

# *from our knees*

**INDIVIDUAL GUIDE**

**30 Day**  
Prayer Challenge



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Thank you for participating in the **From Our Knees: 30 Day Prayer Challenge**.

The launch of the Regular Baptist Church Planting initiative is an exciting time, but we know it won't be successful without God! We are asking God for **5 Regular Baptist church plants** to rise up in the coming year. This is the first step in reaching our goal of **100 new churches** within **10 years**.

God commands us to spread the gospel and multiply! Coming together in prayer through this challenge will help us all connect to God's heart and desires. Our prayer initiative is designed to engage you in praying for the Regular Baptist Church Planting initiative, while focusing on outreach within your own local context. Our prayer is that in addition to five churches being planted in the coming year, you and your local church will have a renewed passion for reaching the lost.

The following guide will help you engage in praying for this vital church planting initiative, as well as for specific needs in your own circle of influence. Feel free to contact Clare Jewell (cjewell@garbc.org) with any questions.

# 3 Ways to Participate



## Pray

- Pray each day as part of your one-on-one time with God.
- Encourage your pastor or friends at your local church to join you in praying for these new church plants.



## Give

- Support a church plant by making a contribution at [www.rbChurchPlanting.org/donate](http://www.rbChurchPlanting.org/donate).
- Consider giving \$30 (set aside \$1 per day during the 30 days of prayer).



## Plant

- Plant the seed of the gospel in someone's life. Share your salvation story and help an unbeliever trust in Christ.
- Ask your church's leaders if there is a way to engage with a church plant.

# Daily Prayer Guide

## Week 1

### Prayer Focus: The Unsaved

**Oct. 23**—Write down your personal testimony in one page or less. Describe what your life was like before Christ, or if you were saved at a young age, describe what would have been true without Christ. Focus on one area that was affected by sin. Then, briefly describe how your life is different because of Jesus. Finally, explain briefly how you came to put your faith in Him. Practice your story over the next couple days, and then share it with a good friend to get feedback on how you could simplify or clarify it. Pray for an opportunity to share your testimony.

**Oct. 24**—Write down the name or address of an unsaved neighbor. Pray for hearts to be softened, opportunities to start conversations, and relationships to build.

**Oct. 25**—Write down the name of a family member or friend who needs to be saved. Pray for an opportunity to share your story with that person. Set up a time to meet, or share your story in writing.

**Oct. 26**—Ask a Christian friend for names of people who need Christ so you can pray for them by name.

**Oct. 27**—Pray for people to come to Christ through the ministries of your church this weekend.

**Oct. 28**—Pray for God to raise up new churches in your region to help reach people who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Ask God to help your church to become engaged in church planting.

**Oct. 29**—Ask God to open your eyes to really see the people around you, to pray for them, and to engage them in conversations.

# Week 2

## Prayer Focus: Church Plants

**Oct. 30**—Take home the list of church plants provided by your church. Pray for one church plant each day. Ask God to develop leaders in those churches. Pray that the people stay focused on reaching the lost. When possible, pray for people by name.

*NOTE: If your church is not participating in the "From Our Knees" prayer challenge, pray for the following church plants that are already gathering together or are in the early preparation stages.*

**Oct. 31**—A new church forming in Hazleton, Pa., is designed to reach out to the Hispanic population. Pray that people will attend home Bible studies and that many will come to Christ. Pray for leaders to step forward with wisdom to lead this new work.

**Nov. 1**—Esperanza Baptist Church in Vacaville, Calif. This one-year-old church plant is focused on reaching Hispanics. Pray for the leaders to guide the church forward. Pray that God will give them boldness to start another Spanish speaking ministry in a nearby town.

**Nov. 2**—Pray for Pastor Carlos and his new church plant near San Francisco. Pray for the church to grow in outreach, and pray for the health of the pastor's wife, Issa.

**Nov. 3**—Pray for a new Hispanic work starting to form in Salem, Oregon. Pray for a church planter to lead this ministry. Pray for the sponsoring Anglo church to take full ownership of this vision.

**Nov. 4**—Pray for Involve Church in Nampa, Idaho. This church is one year old. Pray for continued outreach into their community. Pray for a new leader to be trained to go out and plant another church in the near future. Pray for wisdom for Pastors Ryan and Luke.

**Nov. 5**—Pray for Willow Creek Baptist Church in West Des Moines, Iowa as they plan for a church plant on the southwest side of Phoenix, Ariz. Pray for wisdom. Pray for leadership. Pray that God will bless this effort and that a strong church will be established that is able to plant several churches in this growing community.

# Week 3

## Prayer Focus: People Groups

**Nov. 6**—Take home the list of people groups your church is reaching around the world through its missions program. Pray for one people group each day. If your church does not supply a list, pray for the following people groups each day. You could also go to [www.peoplegroups.info](http://www.peoplegroups.info) to see what groups live near you. Pray for God to remove prejudice from your heart toward any specific people group.

**Nov. 7**—Hispanics. This is one of the fastest growing segments of our population. Pray for God to give you a heart to reach out to Spanish speaking people. Look for an opportunity to make a connection and perhaps invite someone into your home.

**Nov. 8**—Muslims. Because Muslims are coming to the United States, we can reach out and build redemptive relationships with people we would otherwise never meet. Pray for God to bring Muslims into your life. Learn more about them. Pray for boldness and kindness to reach out to them in the name of Christ. Consider eating at a Middle Eastern restaurant.

**Nov. 9**—Hindus. Many Indians are immigrating to America. Pray for God to give you a heart for them. Pray for training to be developed to reach this spiritually needy people group. Pray for an opportunity to meet a Hindu.

**Nov. 10**—African Americans. Prayerfully consider visiting an African American church so you can meet people and be an encouragement to them. Pray that God will raise up black leaders to move these churches forward. Pray that more Bible-preaching churches will be planted in black communities.

**Nov. 11**—Atheists. Pray for God to give you the courage and wisdom you need to talk about Him with people you know who do not believe He even exists. Pray for God to remove the blinders from their eyes. Pray for an opportunity to invest in the life of an atheist in a positive manner.

**Nov. 12**—Homosexual Community. Pray for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people to be open to the gospel. Pray for any gay or lesbian friends you may have who need to come to Christ. Pray that God will help you to find tangible ways to demonstrate love to this community of people.

# Week 4

## Prayer Focus: North America

**Nov. 13**—Pray for revival in our nation. Pray that a church planting movement will continue to grow and reach the many unsaved people living here.

**Nov. 14**—Pray for other churches in your region or state. Ask God to bless and grow them. Pray that these churches will reach out and evangelize their neighborhoods.

**Nov. 15**—Get a list of sister churches and/or association churches from your pastor. Pray for these churches to grow in their influence and outreach.

**Nov. 16**—Pray specifically for towns and/or cities across America. Ask God to plant gospel preaching churches in these communities.

**Nov. 17**—Pray that churches across America will reach out to the people groups within their circles of influence. Pray that local churches across the country will get the training they need to effectively reach across cultural barriers so that many can come to Christ.

**Nov. 18**—Ask God to raise up next generation leaders to help plant new churches across America and to revitalize the many dying churches.

**Nov. 19**—Thank God for all He has done to bless North America. Ask Him to continue to open doors for the church to grow in its capacity to participate in His mission in the world.

# Week 5

## Prayer Focus: Giving

**Nov. 20**—Consider making a prayerful, sacrificial gift to Regular Baptist Church Planting. Give through the \$1 for 30 Days campaign at your local church, or go to [www.rbChurchPlanting.org/donate](http://www.rbChurchPlanting.org/donate).

**Nov. 21**—Enjoy a day of celebrating all that God has done and all that He will do to answer your prayers and help start churches eager to reach people with the gospel. Pray that five Regular Baptist church plants will get started in 2017. Pray for the parent churches and church planters needed to lead these church plants.



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