

## 2025 PRAYER FOCUS: HIS STORY

**“But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:5-6).**

As we continue to look ahead to the 2025 National Conference that will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, we embrace the theme of “This is my Story.”

A part of our story is one of personal encounter with Jesus. We have been confronted with His justice and faced our sin. We have encountered His mercy as we have confessed and repented and received His forgiveness. Because of His mercy, we have begun a journey of walking with Him in all humility. If we are honest, we are not fond of His justice, especially as it confronts our sinfulness. We love that part of His justice that sent Jesus to the cross in our behalf demonstrating His mercy. We sometimes struggle with the last part of Micah 6:8—walk humbly with our God. Humility doesn’t come easily and yet as we fully recognize who we were before we met Christ and see what He has done in us that we could never do on our own, the only response is to walk in humility.

### JUNE PRAYER FOCUS—WALKING AS JESUS WALKED

To walk as Jesus walked has multiple implications. He walked in humility. He engaged a sinful culture and gave himself completely for the salvation of mankind. He also walked in holiness and purity. To walk as Jesus walked is a tall order and yet John must have thought it attainable, or he would not have suggested that we “ought” to walk as Jesus walked. What are your highest ambitions? Is it to be a success in whatever field you serve in? Is it to amass large amounts of money? What if our highest aspiration was to “walk as Jesus walked?” What difference would it make in your church, your marriage, your neighborhood? What difference would it make in our society if all who claim to abide in Christ would walk just as He walked?

PRAY FOR THESE KEY EVENTS THIS MONTH:

- Central Region
  - June 22-25 Middle School camp
  - June 25-29 Senior High School camp
- East Central Region
  - June 20-21 – Kid’s Alive
  - June 21-26 – Kid’s Kamp
  - June 26-29 – Journey Youth Camp

### WEEK #1 – June 1-7

This week, pray for the Leadership of the Missionary Church—for Rodney Arnold; pray also for Regional Directors and members of the MLC/GOC, as they seek to walk as Jesus walked.

Praise the Lord that we have leaders who take their walk with Jesus seriously—who seek to walk as Jesus walked, who lead with humility.

Pray for our leaders that they will not be distracted from continually pursuing their walk with Jesus. Pray they will always live out Micah 6:8—to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Allow the Holy Spirit to use the following Scriptures and prayers to inform your prayers for our national leaders. Your prayers matter more than you will ever realize.

### **Sunday, June 1**

“As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (Psalm 42:1-2a).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you that Jesus modeled for us a love for His heavenly Father. We praise you that He sought you in the early morning hours and sometimes all night because he desired to know your will and to be with you. We pray for our leaders that their longing for you will never cease. We pray their desire for you and for your presence will lead them in all they do. We pray their greatest joy will be found in you.

### **Monday, June 2**

“Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:7b-8).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you are a holy God and that you call us to be holy people. We know that to walk as Jesus walked is to walk in holiness. Forgive us for tolerating and even embracing unholy attitudes in our lives. Forgive us for not training ourselves to be godly. We pray for our leaders that they will be men and women who pursue holiness of heart. We pray they will lead with hearts that are pure before you.

### **Tuesday, June 3**

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you did not leave your followers powerless. We praise you that you sent the Holy Spirit to comfort and equip your Church. We pray for our leaders that you will fill them with your Spirit—that they will be empowered by your Spirit for the work you have called them to. We pray they will not lead in their own strength and wisdom and that they will learn to faithfully wait on you. We pray that because of your empowerment, they will have many stories of how you are working.

### **Wednesday, June 4**

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” (John 11:25-26).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you for the Gospel. We praise you for the hope we have because He is the resurrection and the life. We praise you that by faith, we have life. Forgive us for taking the Gospel lightly. Forgive us for not allowing it to transform us so that we truly live. We pray for our leaders that they will be continually transformed by the power of the Gospel. Fill them with faith that flows from the depths of their hearts. Fill them with faith that continues to transform them to walk as Jesus walked.

#### **Thursday, June 5**

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that Jesus is alive. We praise you that you desire to make us complete through the blood of Jesus. Forgive us for not knowing how incomplete we are without you. Forgive us for resisting the work you desire to do in us. We pray for our leaders that you will make them complete in every good work to do your will. Work in them what is pleasing to you so that they might walk as Jesus walked.

#### **Friday, June 6**

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you are a God of justice and mercy. We praise you that you show us what is good, and you make clear to us what you desire. Forgive us for thinking these were simple suggestions rather than a life you call us to live. We pray for our leaders that they would be just and full of mercy in all they do and that they would lead with humility.

#### **Saturday, June 7**

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the assurance that our labor for you is never in vain. Forgive us for the times we become discouraged because we don’t see immediate results of our labor. Forgive us for being short-sighted. We pray for our leaders that you will give them the grace to remain steadfast, the courage to stand in the face of opposition, and the resolve to abound in your work even when the task seems too great. Remind them of Jesus, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross. Help them walk as Jesus walked—full of hope and resolved to fulfill the Father’s will.

### **WEEK #2 – June 8-14**

This week, we encourage you to pray for Bethel University—for Dr. Bellefeuille and also for Dr. McDonald who will soon take the reins of Bethel. Pray for the cabinet, and staff, that God will grant them opportunities to invest in the lives of students so that they might walk as Jesus walked.

Pray for students who are new to the journey with Jesus. Pray that God will put people in their lives who will help them grow deeper in their walk with Jesus. Pray that God will give them an appetite to know Him better

Pray for the transition of leadership at Bethel as Dr. Bellefeuille steps into retirement. Pray that the focus on making disciples will not be lost in the transition. Pray for Dr. McDonald that he will be able to partner with the Missionary Church to make disciples of this next generation.

Allow the Holy Spirit to use the following Scriptures and prayers to inform your prayers for Bethel University. Your prayers matter more than you will ever realize.

### **Sunday, June 8**

“The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing” (Zephaniah 3:17).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you that you are with us. We praise you that you are our salvation, and you delight in us. Forgive our anxious thoughts. Quiet us with your love. We confess that we get so uptight about matters over which we have no control. We pray for the leaders at Bethel. Remind them that you rejoice over them with gladness. In this time of transition and financial challenge, quiet their hearts with your love. We pray you will assure them of your presence. Put your song in their hearts.

### **Monday, June 9**

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the promises of 2 Corinthians 6—the promise that you will receive us and be a Father to us. We recognize that the promise is predicated by us stepping away from a sinful life and seeking to be clean before you. We pray for the faculty and staff at Bethel University that they will not just be excellent teachers in the classroom but that they will model what it looks like to perfect holiness and to walk as Jesus walked. Cleanse them of anything that is not of you.

### **Tuesday, June 10**

“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for the body of Christ with all the diversity of gifts and ethnicities. We praise you that in your body we are all equal. Forgive us for those times when we have failed to recognize the contributions of or we have minimized a person's giftedness because we deemed it less important. We pray for the faculty and staff at Bethel University that you will remind them that every member of the body of Christ is important. Remind them that their mutual respect and love for one another is one of the best testimonies to the world of your work in their lives. Help them walk as Jesus walked among their colleagues and students.

### **Wednesday, June 11**

"Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, 'If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes'" (Luke 19:41-42).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that we have a Savior who has such deep compassion for lost and broken people—for people who have no peace—that He is moved to tears. Forgive our calloused hearts that so often look on broken people with a critical and even condemning eye. Forgive us for not having time to hear their stories. We praise you for faculty and staff at Bethel University who care deeply for the emotional and spiritual health of students. We pray you will enlarge their capacity to love the most vulnerable. Help them walk among students as Jesus would walk with eyes that see the needs and hearts that are moved to intercede.

### **Thursday, June 12**

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you have given us a moral compass. You have provided a way for us to live that is pleasing to you and is a reflection of your character. Forgive us when we have strayed from your Word or rebelled against it. We pray for the faculty and staff at Bethel University you will use them to teach the next generations your statutes – your ways so that their lives will reflect the character of Jesus. We pray You will use them to teach the next generation to walk as Jesus walked.

### **Friday, June 13**

"Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:9).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, that you care for the poor and needy. We praise you that you saw us in our poverty and need and you came to us. Forgive us when we have overlooked the needy among us. We pray for the faculty and staff at Bethel University that you will give them eyes to see and ears to hear the cries of the poor and needy on campus. Give them wisdom and insight to know how to intervene and be Jesus to the students.

### **Saturday, June 14**

But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you renew our strength when we are faint. We praise you that you give us endurance when the race is long and arduous. Forgive us when we run ahead without you and become weary and faint-hearted. We pray for the faculty and staff of Bethel University that they will wait on you and that you will renew their strength. We pray that by your grace and mercy they will be able to run and not grow weary and walk and not faint. Give them seasons of refreshing so that they can walk as Jesus walked.

### **WEEK #3 – June 15-21**

The focus for this week is praying for pastors. Praise the Lord for pastors who are committed to walking as Jesus walked. Praise the Lord for his call on their lives.

Pray for these leaders that God will encourage them daily as they give leadership to the church and to the community. Pray they will not become weary. Pray the Lord will surround them with wise counselors and with men and women who will hold them up in prayer. Pray that God will grant them the privilege of seeing disciples committed to walking as Jesus walked.

Pray for protection from the enemy as they focus personally on following Jesus and leading others to do the same. Pray that their leadership of each church will also be committed to walking as Jesus walked.

### **Sunday, June 15**

““Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, that you hear our prayers. We praise you that you are our source of peace—a peace that comes in the most significant times—a peace whose only source is You. We praise you that you guard our hearts and minds. We praise you for pastors who are committed to seeking you through prayer and supplication and whose hearts are full of thanksgiving. We pray for them that when the anxious times come—when their plates seem really full that they will seek you. We pray others will see them walked as Jesus walked even through the challenging times.

### **Monday, June 16**

“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for the promise that when we are perfectly trained, we will be like our teacher—like Jesus. We confess that this seems too hard and perhaps too unlikely to achieve. Forgive us for ceasing to learn from you. Teach us to always sit at your feet so that we might learn from you. We praise you for pastors who are like Jesus in so many

ways—pastors who serve sacrificially with humility, pastors who love you and love others. We pray for each of our pastors, that they will continue to grow into the likeness of Jesus. We pray that as they walk as Jesus walked, others will follow. Multiply disciples through them who live and love like Jesus.

### **Tuesday, June 17**

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy” (Colossians 1:9-11).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for the calling you have placed on our pastors. We pray you will fill them with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. We pray they will walk worthy of you. We pray they will be fruitful in every good work. Strengthen them to walk as Jesus walked according to your glorious power. Fill them with your peace, your patience, and your joy.

### **Wednesday, June 18**

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, we praise you for your Word. We praise you that through your Word we are equipped for every good work. Forgive us for not being better students of your Word. We pray for our pastors, that you will continue to speak to them words of correction and instruction through the pages of the holy text. We pray you will also teach them sound doctrine so that they are equipped to teach the church to walk as Jesus walked.

### **Thursday, June 19**

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for the privilege of bearing the name of Jesus. To be called a Christian is no small honor, and to represent you to a troubled world is humbling. Forgive us for failing to recognize that wherever we go, we carry that name. We pray for our pastors, that you will speak to them to remind the church that we belong to you. Speak through our pastors to remind us that our words and actions matter, because they are a reflection of you. We pray that our pastors will do everything in the name of Jesus.

### **Friday, June 20**

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for your love for us. We praise you that you loved us enough to send your Son to die for us. Forgive us that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We pray for our pastors, that their love for you will grow deeper every day. We pray that because of their love for you, their love for the body of Christ and for the community will increase. We pray that as they walk in love—walking as Jesus walked—that their living testimony will draw others to you.

### **Saturday, June 21**

“But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’; nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it” (1 Corinthians 12:20-21, 26).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for the diversity in the body of Christ. We praise you for our interdependence. Forgive us for failing to value each member of the body. Cleanse us of the pride that leads us to think we are of greater value than another member of the body. We pray for our pastors, that you will give them discernment to know the gifts and graces found in the body of Christ. We pray you will use them to challenge the church to use those gifts and graces to walk as Jesus.

## **WEEK #4 –June 22-28**

As we continue our focus on walking as Jesus walked, we want to pray for each local church, that there would be a broader commitment to living more and more like Jesus. We praise the Lord for churches that are discipling people from pre-Christian to multiplication. We praise the Lord for churches committed to living and loving like Jesus.

Pray that every Missionary Church will pursue a Jesus life-style—that making disciples will be more than counting decisions; it will include training others to walk as Jesus walked. Pray that our churches will be full of men and women who walk in humility and purity of heart.

### **Sunday, June 22**

“Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart” (Psalm 37:4).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for your amazing promises. We praise you that you are the One who satisfies the desires of our heart. Forgive us for trying to fill the holes in our lives with anything other than you. We pray for our churches as they gather for worship today, that the hearts of the people will truly delight in you—that they will be captivated by your love so that when they leave they will enter the world with joy and peace—the kind of joy and peace demonstrated by Jesus. We pray that as our people leave today, they will be ever more determined to walk as Jesus walked, so that the world will see Jesus in each of us.

### **Monday, June 23**

“And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming” (1 John 2:28). “But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you” (1 Peter 5:10).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for assurance of Christ’s return. Forgive us for becoming so comfortable and preoccupied in the things of this world that we forget that Jesus could come at any time. Teach us to so abide in Him that we can anticipate that day with confidence. Give us the grace of Jesus to endure suffering that may come because of our faith. Perfect us and strengthen us until that day. We pray that as we walk as Jesus walked, we will give hope to the world, and that our commitment to you will draw others to follow as well.

### **Tuesday, June 24**

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:15-18).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that Jesus is the perfect revelation of who you are. We praise you that this One who was before all things and who created all things is the same one who is the head of the Church and the One who has given us eternal life. Forgive us for the times we have usurped your authority and acted as though we were the head of the church. We pray for your church, that we might always walk in submission to you, just as Jesus always walked in submission to the Father. Give us the humility to always follow your leading and not our own way.

### **Wednesday, June 25**

“And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace, you will have peace” (Jeremiah 29:7).

**PRAYER:** We praise you, Lord, that this world is not our home. We live in a world that has been taken captive by an enemy that is invisible to us. Forgive us for our failures to pray for the cities and nations where we live. We pray that each of our churches will pray for the cities in which they are located. We pray that as Jesus wept over Jerusalem, our churches will see their cities as sheep without a shepherd. Just as Jesus walked among a broken and lost world, give our churches the grace to walk in this world as Jesus did.

### **Thursday, June 26**

“‘Haven’t you read,’ he replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator “made them male and female,” and said, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh”? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate’” (Matthew 19:4-6).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you that you made us male and female, and that you designed this unique relationship in which two people become one and complement each other in

so many ways. Forgive us for attempts in our culture to redefine what you designed. We pray for our churches, that they will be champions of marriage as you designed it to be. We pray you will help the church to do all it can to lead people to walk as Jesus walked, so that marriages are strengthened. We pray for godly men to take the lead and to embrace a life of full surrender to Jesus, so that wives are strengthened in their faith and children learn to walk as Jesus walked.

### **Friday, June 27**

“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth” (John 17:15-19).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you that you desire to make us holy and to keep us from the evil one. We praise you for the reminder that we are not of this world—our citizenship is in heaven. With this hope, remind us that you have sent us into the world as your ambassadors, to represent you to a broken, hurting, sinful world. Just as the Father sent the Son into the world, so the Son has sent us into the world. We pray for our churches, that they will recognize they are comprised of people who are sent—not just to gather on Sundays, but to go into the world walking and living as Jesus walked and lived.

### **Saturday, June 28**

““But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:17-18).

**PRAYER:** Father, we praise you for your abundant provision and multiplied blessings. Forgive us for times of ingratitude—even times of whining about what little we have. Forgive us, too, for the times we have ignored the needs of others when you have clearly blessed us with the means. We praise you for the generosity of so many of our churches who find ways of investing in the community. We praise you for churches that have engaged with the poor, with refugees, and with those caught in human trafficking. We pray you will continue to empower your church to love the world like Jesus. Continue to provide the resources so that your church can be generous toward those in need.

### **OUR PERSONAL WALK**

In these last two days of the month, we focus on our personal walk with Jesus. Are we willing to consider what it means to walk as Jesus walked? Are we willing to fully embrace a Jesus-life that is full of compassion, humility, justice, and mercy?

As you reflect on this theme of walking as Jesus walked, allow the Lord to open your eyes to see the impact your life can have on others. Your greatest impact may not be in what you say but in who you are.

### **Sunday, June 29**

“You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light. You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, are an abomination to the LORD your God” (Deuteronomy 25:13-16).

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise you for godly businessmen. We praise you for believers who are giving leadership in the business world. Remind us that our conduct matters. Remind us that our business dealings are as much a witness for you as our words. We pray you will guard us from trying to get the best of someone and to take advantage of another. Teach us to deal with others with humility, justice, mercy, and grace.

### **Monday, June 30**

“Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi’s house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him” (Mark 2:15).

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we praise you that you are willing to hang out with sinners. Thank you for coming to us when our lives were still messed up. Forgive us for the times we have pulled away from “sinners” because they made us uncomfortable, or we were afraid of what other believers might think. Remind us that walking as Jesus walked involves building relationships with those who do not know Jesus. Give us courage to engage those who are not yet followers of Jesus.

## **BEFORE WE LEAVE**

WHERE ARE YOU IN THE MATTER OF WALKING AS JESUS WALKED?

- Are you walking in humility?
- Are you pursuing holiness?
- Are you living a prayerful life?
- Do you have friends who are not yet followers of Jesus?