

*Riverside Prays  
Riverside Grows*

**21 DAYS  
OF PRAYER**

**JANUARY 1-21, 2024**



# WE'RE GROWING IN 2024

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Riverside Church, we believe that God has presented us with the theme of GROWTH for the next year. We desire for each person at Riverside to grow strong, to grow in grace, and for God to add many to his church.

Here are two key passages to guide us as we seek to glorify the Lord Jesus as we grow in Him.

*You then, my child,  
be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus...  
2 Timothy 2.1*

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now  
and to the day of eternity. Amen.  
2 Peter 3.18*

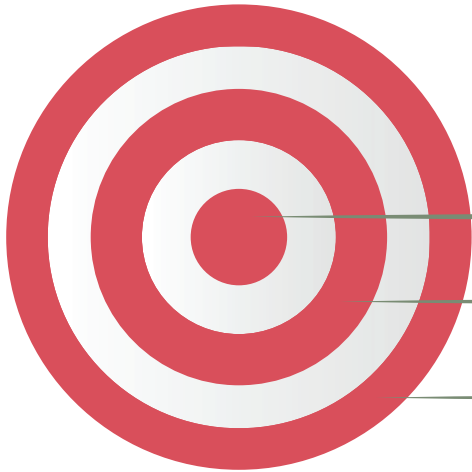
As we begin the year, let's pray together, dedicating and committing ourselves to God. Together, we will ask God to strengthen us in three areas.

We are praying for:

1. People to Grow
2. The Church to be Healthy
3. Our City to Thrive

These are connected. As people grow, the church becomes healthy, and as the church is healthy the city begins to thrive.

# In prayer, be specific and paint the target.



Growing People

Healthy Church

Thriving City

As you ask God to answer, follow God's lead as he refocuses and realigns the target. God will lead you to his will and align your asking with the blessing he has for you. Trust that you will grow. We will grow. Our city will grow.

In week one, we will begin by praying for ourselves and for the people God has placed in our lives. We endeavor to be specific, asking God to bring his strength in specific ways.

In week two, we will continue to pray for people and then add specific requests for God to strengthen Riverside Church.

In week three, as we pray for people and Riverside, we will specifically pray for our city and the surrounding areas.

*Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen*



# Week 1

## PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO GROW

In our first seven days of prayer, we begin with ourselves and the people in our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in what to ask God to do in your life in 2024.

- Where do you want to grow?
- What does God have for you?
- What does God desire to do through you?

Start with what seems right and best, and then be open to God shaping those requests in the coming days. Your requests will be refined, even changed, as God aligns you to his will. Begin to imagine what this will all look like in one year after you have sought God in the grace that is yours in Jesus, asking him for personal growth according to his will for you.

### IN 2024, I AM ASKING GOD FOR THREE THINGS

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Who has God placed in your life that you are to pray for faithfully, believing that God will use you to help this person grow? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

### IN 2024, I AM PRAYING FOR THESE THREE PEOPLE TO COME TO KNOW JESUS OR TO GROW IN CHRIST

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# Prayer Journal

January 1-7

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# Week 2

## PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO GROW + PRAY FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH

In our second week of prayer, continue to pray for yourself and the people in your life, then add specific prayers for Riverside Church.

The elders at Riverside ended 2023 with their annual retreat. They came from that retreat believing that God has called Riverside Church to a year of growth in 2024. Some specific requests have been placed before the Lord, and we are asking the church to join together in praying for these specific prayer targets. In 2024 Riverside Church is asking God for four things:

### **01 20% GROWTH** **Ask God to help Riverside grow by 20%**

As we sought God, we believed it was essential to be specific. What does growth look like and what needs to grow? We are asking God for a 20% increase. This is a bold ask, one that can only happen by God's grace.

Here are some specific areas to pray for a 20% increase.

- People coming to faith in Jesus and following him in baptism
- Sunday attendance
- Finances and giving
- Engagement in life groups and ministry

### **02 DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** **Ask God to help us disciple one another and develop leaders**

At Riverside we exist to help one another know Jesus and to grow in him. We are disciples and disciple-makers. Every person matters. Every person is gifted.

- Pray for our discipleship ministry to grow not just in number but also in depth and clarity.
- Pray that we will engage and serve God with a whole heart toward him.

- Pray for growth in identifying, training, and releasing leaders. We desire to invest in and equip the future leaders of Riverside Church and our community.

In short, pray for every person at Riverside Church to grow in Christ and to be equipped as a disciple-maker so that new leaders can emerge and be equipped.

### **03 WORSHIP** **Ask God to capture our hearts in expressions of worship**

It is all about Jesus. God has loved us in the grace that is ours in Him. He freely gives us His Holy Spirit. Pray that we would be filled and overflowing.

- Pray for God to send us a godly and gifted full-time worship director.
- Pray for Riverside Church to grow in expressions of worship, prayer, and devotion to Christ.
- Pray for our worship services to be full of engaged worshippers.
- Pray for prayer to grow and increase individually and corporately.

### **04 EXCELLENCE** **Ask God to help us serve with excellence**

God is honored, and people feel valued when we serve with excellence. This is not about us, but about God giving grace for us to honor him and to love others well.

Here are some areas to pray for excellence:

- **FACILITIES** - Pray for a master plan, beautification inside and out of the building, creative and functional excellence in how we serve the church and our community with our resources
- **PROCESSES** – As the church grows, we want to improve the processes that will help us organize and love with excellence. This may seem insignificant, but we want to grow both spiritually and as an organization. Good administration cannot create life, but it does support life. Let's pray for excellence in our processes and administration.
- **FINANCIAL STABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY** - Ask God to lead us to act wisely and to establish us financially that we might live generously with excellence. We are challenged by the massive opportunity to serve our people and our community. There are many needs, and the needs are great.
- **FUTURE IMPACT** - Pray for excellence now that we might be ready for future impact. As we apply ourselves, using all the gifts in the body, we must prepare for all that God has in store for Riverside Church.



# Prayer Journal

January 8-14

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# Prayer Journal

January 8-14

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# Week 3

## PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO GROW + PRAY FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH + PRAY FOR NORTH LAUDERDALE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS TO THRIVE

Riverside is a church reaching far beyond North Lauderdale. And we thank God for that! So how does a medium sized church focus its outreach when we are so spread out? Our strategy is to begin with North Lauderdale, the city where our church is located. North Lauderdale is our Jerusalem (Acts 1:8). And as we are faithful, God will increase our mission.

So let us pray for the flourishing of North Lauderdale; it's leaders and it's residents. Also pray for the neighborhoods in which we live and the places that we work.

Here are three big needs to pray for as we Serve our City.

### **01 PRAY FOR GOD TO SEND US A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

This person may already be with us. Whoever this may be, pray for God to prepare a Christ-like and gifted leader to be engaged in guiding our church to see our city thrive.

### **02 PRAY FOR THE BRIDGE TO GROW**

Our strategy is to reach every resident and worker in the city by beginning with students. The city's greatest need is to help the next generation find its future in God. Pray for staff, volunteers, and participants. Pray for finances. Pray that organizationally, we will grow and develop.

### **03 PRAY FOR EVERY MEMBER OF RIVERSIDE TO HAVE KINGDOM IMPACT**

There are many things we could ask God to do. But this is the big ask... ask God to use you. Ask God to mobilize every individual at Riverside to live missionally. To be salt and light to our families, our neighbors, our co-workers, and all those that we come in contact with.

# Prayer Journal

January 15-21

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