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Building Hope for Tomorrow is all about trusting God with our tomorrow. Prayer is one of the most effective trust builders in our relationship with God because it is how we can connect.

Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need... 1 Timothy 6:17

All we have and all that we are is a gift from God – our time, talent, money, relationships, and the very air we breathe.

God gave us these many great gifts out of his great love. He never intended us to act as owners of our gifts, ignoring them or hoarding them for our own use. Rather, His purpose was for us to act as good stewards, managers, and caretakers of our gifts by using them responsibly, generously, and wisely for building up the Kingdom of God.



WAYS TO APPROACH GOD IN PRAYER

- **Adoration** – We praise God for who he is, in all of his glory, power and wisdom. The Psalms give us many beautiful verses to use for praise, so don't worry about creating your own. God loves to hear the words of the Psalmist spoken from your heart.
- **Confession** – We ask for forgiveness. We need to see ourselves as we really are, created beings who cannot follow God's perfect will. We are all children of God who cry out for forgiveness through Jesus, our Savior, who invites us to approach our Holy God.
- **Thanksgiving** – Think about what God has done for you and others around you recently. Thank him for everything – the weather, your family, your job, church family and his plans for Hope's tomorrow..
- **Supplication** – After giving God thanks and praise, make your requests to him. Because you have done the first three steps, your heart will be prepared to ask for those things you truly need. God will have directed your thoughts and words to his desires for you, and you will be more able to pray according to his plans.

Feel free to use the short prayer below as a guide, and then add on the bulleted requests below. You can also pray your own prayer any way that you feel drawn to do.

Father God,

With One Spirit, we ask you to nourish us in your Spirit so that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts.

With One Hope, we ask you to humble our hearts and center our lives on your sovereign purpose.

With One Love, may the sacrifice of our joyful giving be an outward sign of the true treasure we hold in you.

With One Faith, we commit ourselves to your service and rely on being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

In your name we pray. Amen.

- Pray a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for what God has done at Hope Ankeny to draw people to himself. Thank Him for the new relationships, spiritual growth, and healing of body, heart and spirit that he has given us.

- Pray for finances, that there be no problems with funding.
- Pray that each of us will know what God desires us to give from the abundance he has provided for our use.
- Pray for us to trust the work we do today will be used by God to bring about new and abundant life in the decades to come

BUILDING HOPE FOR TOMORROW 24/7 PRAYER ROOM

In addition to your personal and family prayer time, we invite you to experience a unique opportunity.

The Prayer Tower will be filled with tools to help you pray; music, candles, Bibles, books, art supplies and more.

24/7 Prayer starts on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 7:00am, and concludes with the Building Hope Together giving weekend on Nov. 24, at noon.

Sign up online at hopeankeny.org to reserve your time slot.

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BUILDING HOPE FOR TOMORROW DAILY PRAYERS

Good and gracious God,

We thank you for loving us and being a generous God who is our true source of all life, holiness, and goodness. We thank you for the many gifts you give us on our journey to be more like you. In Jesus’ name we pray. *Amen*

Heavenly Father, move our spirits and stir our hearts to join you in the holy work to which you have called Hope Ankeny. Fill us with your Spirit. Give us faith to dream big dreams as we pray for your kingdom to come and your will to be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Heavenly Father,

Today we pray to share whatever gift it is that you have given to us to:

- Acknowledge you as the giver of all our gifts
- Give without counting the cost and be gracious and cheerful in our giving
- Give and share without expecting something in return
- Hold all our treasures and values with open hands
- Recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day
- Know the freedom that comes with true generosity
- Accept our talents, whether many or few, and use them to your service
- Be happy with having what we need, and wise enough to know the difference between what we “need” and “want”
- Fall more deeply in love with the God of all generosity so that our hearts are strong enough to give away freely whatever is asked...



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