

from our knees

CHURCH 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 challenge is designed to engage your church in praying for the Regular Baptist Church Planting initiative, while focusing everyone on outreach within your own local church context. Our prayer is that in addition to five churches being planted in the coming year, each local church will have a renewed passion for reaching the lost.

The following guide will help you as you implement the campaign at your church. Adapt it where needed to fit with your congregation and schedule. Feel free to contact Clare Jewell (cjewell@garbc.org) with any questions, for suggestions on adjusting these guidelines for your particular setting or group, or to give a report on how the campaign is going at your church.

3 Ways to Participate



Pray

- Lead in a corporate time of prayer during your Sunday morning service.
- Encourage your church to pray for 30 days, utilizing the prayer prompts as a guide.



Give

- Take a love offering that will help support the five churches to be planted in 2017 (goal: \$50,000).
- Encourage 30 individuals to give \$1 a day for the 30 days. If just 60 churches participate, with 30 people giving \$30, we would have \$54,000 for new churches!



Plant

- Ask God how He might use your church in the Regular Baptist Church Planting initiative.
- Opportunities exist to support a church plant, parent a church plant, or send out church planters!

Week by Week Guide

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October 23—Sunday Worship Service

1. Show *Genesis* video. (4 minutes)
2. Announce the From Our Knees: 30 Day Prayer Challenge, praying for 100 new churches that are focused on reaching lost people. (2 minutes)
3. Announce the \$1 for 30 days offering. Explain how the process works, and that funds will be used to help start five churches in 2017. (3 minutes)
4. Pray for God to increase our passion (as individuals, as churches, and as an association) for sharing the gospel with every man, woman, and child in our circle of influence. Pray for a movement of God's Spirit. (1–2 minutes)
5. Ask your congregation to write the names of 1–3 people who need to hear the gospel and to pray for them each night for a week. (1 minute)

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October 30—Sunday Worship Service

1. Pray for God to raise up five parent churches and five church planters to launch five churches in 2017. (2 minutes)
2. Remind your congregation of the \$1 for 30 days offering. (30 seconds)
3. Provide a list of seven church plants and ask your people to pray for a different one each night that week. If you need help with this, we can provide a list. (2 minutes)

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November 6—Sunday Worship Service

1. Pray for specific people groups in your region to turn to Christ. Ask God to give your church the wisdom to understand how to reach out to these people groups. (2–3 minutes) NOTE: After you register at rbChurchPlanting.org/prayer, we will e-mail you a list of people groups within 25 miles of your location.
2. Remind your congregation of the \$1 for 30 days offering. (30 seconds)
3. Provide your congregation with a list of people groups you are currently reaching through your local and global missions programs. Ask them to pray for a specific people group each night. (1–2 minutes)

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November 13—Sunday Worship Service

1. Read North America stat sheet. (1 minute) NOTE: A stat sheet and PowerPoint slide will be provided when you register at rbChurchPlanting.org/prayer.
2. Pray for a regional church-planting movement in your area. Ask God to open doors for your church to engage in some way with church plants here in North America. If you know of a church plant in your region, pray specifically for that church. If possible, invite someone from that church to share a testimony. (1–2 minutes, plus 5 minutes for a testimony)
3. Remind your congregation of the \$1 for 30 days offering. (30 seconds)
4. Ask your congregation to pray for lost people living in North America. Choose 5–7 cities, towns, or regions and ask people to pray for a different one each night that week. (2 minutes)

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November 20—Sunday Worship Service

1. Show the *Genesis* video again as a reminder. (4 minutes)
2. Pray for God to guide the Regular Baptist Church Planting initiative in supporting the five new churches in 2017. (2 minutes)
3. Receive the \$1 for 30 days offering. Remind people that these funds will be used to help launch five churches in 2017.

Additional Ideas

- Utilize the challenge within a small group or Sunday School.
- Dedicate a special time for fasting and prayer.
- Lead a prayer walk in neighborhoods near your church.
- Provide training in evangelism.
- Encourage personal home gatherings with unsaved people.
- Invite a church planter to share his story.
- Invite a parent church pastor or church member to share a story.
- Utilize this prayer campaign to help cast a vision for your own outreach or church-planting strategy.
- Utilize this prayer campaign as an opportunity to emphasize the importance of partnerships.