

Community Transformation – *Vision Statement* –

- Vision:** To transform our communities with the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ by joining together to bring God to our communities in very practical ways.
- Mission:** To win the lost, make disciples of Jesus Christ and bring positive change to the spiritual climate of our community, promoting and facilitating cooperation among churches, ministries, and associations.
- Values:**
- God’s Word - our only standard for conduct and rule.
 - Prayer - the indispensable foundation for all that we do.
 - Visible Unity - partnership with each other as God leads us in like-minded efforts united under the banner of Jesus Christ.
 - Community Focused - working together to influence all people in our community to accept Christ and embrace a “kingdom” lifestyle with Jesus Christ as King.
 - Innovation - we are open to “new wineskins”:
creative methods;
proactive approaches;
contemporary application of Biblical truth to changing community conditions; and openness to risk..
 - Excellence - our commitment to excellence in all areas should honor God and inspire people.
- Goals:**
- To reach the lost and make disciples of Jesus Christ.
 - To change the spiritual climate in our community from indifference, competition, or hostility to principles of God’s word such as openness, cooperation and obedience.
 - To unite the Christian community visibly under the banner of Christ so that the world will know we are true Christians by our love and cooperation toward one another.
- Strategy:**
- Pray together
 - Sponsor or encourage citywide and small group prayer meetings, walks, and vigils.
 - Identify a network of prayer groups that can respond to community-wide prayer needs.
 - Focus on building relationships with one another
 - Speak well of one another.
 - Be available to each other in times of crises.
 - Pray for one another.
 - Unity in our commitment to our community
 - Sponsor cooperative evangelistic crusades and other outreach events;
 - Where possible, stand together as one voice in our community.
 - Otherwise move as God leads

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2007 Prayer for Our Nation

Written by Dr. Charles R. Swindoll

Almighty God, we pause to reflect on Your character as we seek wisdom for such a time as this.

. In these unsafe days,

You remain all-powerful and able to protect;

. In these uncertain times,

You remain all-knowing, leading us aright;

. In the unprecedented events we're facing,

You remain absolutely sovereign.

Our times are in Your hands.

Therefore, our dependence on You, is total, not partial

. . . our need for Your forgiveness is constant

. . . our gratitude for Your grace is profound

. . . our love for You is deep.

We ask that You guard and guide our President

and all who serve the people of these United States.

May uncompromising integrity mark their lives.

We also ask that You unite us as truly "one nation,

under God." May genuine humility return to our ranks.

And may that blend of integrity and humility

heal our land.

In our Lord's name we pray,

Amen.

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**Community
Transformation,
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CTI BACKGROUND AND VISION

(as of January 26, 2007)

Community Transformation, Inc. was born out of the blessings experienced by local pastors coming together annually for the National Day of Prayer, then sensing a need to do so more regularly. It was co-founded by a number of local pastors of different races and denominations, who also sensed a need for an organization of local pastors and churches that was not sponsored by any particular denomination or any particular type of church group. Our vision is not to duplicate or replace your denomination or other groups, but to be a clearing house and facilitator for those endeavors and initiatives on which all could agree and from which all may benefit.

CTI was legally incorporated November 15, 2000, to create an umbrella organization for such cooperation. Of course, it centers on the Lordship of Jesus Christ and focuses on points on which all Christians can agree, such as salvation by grace through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living and true God, the Creator of the universe, and the effectiveness of prayer in Jesus' name by His children, who pray in agreement with His Word and with each other. In particular, it centers on the vision and prayer of Jesus Christ, expressed in John 17:20-21, that his people would "be one" in order that the world would be drawn to the Lord by the church's unity and love for one another. The "church of the city" is the Biblical model. The epistles in the Bible were of citywide application. God sees the whole church as His church. When we see it the same way, and rejoice in one another's blessings as if we are all one family, we experience His pleasure and see even greater answers to our prayers, and "the world will know."

In communities around the world, where pastors have truly come together in agreement and cried out to God for the outpouring of His Spirit upon their communities and partnered together as He has led, there have been many documented reports of genuine "community transformation," rivaling any documented revival. (See www.transformnations.org.) We believe the same can be true for Thomasville, Thomas County, the surrounding counties, and all of Southwest Georgia (our Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria) as well as the uttermost parts of the earth. We appeal to all Christian pastors: Please join one another in vigilance and prayer as the elders and gatekeepers of the local citywide church. Get to know, trust and pray with one another, until the unity for which Jesus prayed becomes a reality in our area and the lost are drawn to the beautiful Body of Christ by our love for one another and the moving of His Holy Spirit.

The Mission: To Win The Lost, Make Disciples, And Change The Spiritual Climate Of Our Community

Throughout the six years since Community Transformation, Inc., has been in existence, it has sponsored or co-sponsored the following events:

- (1) the National Day of Prayer Pastors' Communion Service and Public Worship Service annually on the first Thursday in May at First Baptist Church;
- (2) a gospel extravaganza outreach to over 400 youth held at the Thomas County Central Gymnasium;
- (3) an area wide prayer meeting at St. Thomas A.M.E. Church;
- (4) a Pastors Appreciation Dinner at Gatlin Creek Baptist Church;
- (5) a Marriage Builder Training Conference at St. Thomas Episcopal Church;
- (6) a Marriage Builders Workshop at New Covenant Church;
- (7) the Pastors' Chaplaincy Program at Archbold Hospital;
- (8) a "prayer partners" teaching package to be used in local churches to encourage all members to establish prayer partners and to pray for each other and the church, which is expected to reduce the counseling load of and increase prayer support for local pastors.
- (9) the April 24-27, 2005 Thomas County Pastors' Prayer Summit, held at Norman Park Baptist Assembly grounds;
- (10) the Greater Thomasville Marketplace Prayer Summits held on Friday, September 29, 2006, and Friday, January 26, 2007, at Myrtlewood Plantation Clubhouse; and
- (11) weekly prayer meetings for senior pastors at the Plaza Restaurant Garden Room each Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. (Except for the first Wednesday of each month when the pastors meet for lunch).

(12) In addition, it founded Thomasville Family and Marriage Net, Inc., which is now an independent 501(c)(3) organization. It has fostered partnerships among various churches and pastors and Christian organizations, which have paired together in one degree or another for different outreaches.

CTI is not interested in "adding" events to your already saturated calendars. Rather, we are interested in helping and encouraging pastors and Christian leaders to "partner" with each other in prayer and in practical ways that reduce, not increase, strain and time commitments by sharing both prayer burdens and resources to avoid the cost of time and money that is often duplicated by many pastors, churches, and ministries. It is as a result of these kinds of initiatives that the Georgia Family Council (the state offshoot of Focus on the Family), selected Thomasville as its first pilot community for its statewide "Marriage Builders Program," providing us with resources for strengthening marriages and founding Thomasville Family and Marriage Net, Inc. (See www.marriagenet.org)

It is our belief and prayer that as pastors, ministers, and other Christian leaders offer their time, as a contribution to the unity of the church of the City of Thomasville, the Lord will cause each and all to reap a great reward. Jesus

said: *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again”.* (Luke 6:38) We believe that in God’s miraculous providence, this promise also applies to the selfless giving of time, in accordance with His will. Time can be multiplied by good stewardship and by God “rebuking the devourer” for our sakes.

My partners and I are privileged to serve you, as one pastor put it, as your “deacon at large”, feeling called to facilitate the coming together of pastors, churches, and leaders to form the local Body of Christ and, hopefully, genuine and heart-changing community transformation.

Sincerely,

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The Mission: To Win The Lost, Make Disciples, And Change The Spiritual Climate Of Our Community



Community Transformation, Inc.

Second Greater Thomasville Marketplace Prayer Summit

- Date:** Friday, January 26, 2007
- Time:** 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- Host:** Charles Balfour, CEO
Balfour Timber Company, Inc.
and
Myrtlewood Plantation
3121 Lower Cairo Road (West Campbell Street)
(3.5 miles west of US 319/Jackson Street)
- Facilitator:** Reverend Howard Boyd
Director, International Renewal Ministries, Inc. and
Founder of Prayer Works, Inc.
- Musician:** Alan George, Trinity Anglican Church
- Participants:** CEOs and COOs of business, industry, government and ministry who
are Christians committed to prayer for our community
- Sponsor:** Community Transformation, Inc., a Georgia 501(c)(3) Corporation
formed by pastors to encourage and facilitate partnerships among
pastors, churches, and Christian organizations, to promote the unity
for which Jesus prayed that the world might believe that the Father
sent His Son, and be “transformed”.
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Directions: From West Jackson Street (US 319) and Campbell Street (Lower Cairo Road), go West 3.5 miles on Campbell Street. Go 2.0 miles to the Bypass; then 1.5 miles further. Turn right at Myrtlewood sign. Go to dead end, turn left and proceed to Clubhouse. If lost or for Myrtlewood information, call 228-6232.

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GREATER THOMASVILLE PRAYER COVENANT

A Solemn Covenant by the Christian Leaders in the Thomasville Area

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

“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”. Habakkuk 2:14

“... Every knee shall bow... and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11

We bow before Almighty God to rend our hearts and not our garments. Out of a deep sense of desperation over the lukewarm condition in the church and the acceleration of corruption in our society, we repent of holding to a form of religion that denies the power of it. We repent of religious pride, of hypocrisy, of prejudice, of status-quo mediocrity, of busyness and prayerlessness. We repent of materialism, selfish pursuit, and lusts of all varieties.

We are called to devote ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ in brokenness, repentance, and obedience.

We declare that the only hope for the Thomasville area and for our nation is a mighty reviving work of God’s grace, and that such a revival will only come as we prevail in believing prayer.

We, the undersigned, hereby covenant to seek earnestly and to pray faithfully together for a biblical spiritual awakening in our personal lives and in the church, and for the advancement of God’s Kingdom in our community, our nation, and our world. We furthermore affirm our unity in Christ and in our common faith, as expressed in God’s Word.

We have full hope and confidence that the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ will be greatly advanced in the Thomasville area, in Thomas County, in Southwest Georgia, and throughout the earth. To that end, we acknowledge and declare that Jesus Christ is Lord of Thomasville, Thomas County, Southwest Georgia, and all the earth. We agree in prayer that our community and all the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the seas, for Jesus’ sake, in Jesus’ name.

I, the undersigned, join other Christian leaders at the Greater Thomasville Prayer Summit, in making the foregoing prayer covenant, this 26th day of January, 2007.

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AUGUST 10, 2005 INTERVIEW BY DOUG SILVIS OF DOUG SMALL,
PROJECT PRAY AND PRAYER SUMMITS INTERNATIONAL, WHO COORDINATED THE
COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION, INC. PASTORS PRAYER SUMMIT IN APRIL 2005

DOUG: WE ARE PLANNING A MARKETPLACE PRAYER SUMMIT FOR THOMASVILLE.

1. WHY SHOULD WE HAVE ONE?

Whenever God starts out to do something, the first evidence is a call to prayer among His people! Without prayer, our best efforts are human efforts. There is a difference between sharing meetings, and praying meetings. The texture of the meeting is different. Dependence upon God becomes the center, rather than self-reports. That is a humbling, breaking process that levels the ground and allows for deeper unity.

2. WHY HAVE A "PRAYER SUMMIT" FOR LAY LEADERS?

We are discovering the real power of change in a city is not with clergy, so disconnected from city life, but with business leaders. They often compartmentalize their lives - the sacred and the secular. Many of them have concerns about the city, but the church generally addresses lay ministry only in the context of its own campus operations.

3. WHAT IS THE VISION YOU WOULD SEEK TO COMMUNICATE?

The church is really not a building. It is an organization, but only in a secondary sense. It is primarily an organism (THE BODY OF CHRIST)! It has visibility, but its greatest power is in its invisible influence - salt and light. Its best moments are not on Sunday AM - but Monday thru Friday! But that period is when the church is divided, separated...

What we need is a new construct of church. The church ecclesia (gathered, on Sunday) we understand; but the church Diaspora (scattered and sown through the city), we do not understand. A Prayer Summit will help create that awareness.

4. HOW DO YOU SEE COMMUNITY LEADERS BEING USED AS THEY CATCH THAT VISION?

The city can be divided in any number of sectors - arts & entertainment; banking-finance; industry; government; professional services/agencies; health care; education/university, college, secondary, etc.; social services/family; news/media; the judiciary/law enforcement and safety; the faith community - and more. This is the marketplace. It is not a term meant only for those in the professional arena ... we are looking for people of faith, leaders in each of these areas who have a concern about the city, its godliness, its mission and purpose, and the ways the church manifests the compassion and truth of Christ to the city or community.

5. WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE INITIAL PRAYER SUMMIT?

The gathering of marketplace leaders is often the first attempt to have Christian leaders see their role in the mission of the church in the city! As they begin to pray together - to hear one another's hearts, they come to know one another. In Selma, Alabama, there was a great moment when a dear sister who worked for one of the city departments said:

"Now we know one another. We had a vague sense about one another. I had heard you (pointing to someone in the circle) were a Christian. Now that I have heard you pray, I know you are! And the judge - we've prayed with a judge! And we've had prayer with the mayor - we've prayed with the mayor and heard his heart. We can't be the same after this!"

What is being created are the relationships necessary to sustain any long-term movement toward city transformation.

6. GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF A CITY WITH WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY WORKING?

In Little Rock, we have launched a marketplace initiative. They are still examining what and how they might approach the needs of their city and area. They have a strong pastoral prayer movement in the city, and they have had numerous share-fest events in which the churches collaboratively ministered to the needs of different elements of the city - sometimes pouring in as much as a quarter of a million dollars toward city needs. Now they are beginning to identify key sector leaders, and I will share with them at a luncheon. Each month, they will focus on one of the sectors, inviting as many of a certain sector as possible. For example, they might invite bankers and finance people, who are believers, to a luncheon to hear the story of a potential marketplace summit specifically for their sector.

7. WHO WOULD YOU INVITE?

Invite representatives from every sector of marketplace and ministry. As always, a couple of sectors will always respond more positively than others. And you go with the ripe hearts, but attempt as broad and inclusive an event as possible, then build on it in the future.

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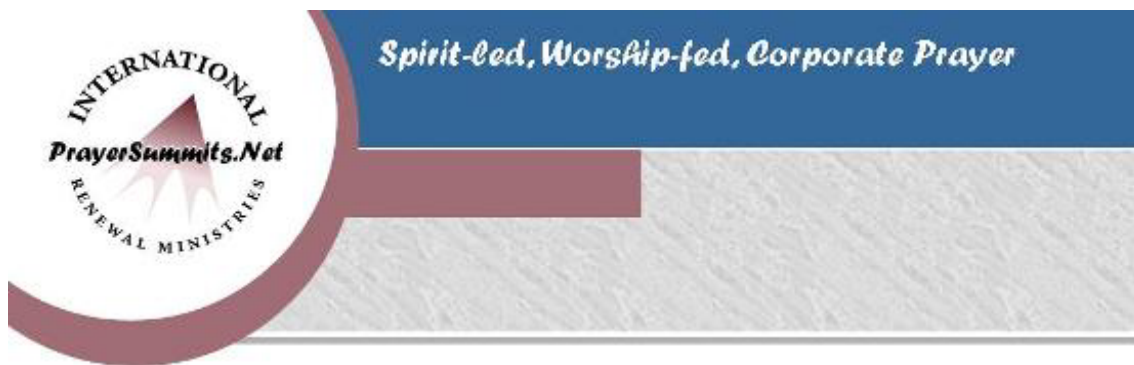


Spirit-led, Worship-fed, Corporate Prayer

Six Foundation Stones

The following six statements provide a foundation for our perspective on Prayer Summits.

- We deeply desire to see a move of God initiated and sustained in as many communities as possible.
- We are convinced that a significant, sustained prayer movement is essential for this to take place. This prayer movement will greatly impact our relationship with God and with one another and our ability to fulfill our Scriptural responsibilities.
- We believe that this prayer movement will lead to and launch other Spirit-directed, united, strategic activities.
- We believe that quality Prayer Summits are catalysts to initiate and sustain this significant prayer movement.
- Therefore we deeply desire to see as many quality Prayer Summits take place in as many communities as possible.
- However, even if a move of God does not result from our prayer efforts, or it does not happen in the manner or time frame we expect, we believe that the value of a Prayer Summit is not diminished, because we have spent time in His presence doing the 'one thing' He deeply desires of us.



The Results of a Prayer Summit

Since the entire movement and ministry are based on relationships rather than events, great care is taken to maintain the unity of the Spirit that begins at a Prayer Summit. The International Renewal Ministries team prayerfully seeks to strengthen the relationships that naturally begin in such significant appointments with God. We want God's best for pastors, the flocks they shepherd, and the kingdom of God around the world. Prayer Summits are only the beginning of what God wants to do in our lives. Team members are observing, recommending, and involved in the following:

- Individual pastors commit to being godly men continuing to seek intimacy with Christ, living holy lives, and being men of prayer;
- Local pastors commit to accountability to each other;
- Pastors meet regularly (weekly or bi-weekly) for prayer;
- Servant leaders meet often to hear from God as to His vision for the one Church in the community;
- Pastors love others into the fellowship of prayer and unity;
- Pastors are encouraged to learn how to pray regularly with spouses;
- Pastors hold retreats (or prayer advances) with their church boards;
- Pastors' wives get together for a Prayer Summit;
- Pastors lead their congregation to become a praying church;
- Pastors provide citywide celebrations of unity and prayer rallies as the Holy Spirit clearly directs;
- Pastors identify and mobilize intercessors;
- Houses of prayer or prayer cells emerge in every community;
- Pastors call for revival emphasis meetings;
- Believers unite to pray for revival;
- Vision-casting gatherings are held;
- Servant Leaders seek God's guidance for citywide strategies for city reaching;
- Research is done throughout the community to understand the needs;
- Leaders mobilize heart-hungry people for prayer and city reaching;
- Pastors and spouses enjoy a Prayer Summit together;
- Often, separate Prayer Summits are held for women in ministry leadership and business and professional men;

- City wide strategies for unity and evangelism are developed and implemented;
- Leaders share with other communities what God is saying and doing;
- Leaders persevere in prayer until heaven-sent revival comes;
- Leaders and lay-workers prepare for harvest.

The above-mentioned are components of a process, not necessarily in specific order. They are not steps of a formula that must be followed, but seem to be important and necessary elements of the process toward the fulfillment of the vision. So, we rejoice with our brothers and sisters who have taken various steps to see God's blessing, keeping our eyes fixed on the author and finisher of our faith, the one who does as He pleases.

IRM representatives usually maintain regular contact with the Servant Leaders in a city as a part of the on-going relational bond and to assist in the fulfillment of the desire for a long-term sustainable movement. We desire to develop an ongoing dialogue with local leaders, providing numerous services under the directive of the Holy Spirit. IRM representatives desire to maintain regular communication with local servant leaders via e-mail, telephone, letters, and visits. They are available for:

- Personal, corporate, or regional consultation;
- Vision-casting to a larger segment of the community;
- Connecting to various resources to enhance the movement;
- Occasional missionary journeys to offer encouragement;
- Assisting with strategic planning for the one Church in the city;
- Assisting with the implementation of specific methods and major events.

Local leaders are encouraged to communicate regularly with the IRM office. If one IRM representative is not available, others will be, to serve our brothers and sisters in the most effective way possible.

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WHY ARE WE HERE
At a Marketplace Leaders Prayer Summit

I. Introduction.

A. Why are we here? We had a sense that God works through people in authority and that, because of our positions, we would represent others.

1. *Romans 13:1* "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." NKJV
2. *Psalms 75: 6 - 7* "For promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the judge: He puts down one, And exalts another."

B. How do we fit into Jesus Christ's mission? We are called to lead, but also to submit to Jesus Christ, our Supreme Allied Commander, and be used to assist Him via prayer and action until He puts all enemies under His feet and then turns His Kingdom over to His Father so that God may be All in All.

1. *First Corinthians 15:24* "Then the end will come, when He (Jesus) delivers the Kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.
2. *Psalms 110:1-3*:
1 The LORD (God the Father) says to my Lord (Jesus Christ),
'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'
2 The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion: you will rule in the midst of your enemies.
3 Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth."
(or, "your young men (and women) will offer themselves willingly as the dew.")

C. What can we best do to advance the Kingdom of God?

1. Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (*John 17; especially John 17:20-22*).
20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message;

21 That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

2. After reviewing John 17:1-26:

Acknowledge that it is the desire of the God the Father and of His only Son the Lord Jesus Christ that we, and all God’s people, be one.

Pray that we would be one and that through our lives the world may know and believe that the Father has sent the Son.

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3.

3. If we enter into the unity for which Jesus prayed, the world will see the beautiful church of Jesus Christ and be drawn to it.

C. How will we pray together in unity?

1. Categorically: Generally, we hope to use Jesus’ Model Prayer, often referred to as the “Lord’s Prayer”, as our agenda for prayer categories as we go through our time together.
2. Briefly: Pray about the last subject introduced. If you want to change subjects, make a note and wait until all have had opportunity to pray about the subject last introduced.
3. Silently or aloud: Agree silently or lead in prayer aloud.
4. Humbly.

III. The Lord’s Supper.

- A. How to Receive Communion. (See attachment.)
- B. Implement. (Instructions to be given.)

IV. What do we do now?

- A. As you go, preach saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand".
- B. Solemn Covenant by Christian Leaders.
- C. Commit to Prayer with Prayer Partners?
- D. Prayer Partner Commitment Forms?
- E. Follow-up Gatherings?

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D. Guiding Scripture: As we pray for our city or cities, let us prayerfully consider the following Scriptures:

1. Consider the *Book of Nehemiah*, especially *Chapters 1 - 4* and the call to Nehemiah to motivate the elders and people of Jerusalem. How might these chapters apply to us individually and to the City of Thomasville today, considering that God speaks of us, His people, as being "living stones"? (A copy of *Nehemiah 4* is attached; see also Prayer Partners teaching attached.)

Chapter 1: Nehemiah's inspiration and prayer for restoration of the broken down walls of Jerusalem, and to repent on behalf of God's people for the sins that led to the devastation and exile.

Chapter 2: Nehemiah's favor with the King, his analysis of the needs of the city, and encouragement to the people to rebuild the walls; converting "rubble" into "walls". Have we surveyed the ruined walls of our community, and of our world?

Chapter 3: Different leaders accepted responsibility to rebuild their portions of the walls. Where are we called to build?

Chapter 4: Success came when they worked with a weapon in one hand (to fight attackers) and a tool in the other, and when they all agreed to leave their part of the wall to defend others: "Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us." (Vs. 20) Are we willing to leave our place at the wall to help defend each other when we hear the call?

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21 That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." NKJV (A copy of *John 17:1 - 26* is attached.)

3. Prayer Points:

- Recognize that it is the desire of God the Father, His only Son our Lord and of the Holy Spirit that we, and all God's people, be one.
- Pray that we would be one and that through our lives the world may know and believe that the Father has sent the Son. "Now this

is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." *John 17:3 NKJV*

- Pray that if we enter into the unity for which Jesus prayed that the world will see the beautiful church of Jesus Christ and be drawn to it.

II. Prayer Agenda Patterned after the Lord's Model Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*).

A. **OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.**

(Let us begin the worship of Our Father, God.)

Honor and praise God's holy name, that He allows us to call Him our Father and for all the names by which He reveals Himself; He is our Father, our Lord, our righteousness, our redeemer, our sanctifier, our peace, our shepherd, our healer, our provider, our all-knowing, ever-present and all powerful God, and all other ways in which He reveals Himself.

Worship Points:

- Acknowledge God's holiness and His goodness, personally and to our Community, State and Nation.
- Praise God for His mighty acts of creation.
- Praise God for His merciful and mighty work of redemption, which enables us to escape the consequences of His perfect and just judgment of sin.
- Pray that God's name would be honored and praised in the Thomasville area and throughout the earth.

B. **THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.**

Pray for the Kingdom of God to be recognized and consummated on earth as it is in heaven, in particular that Christ's rule and reign will be manifested in our lives (for we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and the Body of Christ) and in our community and throughout the ends of the earth, as it is in His heavenly throne room. Claim these promises:

1. "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." *Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV*
2. "...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." *Philippians 2:10 - 11 NKJV*

Prayer Points:

- Acknowledge and pray for an increased personal awareness of God's kingdom announced and established in the person and work of Christ.
- Pray that the establishment of God's kingdom in Christ and among His body (the church) may advance and that the rule and reign of Christ may be clearly seen in our lives (in our respective churches, schools, businesses and spheres of influence) and in the lives of all God's people.
- Pray for the coming consummation of God's kingdom rule and reign to be manifested throughout the Thomasville area, the surrounding counties and all of the earth, as it is presently expressed in the heavenly realm.

C. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

Acknowledge God's faithful provision, and pray for His continued supply for us and for all His people, of everything that we require for our spiritual growth and our physical well being.

Prayer Points:

- Acknowledge that God possesses and desires to give His children every good and perfect gift required for our daily provision.
- Thank God for the blessings and the favor He has shown us.
- Thank God for giving us His Word, and pray that this day He would reveal His will for this Prayer Summit and beyond, giving us all that we need for holy and abundant living.
- Pray that God would confirm the truth of His Word by answering the prayers and meeting the needs of every part of our community.
- Pray that God would richly bless His people individually, and as a community, and that he would multiply His gifts for the glory of His name and the extension of His kingdom in the greater Thomasville area, and beyond.
- Pray that God would mercifully withhold anything that may distract us from Him and from His perfect will for our lives, and that He would give us attitudes and spirits of contentment with His good and perfect provision.

D. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

Pray that God in His grace and mercy will forgive us, and all His people, for our sins against His divine goodness and holiness, and that God will

give us grace and mercy to forgive much, as we have been the beneficiaries of much forgiveness.

Prayer Points:

- Acknowledge that it is against God alone that we have sinned and done what is evil.
- Acknowledge that our pride and rebellion against God has manifested itself in sin against our brothers and sisters.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict us of the sin in our lives, of that which we have done and that which we have left undone.
- Pray that God would graciously forgive and restore the fellowship between Himself and us His people.
- Pray that having been reconciled to God, all God's people would be moved by the Holy Spirit to seek reconciliation in and among ourselves.
- Pray that God would give us hearts that love him and love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Like Daniel and Nehemiah, "identify" with the sins of our community that "we" may repent.

E. *AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.*

Acknowledge that God, the sovereign King of creation, does not allow us to be tested beyond what we can withstand and pray that He will protect us from temptation, and finally and fully deliver us from the assault of the evil one.

Prayer Points:

- Acknowledge that God is sovereign over all and that it is He alone who controls all things; and that though he may allow us to be tested to prove our faith, He never allows this to exceed that which we can bear.
- Pray that God would, if it be his will, keep us from calamities that test and try our faith and instead that He would let His goodness lead us to repentance and maturity in faith.
- Pray that God will strengthen our faith and give us grace to withstand temptation so that through our faithful living, His name may be glorified and His people encouraged.

F. *FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.*

As we began in praise and worship, let us end in praise and worship. Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is King over the heavens and the earth and is worthy to receive praise and glory forever, and that before Him every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

- Acknowledge that God has decisively defeated Satan through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and that He will fully and finally triumph over evil when He comes again in glory.
- Pray that God will quickly bring the consummation of His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven and that the glory and honor of the great King will spread across the earth as the waters over the sea beginning with us and our community.
- Agree with those in other communities praying similar prayers.

Deleted:

1. Another Prayer Summit?

2. Quarterly or other?

3. Fridays?

F. For Further Consideration:

1. Study the *Book of Nehemiah* and prayerfully consider your part in rebuilding the breaches in the walls of our city.

2. Study *John 17* and prayerfully consider how you can contribute to unifying the Body of Christ.

3. Start or continue a prayer / accountability group.

4. Encourage friends who are pastors / leaders to take their places in leading the City to pray and rebuild its walls.

5. Order and read *Loving Your City into the Kingdom*.

