

BTLM – 40 DAYS OF FASTING & PRAYER

“Lord, revive Your work in us for the next five years”

INTRODUCTION — A Holy Invitation for BTLM: Forty Days That Will Change Us Forever

Beloved Bridge to Life Ministries family,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. As we enter this sacred 40-day season of fasting and prayer, we welcome you with a shepherd's heart full of love, hope, and deep expectation. This is not simply another church program; it is a holy invitation from GOD Himself—a call to draw closer, to go deeper, to rise higher, and to walk in the fullness of HIS will for our lives and for BTLM.

Throughout Scripture, GOD uses forty-day seasons to bring transformation, realignment, and breakthrough. Moses received the commandments in a forty-day encounter. Elijah was strengthened for a forty-day journey to the mountain of God. Nineveh was given forty days to repent, and revival shook the city. JESUS Himself stepped into forty days of fasting before stepping into His public ministry. Each time, those forty days marked a turning point—a moment where Heaven touched earth and destinies shifted.

Now, beloved, GOD invites *us* into such a moment.

This is a time for consecration—a time to lay down distractions, sins, burdens, and excuses, and rediscover the joy of intimacy with GOD. It is a time to repent with sincerity, to humble ourselves before His presence, and to seek His face for our families, our church, and our mission. It is a time to prepare our hearts for the vision GOD has placed before us—our outreach mission, our relocation plan, and the renewed call to reach souls, disciple believers, and impact our community.

During these forty days, Heaven will work in us, around us, and through us. GOD will convict, but also restore. He will prune, but also strengthen. He will shake what needs to be shaken, and establish what needs to be rebuilt. You will feel His hand guiding you, His Spirit empowering you, and His love drawing you closer every single day.

Do not worry about what you cannot do—trust GOD with what you *can* do. Some will fast fully, some partially, some with medical limitations will offer GOD their worship, their time, and their sacrifice in other forms. What GOD seeks is not perfection but participation. Not endurance but obedience. Not ritual but relationship.

Beloved, this is the season for:

- **A fresh hunger for GOD**
- **A renewed passion for prayer**
- **A deeper love for one another**
- **A revived heart for missions and evangelism**
- **A unified commitment to build the future GOD has prepared for BTLM**

We fast not to impress GOD, but to seek Him.

We pray not to earn His favor, but to align with His heart.

We surrender not out of fear, but out of love.

And as your pastors, we assure you—with all the tenderness of a shepherd and the urgency of a prophet—that GOD will honor every sacrifice, every prayer, every tear, and every step of obedience. What He has begun in us He will complete. What He has promised He will fulfill.

This 40-day journey will shape the next 5 years of our church. It will prepare the ground for revival, unity, generosity, outreach, growth, and transformation. Your home will feel the shift. Your heart will feel the change. Your faith will grow. And together, we will rise strengthened, purified, and ready to say with boldness:

“*Speak, LORD, for Your servants are listening.*”

So, dear BTLM family, let us step into these forty days with humility, expectation, and joy. Let us walk together as one people. Let us seek GOD earnestly. Let us fast with purpose. Let us pray with faith. Let us love with sincerity. And let us prepare to see His glory revealed among us like never before.

**The God of Heaven will meet us. The HOLY SPIRIT will lead us.
And JESUS will be exalted in our midst.**

With all our love, and with holy expectation for what GOD will do in you and in us,

Your Pastors

WEEK 1 – DEDICATION, CONSECRATION & REPENTANCE

A week of brokenness, humility, returning to GOD, and preparing the heart to fully embrace His will.

Theme of the Week: “*Return to ME with all your heart*” (**Joel 2:12–13**)

This week focuses on **repentance**, **purification**, **renewed commitment**, and **deep surrender**—personally, as families, and as a church.

DAY 1 — A HEART FULLY RETURNED TO GOD

Theme: Personal Consecration Begins with Surrender

Scripture: *Joel 2:12–13; Psalm 139:23–24*

Devotional

God calls His people to return “*with all your heart*.” Before BTLM can move outward, we must first move upward and inward. The journey of 40 days begins where all true renewal begins—returning fully to the LORD. Repentance is not merely feeling sorry; it is turning our hearts toward the One who calls us deeper. As Israel drifted toward self-reliance, God summoned them: “*Return to Me with all your heart*.” He is inviting Bridge to Life Ministries into that same holy return. Before we can rebuild walls, enlarge borders, or expand our outreach, God must rebuild our hearts. The relocation plan and evangelistic mission will have no lasting fruit if our hearts remain divided. This is the day to surrender every burden, every sin, every distraction, and come before GOD with honesty and hope.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, reveal every area of my heart that has drifted from YOU.
2. Cleanse me from hidden sins, pride, and self-centeredness.
3. Restore in me a deep hunger for Your presence.
4. Break every habit, attitude, or mindset that resists Your will.
5. Give me a heart that seeks You above all else.
6. Strengthen my commitment for these 40 days.
7. Revive my spiritual disciplines—prayer, reading, worship, obedience.

Reflection Questions

1. What area of my life have I kept outside of God’s full control?

2. Where has my passion grown cold?
3. What must I surrender so I can be fully available for God's vision?

Family Application

- ✚ Gather your family for a short prayer time.
- ✚ Each person shares ONE thing they want God to do in their heart during these 40 days.
- ✚ Pray for each other by name.

DAY 2 — REPENTING OF PERSONAL SIN

Theme: Clearing the Altar of the Heart

Scripture: *Psalm 51:1–12; 1 John 1:8–9; James 4:17*

Devotional

Like David, we ask GOD to wash, purge, and create in us a clean heart. Before God rebuilt Jerusalem, He rebuilt His people. Nehemiah prayed and confessed both **his own sins** and the sins of the nation. Personal repentance is not condemnation—it is liberation. Many believers live spiritually exhausted because unconfessed sin clutters the inner altar. When David cried, “*Create in me a clean heart*,” he wasn’t asking for renovation; he was asking for a miracle. Today the Spirit invites each of us to bring our failures before the forgiving Father who restores joy and renews strength.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, shine Your light into every corner of my heart; forgive me for every calling I delayed or ignored.
2. Forgive me for silence when I should have witnessed; forgive me for sins of word, action, and attitude.
3. Forgive my lack of compassion toward the lost and hurting; Forgive my hidden sins, my pride, my coldness, my apathy.
4. Break every spiritual chain that limits my obedience; restore urgency in my service and obedience.
5. Give me courage to step into the ministry You prepared for me.
6. Revive my heart to participate in the church mission.
7. Prepare me for Year 1 of the outreach plan with boldness.

Reflection Questions

1. Which sin have I tolerated or minimized?
2. What is the Holy Spirit asking me to confess today?

3. How would holiness change my involvement in the relocation and outreach plan?

Family Application

- ➊ Pray Psalm 51 together.
- ➋ Parents: gently encourage children to understand repentance as coming closer to Jesus.

DAY 3 — REPENTING FOR AND IN THE FAMILY

Theme: Rebuilding the Home Before Rebuilding the City

Scripture: *Joshua 24:14–15; Nehemiah 1:6–7; Psalm 51:10–12*

Devotional

Our homes must align with GOD's will to sustain this relocation and outreach plan. Nehemiah prayed not only about his own heart but about the whole family of Israel. Transformation begins at home. Many families carry unspoken wounds, unresolved conflicts, and generational patterns that hinder spiritual unity. God is calling families at BTLM to healing, forgiveness, and alignment with His will. A strong church is built on strong families. As we enter a 5-year vision of outreach and relocation, God wants our homes to be havens of prayer, unity, and mission.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for GOD to cleanse families from hidden sins, bitterness, and unresolved conflicts.
2. Ask GOD to restore broken relationships between spouses, parents, and children.
3. Pray that every home in BTLM will become a sanctuary of prayer and holiness; make our home a place where Your Word governs and Your presence dwells.
4. Ask GOD to uproot generational sins and patterns that hinder spiritual growth.
5. Pray for families to renew commitment to serving the LORD together.
6. Pray for forgiveness to flow from heart to heart.
7. Strengthen our families so they may support the church's mission; declare that Christ will be the head of every BTLM household.

Reflection Questions

1. What area of my family life needs healing or alignment with God?

2. Where have we neglected spiritual leadership at home?
3. What change in our home would honor God most in this season?

Family Application

- ✚ Have each family member write one prayer request for the home.
- ✚ Place them in a visible place and pray for them throughout the week.

DAY 4 — REPENTING FOR THE CHURCH

Theme: Returning to Our First Love as a Body

Scripture: *Revelation 2:1–5; Ephesians 4:1–3*

Devotional

The LORD calls entire churches to repentance. Not because He rejects them, but because He desires to revive them. Jesus commended Ephesus for their hard work but rebuked them for losing their first love. BTLM is entering a defining season. Before vision can flourish outwardly, love must burn inwardly. We repent for cold worship, prayerlessness, division, complacency, or anything that has weakened our witness. This is the day we say: “*Lord, make us Your church again.*”

Prayer Points

1. Pray that BTLM returns fully to its first love for JESUS; that God rekindles our passion for prayer, worship, and outreach.
2. Ask GOD to forgive areas of disobedience, apathy, division, or spiritual pride.
3. Pray for a spirit of unity, humility, and holiness among all members.
4. Forgive us, LORD, for anything that has hindered Your work in BTLM; Ask GOD to cleanse the leadership from fears, weariness, or misplaced priorities.
5. Pray for healing from past church hurts and misunderstandings.
6. Ask GOD to renew zeal for ministry participation; to make our church a lampstand shining brightly in this community.
7. Pray that BTLM becomes fully aligned with GOD’s plan—not tradition or preferences.

Reflection Questions

1. How have I contributed to the spiritual temperature of the church—for better or worse?
2. What must BTLM reclaim to walk fully in God’s vision?

3. How can I personally help to strengthen unity?

Family Application

- ✚ Pray as a family for BTLM's pastors, board, ministry teams, and members.
- ✚ Thank God for what He will do in the next 5 years.

DAY 5 — REPENTING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Theme: Standing in the Gap for Our City

Scripture: *2 Chronicles 7:14; Jeremiah 29:7; Jonah 3:5-10*

Devotional

God places His people in communities not by accident but by assignment. Our vision—to reach students, neighbors, and families—begins with intercession. When the city suffers, God's people must stand in the gap. College Park, the University of Maryland, and surrounding neighborhoods need a praying church. Today we repent on behalf of our community: violence, injustice, unbelief, spiritual darkness, and lostness. Like Daniel, we confess the sins of the land and ask God for healing.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, have mercy on our neighborhoods and communities.
2. Forgive violence, corruption, brokenness, and injustice around us.
3. Raise BTLM as a beacon of light in College Park and beyond.
4. Give us compassion to reach students, families, and the lost.
5. Break territorial strongholds opposing salvation in our area; heal our streets, protect our children, and restore moral foundations.
6. Let revival sweep through homes, schools, and workplaces; break spiritual blindness and open doors for evangelism.
7. Prepare hearts to respond to our outreach initiatives; prepare hearts on the university campus for revival.

Reflection Questions

1. What community burdens is God placing on my heart?
2. How can I be a light to my neighbors, coworkers, and classmates?
3. What would true spiritual awakening look like in College Park?

Family Application

- ✚ Walk outside your home and pray over your street.
- ✚ Pray for families, students, and neighbors you know by name.

DAY 6 — CONSECRATING OURSELVES FOR GOD'S WORK

Theme: Setting Ourselves Apart for the Journey Ahead

Scripture: *Romans 12:1–2; Joshua 3:5; James 4:8*

Devotional

When Joshua told the Israelites, “*Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you,*” he was inviting them into a deeper relationship with GOD before a major movement of His power. Likewise, BTLM stands on the verge of a new season—outreach, relocation, ministry expansion. None of these will bear lasting fruit unless we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Consecration is not perfection but availability. It is saying, “*LORD, You have all of me—my time, my attitude, my gifts, my fears, my resources.*” When the church is consecrated, the wonders of GOD follow.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, purify my thoughts and make my mind obedient to Christ.
2. Remove every spirit of complacency and spiritual laziness; remove anything that distracts or defiles.
3. LORD, I offer myself fully to Your service for this vision; renew my desire to live holy and pleasing to You.
4. Prepare me to see and participate in Your wonders; expose every lie of the enemy influencing my thinking.
5. Empower me to reject worldly patterns and embrace Your ways.
6. Restore joy in reading and meditating on Scripture.
7. Renew my mind so I may discern Your will; transform my desires to align with Your perfect will.

Reflection Questions

1. What part of my life is not yet fully surrendered?
2. How is God calling me to step deeper into His will?
3. What distractions must be removed to walk in consecration?

Family Application

- ❖ Each family member chooses one specific act of consecration this week (e.g., intentional prayer time, kindness goal, Scripture reading goal).
- ❖ Pray over each commitment.

DAY 7 — CONSECRATING OUR TIME

Theme: Making Room for GOD in Our Daily Schedule

Scripture: *Ephesians 5:15–16; Psalm 90:12*

Devotional

Time is one of the greatest offerings we can bring to GOD. Many believers desire intimacy with Him, but their schedule leaves no room for the Spirit to speak. As we enter this 40-day journey, God calls us to redeem the time. A church that will accomplish a 5-year plan of outreach and relocation must be intentional, disciplined, and prayerful. A redeemed schedule becomes a redeemed life. Today we ask God to reorient our time—so prayer becomes priority, Scripture becomes nourishment, and ministry becomes joy.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, teach me to number my days with wisdom. Help me recognize the value of every moment and use my time in ways that honor You. Teach us, LORD, to number our days and use them wisely.
2. Father, remove the distractions—digital, emotional, or relational—that steal my focus from You and weaken my spiritual life. Help me to create margin for prayer, worship, and service.
3. Holy Spirit, help me create and protect a daily rhythm of prayer, Scripture, and worship so that I may walk closely with You.
4. LORD, reorder my priorities. Let the Kingdom come first, my family second, and everything else in its rightful place.
5. Redeem the seasons I have wasted, Father. Restore discipline, passion, and intentionality. Help me walk wisely and avoid careless living.
6. God of purpose, empower me to embrace Your assignments each day. Let my schedule reflect obedience, not busyness. Break every cycle of procrastination and distraction.
7. LORD, set my time apart for You. May every hour be used with a sense of Your presence, Your leading, and Your glory. Order my steps during these 40 days. Seal this fast with Your presence and power.

Reflection Questions

1. How have I wasted time that could have been used for GOD?
2. What needs to change in my daily rhythm?
3. How can my schedule better support the church's mission?

Family Application

- Set a short family devotion time (5–10 minutes) for the next 7 days.

- ✚ Choose a consistent time and honor it.

WEEK 2 – PRAYING FOR YEAR 1 (OUTREACH) TO BE FRUITFUL

Rooted in GOD's Will, Reaching Out in Love

DAY 8 — CONSECRATING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Theme: Offering God What He Has Already Placed in Us

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10–11; Matthew 25:14–30

Devotional

Every believer has been entrusted with spiritual gifts, natural talents, and divine opportunities. God never calls His people to serve without equipping them. In the parable of the talents, the Master rebuked the servant who buried what was entrusted to him. BTLM needs every gift—teachers, mentors, evangelists, intercessors, administrators, musicians, organizers, encouragers, youth leaders, hospitality workers, creative minds. The relocation and outreach vision will not be fulfilled by the hands of a few but by the hearts of many. Today we consecrate our gifts—declaring that we will no longer hide them, bury them, or leave them unused.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, I return my gifts to You; make me a faithful steward who serves with humility and excellence; I dedicate my gifts, talents, and abilities to Your service.
2. Sanctify every natural and spiritual ability in me so that Your Grace—not my strength—will be seen.
3. Awaken every dormant gift in our church and stir us to use it for the Harvest; show me where to serve in the first-year outreach plan.
4. Remove fear, insecurity, or laziness that holds me back, and comparison, excuses, and replace them with courage, diligence, and obedience.
5. Let every ministry at BTLM operate with GOD-given creativity, power, and compassion.
6. Make our gifts shine as light in the community, drawing the lost to Jesus Christ, use me for Your glory.
7. LORD, let Your voice say over us: ‘*Well done, good and faithful servants.*’

Reflection Questions

1. What gift has God given me that I am not fully using?
2. Where is the Spirit prompting me to serve?
3. How will my gifts support the church in the next 5 years?

Family Application

- Share with each other one gift you see in another family member.
- Pray that God develops and uses each gift.

DAY 9 — CONSECRATING OUR RESOURCES

Theme: Offering GOD What Already Belongs to Him

Scripture: *Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:6–8; Proverbs 3:9–10*

Devotional

Relocation requires faith. Outreach requires generosity. Ministry expansion requires stewardship. When GOD calls a church to build, He also calls His people to trust Him with their resources. The LORD does not ask because He needs; He asks because giving transforms our hearts. Generosity breaks the power of fear and scarcity. Tithing proves our loyalty. Sacrificial giving accelerates the mission. As we fast today, we remember that GOD cannot bless what we withhold. A consecrated church is a giving church.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, teach me to trust You with my finances, teach us to honor You with our tithes, offerings, and every financial decision.
2. Deliver us from fear, greed, or wastefulness and lead us into joyful generosity.
3. Provide for our relocation and outreach needs in miraculous ways, release the blessing of open heavens over every obedient giver in this church.
4. Provide for BTLM's needs so that outreach, missions, and ministries may flourish.
5. Break the grip of fear, greed, or reluctance, break every financial yoke and grant wisdom, discipline, and stewardship to every family.
6. Open the windows of Heaven over BTLM as we obey You, multiply our resources like the five loaves and two fish—for the saving of souls.
7. LORD, make this church a fountain of generosity that reflects Your Heart.

Reflection Questions

1. Am I honoring GOD with my tithe and offerings?
2. What financial habit must change so I can give joyfully and freely?
3. How can I support the 5-year plan with generosity?

Family Application

⊕ Discuss a small family sacrifice you could make this month (eating out less, reducing entertainment spending) to set aside a special offering for the mission.

DAY 10 — CONSECRATING OUR HEARTS FOR OUTREACH

Theme: Preparing to Love the Lost the Way Jesus Does

Scripture: *Matthew 9:35–38; Romans 10:13–15*

Devotional

God's heart beats for souls. Before we step into evangelism training, campus outreach, community engagement, or new ministry launches, our hearts must be aligned with the compassion of Jesus. When He saw the crowds, He was *“moved with compassion.”* Outreach is not a program—it is a burden, a calling, a heartbeat. The relocation plan positions BTLM for greater Kingdom influence, but influence without compassion is empty. Today God invites us to feel what He feels for the lost. To see students, families, single mothers, the elderly, immigrants, prisoners, and neighbors through His eyes. The harvest is plentiful—but only consecrated hearts will respond.

Prayer Points

1. Break our hearts with what breaks Yours, and give us compassion for the lost, LORD, give me the heart of Jesus for the lost.
2. Remove indifference, fear, judgment, or spiritual pride; fill us with the love of Christ.
3. Give us eyes to see people's deep need for salvation and healing.
4. Fill our mouths with the Gospel and our feet with readiness to go.
5. Prepare divine appointments with people whose hearts are ready to receive, open doors for conversations, invitations, and testimonies.
6. Heal our church from outreach fatigue and give us fresh fire for evangelism.
7. LORD, make BTLM a soul-winning church that rejoices every time a sinner comes home, Anoint BTLM for harvest and revival.

Reflection Questions

1. When was the last time I shared my faith intentionally?
2. Who in my life needs the love of Christ right now?
3. How can I be part of our church's outreach this year?

Family Application

- ✚ As a family, list 3 people you know who need Jesus.
- ✚ Pray for them by name and ask God to soften their hearts.

DAY 11 — “LORD, SHOW US YOUR WILL”

Theme: Clarity, Discernment, and Obedience

Passage: *Proverbs 3:5–6; James 1:5; Psalm 25:4–5*

Devotional

We shift from personal consecration to corporate direction. A church that follows GOD's will must first seek it. Proverbs tells us not to lean on our own understanding, but to trust GOD wholeheartedly. The relocation and outreach plan before us is not merely administrative—it is spiritual. It requires the discernment that only the HOLY SPIRIT gives. James promises that GOD gives wisdom generously to those who ask in faith. David prayed, “*Show me Your ways, teach me Your paths,*” because he knew he could not lead without divine guidance. Today we ask GOD to reveal His will clearly—where to move, whom to reach, and how to build. A church that seeks GOD's direction cannot be easily shaken, because GOD Himself becomes the compass.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, teach us to trust You fully and not lean on our own understanding, we ask You to direct our steps as a church.
2. Grant Your church wisdom from above—pure, peaceable, and Spirit-led.
3. Remove human agendas, fears, and confusion, reveal the exact steps we must take in Year 1 of outreach.
4. Guide our pastors, trustees, and ministry leaders with clarity and unity.
5. Silence every voice of confusion, fear, or distraction. Guide every decision. Give us unity of mind and clarity of purpose.
6. Make us quick to obey—without delay and without hesitation, make Your will unmistakable, and give us the courage to obey it.
7. LORD, lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the GOD of our salvation.

Reflection Questions

1. Where have I been leaning on my own understanding rather than GOD's direction?
2. What areas of the church's future require clearer spiritual discernment?
3. Am I willing to obey whatever GOD reveals—even when it stretches me?

Family Application

➊ Pray together at home asking GOD to guide your family decisions just as He guides the church. Share one area where each family member needs GOD's direction.

DAY 12 — “LORD, ESTABLISH OUR MINISTRIES”

Theme: Strengthening and Aligning Church Ministries

Passage: *Ephesians 4:11–13; 1 Peter 4:10–11*

Devotional

The church is strong when each ministry serves in unity and purpose. Paul teaches that GOD gives varied gifts “*to equip the saints for the work of ministry.*” Ministries are not programs; they are vessels through which GOD touches lives. As BTLM prepares for outreach and relocation, our ministries must be spiritually alive, mission-focused, and interconnected. The Children’s Church, Youth Group, Wesleyan Women, Men’s Ministry, Prayer Ministry, and all proposed ministries must breathe the same vision: “*Reach the lost, equip the saints, and glorify GOD.*” When each ministry is aligned with GOD’s call, the whole church moves forward like a well-trained body. Today we pray for revival within each ministry and fresh empowerment for every leader.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, align every ministry at BTLM with Your mission and Your Word. FATHER, strengthen every ministry at BTLM
2. Strengthen our leaders and volunteers with endurance, wisdom, and purity. Revive the leaders, renew the workers, and refresh the vision.
3. Raise up new ministry workers equipped for outreach and discipleship.
4. Make each ministry a channel of Your grace. Unite our ministries so that they work together—not separately—for the Harvest.
5. Anoint every ministry with supernatural effectiveness and compassion.
6. Let the gifts of the Spirit operate in love, order, and power among us.

7. LORD, build Your church until we all reach maturity in Christ. Align our hearts so that everything we do brings glory to Your Name and moves us toward Your mission.

Reflection Questions

1. How well do I understand and support the ministries in my church?
2. Am I willing to serve where GOD needs me most, not just where I feel comfortable?
3. What ministry is GOD calling me to pray for more intentionally this week?

Family Application

- ✚ Choose one church ministry as a family. Pray for its leaders, volunteers, and impact throughout the week.

DAY 13 — “LORD, UNITE OUR LEADERSHIP”

Theme: Unity Among Pastors, Trustees, Leaders, and Committees

Passage: *Philippians 2:1–4; Amos 3:3; John 17:21*

Devotional

No church can move forward with divided leadership. Even GOD’s will can be hindered by disunity, pride, or miscommunication. Paul urges believers to be of “*one mind*” and “*one accord*.” Jesus prayed that His followers would be one, because unity is spiritual power. For BTLM, unity between pastors, trustees, ministry leaders, and committees is essential as we prepare for relocation and outreach. Everyone must discern the same vision, walk the same direction, and keep the same spiritual posture. Amos asks, “*Can two walk together unless they agree?*” The answer is no. Therefore, today we pray for humility, mutual submission, spiritual maturity, and deep love among our leaders—so no crack becomes a doorway for the enemy.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, unify our leaders. Strengthen their relationships, give our leaders one heart, one vision, and one Spirit.
2. Remove pride, fear, and misunderstanding. Give them the mind of Christ and the humility to serve together in harmony. Remove division, suspicion, and self-interest; replace them with humility and love.
3. Help us walk together in agreement, direction, and purpose.

4. Teach our leaders to value others above themselves, following the heart of Christ. Make our leadership a model of unity that inspires the entire church.
5. Let grace, patience, and forgiveness define our leadership culture.
6. Protect our unity from spiritual attacks and misunderstandings.
7. LORD, make our unity a testimony that Jesus Christ is truly LORD among us.

Reflection Questions

1. What attitudes threaten unity in leadership—criticism, passivity, pride?
2. How can I contribute positively to unity rather than division?
3. Do I pray regularly for my pastors and ministry leaders?

Family Application

- ✚ At dinner, each family member says something encouraging about a church leader. Then pray for them by name.

DAY 14 — “LORD, SEND WORKERS INTO THE HARVEST”

Theme: Mobilizing Members for Outreach & Service

Passage: *Matthew 9:37–38; Isaiah 6:8; Acts 1:8*

Devotional

Jesus looked at the crowds with compassion and said, “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*” The problem is never the harvest; the problem is always the shortage of willing workers. For BTLM’s outreach plan to succeed—whether on the University of Maryland campus, in local neighborhoods, or among families—members must respond like Isaiah: “*Here am I, send me.*” GOD is not just calling pastors; He is calling believers of all ages. Evangelism is not an event; it is a lifestyle. Service is not a position; it is a calling. Today we pray that GOD will awaken servants, evangelists, teachers, disciplers, intercessors, greeters, helpers, and ministry partners. When the people say, “*Here am I,*” then the church becomes unstoppable.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, open the eyes of our members to the urgency of the Harvest.
2. FATHER, send workers into the harvest. Touch hearts. Stir gifts. Awaken passion for souls. Here we are—send us, empower us, and use us for Your Glory.

3. Raise bold evangelists, faithful servants, and compassionate helpers in BTLM.
4. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to witness with power, conviction, and love.
5. Release a serving heart in every member—from children to elders.
6. Let outreach become a lifestyle, not an event. Make BTLM a sending church where every member serves with joy.
7. LORD, send laborers into the Harvest until the lost are saved and Your Kingdom advances.

Reflection Questions

1. What keeps me from stepping into service—fear, time, discouragement?
2. Who in my life needs the Gospel right now?
3. How is GOD calling me to serve in this church during the relocation vision?

Family Application

⊕ Create a family prayer list of people who need salvation. Pray for them daily for the rest of the 40 days.

WEEK 3 – PRAYING FOR THE 5-YEAR RELOCATION PLAN

Praying for ministries, committees, outreach teams, and the relocation vision.

DAY 15 — “LORD, PREPARE THE PLACE YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR US”

Theme: Praying Over the Relocation Vision

Passage: Deuteronomy 12:5; Exodus 33:14–15; Psalm 90:17

Devotional

GOD always chooses a place for His people. In Deuteronomy, He declares that He will pick “*the place where His Name will dwell.*” This promise assures us that relocation is not about real estate—it is about divine placement. Moses refused to move unless GOD’s presence went with them, teaching us that location without presence is emptiness. As BTLM seeks a new home, we must pray that GOD Himself goes before us, opening the right door, closing the wrong ones, and planting us where His glory will shine brightest. We ask for

FAVOR, PROVISION, and GUIDANCE. The place GOD prepares will fit the mission, serve the people, reach the community, and expand the Kingdom.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, prepare the place You have chosen for BTLM, lead us to the place You have appointed, where Your Name will dwell and Your Mission will prosper.
2. Let Your Presence go before us, settle among us, and confirm every step of this relocation journey. Provide what we cannot afford.
3. Prepare the hearts of owners, partners, and communities that will welcome this ministry.
4. Establish the work of our hands and let Your favor open doors no man can close. Lead us to a place where Your Name will be exalted and where souls will be saved.
5. Remove every hindrance—spiritual, financial, or logistical—that stands in the way of Your will.
6. Give us unity, patience, and discernment as we walk toward the future You have ordained.
7. LORD, mark this relocation with Your Glory, Your peace, and the testimony of answered prayer.

Reflection Questions

1. Do I truly believe GOD has a prepared place for our church?
2. Am I willing to trust GOD even when the process feels slow or uncertain?
3. What fears do I need to surrender regarding relocation?

Family Application

- Drive as a family through your community. Pray silently or aloud, “LORD, lead our church to the place You choose.”

DAY 16 — “LORD, REVIVE OUR PRAYER MINISTRY”

Theme: Strengthening Intercession for the Future

Passage: *Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ezekiel 22:30*

Devotional

Every great move of GOD begins with prayer. Before walls were rebuilt in Nehemiah's day, before the Gospel spread in Acts, before revival shook nations—GOD's people were on their knees. The prayer ministry is not a side ministry of the church; it is the engine room. When the prayer ministry is

weak, the church becomes vulnerable. When it is revived, the entire body strengthens. GOD said in Ezekiel, “*I sought for a man to stand in the gap.*” Today BTLM stands at a critical moment—vision is growing, opportunities are opening, and spiritual opposition is rising. We must strengthen the hedge through intercession. This is the time for watchmen and watchwomen to rise, for the altar to burn again, and for intercessors to carry the burden of the LORD.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, revive our prayer ministry. Awaken a spirit of prayer, watchfulness, and perseverance in our church.
2. Raise intercessors who stand in the gap for the lost, the church, the city, and the relocation mission.
3. Break prayerlessness and revive a hunger for intimate communion with GOD. Rekindle passion for prayer.
4. Strengthen our prayer ministry to become a wall of fire around every ministry and plan. Strengthen the Hour of Power, the all-night prayer meetings, the conference-line gatherings.
5. Teach us to pray with faith, authority, and alignment with the Holy Spirit.
6. Let every prayer meeting be filled with unity, power, and the Presence of GOD.
7. LORD, establish BTLM as a house of prayer that moves Heaven and transforms our future. Make BTLM a house of prayer where Your presence dwells.

Reflection Questions

1. How committed am I to the prayer life of my church?
2. What time in my week can I dedicate to intercession?
3. Do I feel called to stand in the gap for this ministry?

Family Application

- ✚ Choose one day this week for the entire family to pray together for the church’s spiritual health.

DAY 17 — “LORD, GIVE US A HEART FOR SOULS”

Theme: A Burden for the Lost and the Unchurched

Passage: *Luke 19:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18–20; Romans 10:14–15*

Devotional

The church does not exist for itself—we exist to seek and save the lost, just as our Savior did. Outreach must not be a program but a heartbeat. A church preparing for relocation must first prepare spiritually by cultivating compassion for those who don't know CHRIST. Paul calls us "*ambassadors*," entrusted with the message of reconciliation. Too often churches become inward-focused, losing urgency for evangelism. But when the HOLY SPIRIT gives us GOD's heart, we begin to see people differently—students, neighbors, immigrants, families, seniors—all precious souls in need of JESUS. Today we ask GOD to break our hearts for what breaks His.

Prayer Points

1. FATHER, give us a burden for the lost. Break our indifference. Fill us with compassion for souls. Break our hearts with the burden of lost souls and fill us with Christlike compassion.
2. Remove apathy, fear, or distraction and awaken a passion for evangelism.
3. Make us faithful ambassadors who carry the message of reconciliation.
4. Open doors to reach the unchurched, the unreachable, and the uninterested.
5. Empower us to preach, witness, invite, and love with boldness and wisdom. Use BTLM to reach students, families, children, immigrants, and neighbors.
6. Let the harvest field around us become ripe and ready to receive the Gospel. Make us passionate ambassadors of CHRIST.
7. LORD, make soul-winning a lifestyle for BTLM—not an event.

Reflection Questions

1. Who are the lost people in my life I rarely pray for?
2. Do I genuinely feel the urgency of evangelism?
3. What fears hold me back from sharing the Gospel?

Family Application

- ⊕ Make a list of three people outside the church. Pray specifically for their salvation each night this week.

DAY 18 — “LORD, BLESS OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES”

Theme: Investing in the Next Generation

Passage: *Psalm 78:4–7; Proverbs 22:6; Matthew 19:14*

Devotional

A thriving church invests intentionally in its children and youth. Psalm 78 calls us to teach the next generation “*the praises of the LORD*” so they will trust Him and keep His commandments. Our Children’s Church, Youth Group, Kids Club, Wesleyan Kids for Mission, choirs, and future ministries must be rooted in Scripture, discipleship, safety, joy, and love. Children are not the church of tomorrow—they are the church of today. JESUS said, “*Let the little children come to Me*,” reminding us that reaching children is a priority in GOD’s Kingdom. As BTLM moves toward relocation and outreach, we pray that GOD will help us build ministries that equip young hearts, disciple teens, and raise future leaders.

Prayer Points

1. Pour Your anointing upon our children’s and youth ministries so they raise godly disciples.
2. LORD, bless our children and youth ministries. Strengthen leaders, inspire teachers, protect our children, and save our youth. Bless every teacher, helper, counselor, and parent with wisdom, patience, and love.
3. Protect our children and youth from the deception and darkness of this generation.
4. Give our young people a hunger for the Word, worship, purity, and prayer. Raise a generation that loves GOD, walks in truth, and serves with boldness.
5. Let the next generation rise with spiritual gifts, leadership, and boldness.
6. Strengthen our church to invest in programs, spaces, and leaders who shape young lives.
7. LORD, let our children and youth become pillars in the house of GOD for years to come.

Reflection Questions

1. How can I personally support the discipleship of children in our church?
2. Am I praying regularly for the spiritual protection of our youth?
3. What investment is GOD calling me to make in the next generation?

Family Application

- Parents: read a Bible story with your children tonight. Youth: choose one Scripture to memorize this week as a family.

DAY 19 — “LORD, EMPOWER OUR OUTREACH TEAMS”

Theme: Strengthening Evangelistic and Community Impact

Passage: *Matthew 5:14–16; Acts 13:47; Titus 3:14*

Devotional

Outreach is the outward pulse of a healthy church. As BTLM prepares to engage the University of Maryland, local neighborhoods, families, seniors, and communities in need, we must pray for power. JESUS said we are the light of the world—not a hidden light, but a visible one. The early church turned cities upside down because they were filled with purpose and courage. Our outreach teams—evangelism teams, community service volunteers, campus outreach workers, food bank helpers, and visitation teams—will become GOD’s hands and feet. But we need the HOLY SPIRIT to guide conversations, soften hearts, open doors, and produce fruit. Today we pray for divine appointments and supernatural effectiveness.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, empower our outreach teams. Give us boldness, wisdom, compassion, and creativity. Fill our outreach teams with boldness, compassion, and the fire of the Holy Spirit.
2. Open doors in our city, our campus, and our neighborhoods. Make us a bright light in College Park, Hyattsville, and surrounding communities.
3. Give us creative strategies to reach students, families, immigrants, and the hurting.
4. Let miracles of salvation, healing, and deliverance follow our outreach efforts.
5. Break spiritual barriers that keep people from responding to the Gospel.
6. Raise more servants who joyfully engage in acts of love, service, and evangelism.
7. LORD, let BTLM become known as a church that brings hope, love, and transformation to the community.

Reflection Questions

1. How am I involved in outreach today?
2. What step of courage is GOD asking me to take?
3. Do I pray for divine appointments in my daily life?

Family Application

⊕ Choose one simple act of kindness to do this week for a neighbor, co-worker, or classmate.

DAY 20 — “LORD, GUIDE US IN EVERY DECISION”

Theme: Praying Over Committees, Boards, and Planning Teams

Passage: *Proverbs 16:3; Psalm 37:5; Acts 15:28*

Devotional

Every great movement of GOD requires wise planning. Nehemiah planned carefully before building the wall, and the early church gathered in Acts 15 to discern the will of the HOLY SPIRIT together. As BTLM moves forward, our trustees, committees, financial teams, relocation team, outreach coordinators, and ministry boards must be guided by prayer, unity, and spiritual maturity. Decisions about buildings, budgets, partnerships, timelines, and ministries must reflect GOD’s wisdom—not human pressure. Scripture calls us to commit our plans to the LORD so He may establish them. When decisions are birthed in prayer, confusion is removed and GOD’s peace prevails.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, guide every committee, board, and team in our church. Let every decision be Spirit-led. Remove confusion. Provide unity. Establish every plan according to Your purpose.
2. Let every discussion be guided by the Holy Spirit, not human wisdom.
3. Grant us unity, clarity, and courage in all planning matters—especially relocation.
4. Protect us from confusion, division, rushed decisions, and hidden agendas.
5. Give us the mind of Christ when evaluating finances, location options, and timelines.
6. Let Your peace confirm every choice and every step we take.
7. LORD, guide us until the testimony will be: ‘*It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.*’

Reflection Questions

1. Do I trust GOD with the long-term planning of the church?
2. How can I pray more intentionally for those who carry administrative burdens?
3. What decision in my own life needs GOD's guidance right now?

Family Application

- Have a conversation about decisions your family needs to make in the next month. Pray together committing them to the LORD.

DAY 21 — “LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH”

Theme: Faith to Believe GOD for the Impossible

Passage: *Mark 9:23; Hebrews 11:6; 2 Corinthians 5:7*

Devotional

Every great move of GOD requires great faith. BTLM stands at the beginning of a bold journey—relocation, expanded ministries, student outreach, city engagement, family impact—but none of this can happen without a deeper, stronger trust in GOD. JESUS told the father of the demon-possessed boy, “*All things are possible to him who believes.*” Faith is not pretending everything is easy—it is believing GOD is greater than every obstacle, every limitation, every financial challenge, and every unknown. Hebrews reminds us that “*without faith it is impossible to please GOD.*” Today we ask the LORD to enlarge our faith and prepare our hearts to believe Him for miracles.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, strengthen our faith to believe You for miracles, breakthroughs, and divine provision.
2. Deliver us from doubt, fear, and small thinking; expand our spiritual capacity.
3. Help us walk by faith, not by sight, especially in this relocation journey. Prepare us to believe You for the impossible at BTLM.
4. Plant in us a faith that pleases You and withstands every trial.
5. Let our church become a testimony of what happens when a people trust GOD completely.
6. Increase our confidence in Your promises, Your timing, and Your power.
7. LORD, do exceedingly, abundantly above all we could ask or imagine—according to Your power at work in us.

Reflection Questions

1. Where am I limiting GOD with small thinking?
2. What promise of GOD do I need to claim with faith?
3. What miracle am I believing GOD to do in our church?

Family Application

⊕ Each family member writes one big prayer request they want GOD to answer. Pray over them together.

WEEK 4 — FAITH, COURAGE & STEADFASTNESS IN GOD'S VISION

Strengthening trust, overcoming fear, and preparing to walk boldly into BTLM's 5-year plan.

DAY 22 — “LORD, GIVE US COURAGE TO BUILD”

Theme: Boldness in the Face of Opposition

Passage: Joshua 1:6–9; Nehemiah 4:14; Acts 4:29–31

Devotional

Whenever GOD's people rise to build, the enemy rises to resist. Nehemiah faced threats, intimidation, insults, and discouragement, yet he stood before the people and proclaimed, “*Do not be afraid... remember the LORD, who is great and awesome!*” Courage is not the absence of fear—it is the decision to trust GOD even when danger, uncertainty, or pressure surrounds you. Joshua was told four times in one passage, “*Be strong and courageous.*” When the early church was threatened, they prayed for boldness—and GOD shook the building with His power. As BTLM steps into a larger calling, we must reject fear and embrace Spirit-given courage.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, fill us with boldness and courage to build what You have commanded, without fear or hesitation.
2. Strengthen our hearts like Joshua, to step forward with confidence in Your promises.

3. Give us Nehemiah's determination to build despite discouragement, criticism, or spiritual resistance. Give our leaders and members supernatural boldness.
4. Make us a praying church that receives fresh boldness from the Holy Spirit.
5. Silence every voice of fear, doubt, and intimidation that stands against this vision.
6. Cover us with divine protection as we advance and build for Your Glory.
7. LORD, let the testimony of BTLM be: '*They prayed, and the place was shaken, and they spoke the Word with boldness.*'

Reflection Questions

1. What fears do I need to surrender to GOD?
2. How does remembering GOD's greatness change my courage?
3. Where do I need to step out boldly for GOD?

Family Application

- ✚ Share one fear as a family and pray over each other for courage.

DAY 23 — “LORD, KEEP US UNITED IN PURPOSE”

Theme: Unity as the Foundation of Success

Passage: *Philippians 2:1–4; Psalm 133; Ephesians 4:3*

Devotional

No vision succeeds without unity. Division is Satan's oldest and most effective strategy. When Nehemiah rebuilt the wall, the people worked “*with one heart.*” When the early church prayed, they were “*in one accord.*” When the Trinity works, They work in perfect unity. **Psalm 133** tells us that blessing and anointing fall where unity dwells. BTLM is entering a season that requires spiritual alignment—members praying together, ministries supporting each other, committees working with harmony, and families pulling in the same direction. Unity is not about agreeing on everything; it is about having one heart, one mission, and one GOD.

Prayer Points

1. Bind us together in the unity of the Spirit, with humility, love, and mutual submission.
2. Destroy every seed of division, misunderstanding, or selfish ambition among us.

3. Give us one heart, one mind, and one purpose as we pursue this relocation plan.
4. Teach us to honor one another above ourselves as we work together.
5. Let Your anointing flow among us like oil on Aaron's beard, bringing life and blessing.
6. Help our leadership walk in harmony, transparency, and shared vision.
7. LORD, establish a unity so strong that no weapon formed against BTLM can prosper.

Reflection Questions

1. Is there anyone I need to forgive or reconcile with?
2. Am I contributing to unity—or to division?
3. How can I preserve unity in my ministry team?

Family Application

 Spend a moment in open conversation. Ask: "How can we be more united as a family this week?"

DAY 24 — “LORD, GIVE US ENDURANCE FOR THE JOURNEY”

Theme: Perseverance through Delays, Disappointment, and Hard Work

Passage: *Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 10:36; James 1:2–4*

Devotional

The wall of Jerusalem was not rebuilt in a day. Neither will this relocation and outreach vision. Kingdom work requires perseverance—steady, faithful, ongoing commitment even when enthusiasm fades or obstacles rise. Scripture tells us not to grow weary in doing good, because “*in due season we shall reap.*” Sometimes the hardest battles happen halfway through the process, when excitement has cooled and fatigue sets in. GOD calls us to endure, knowing that endurance produces maturity and favor. Today, BTLM prays for spiritual stamina, refusing to quit, refusing to complain, refusing to slow down.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, give us endurance so we do not grow weary in well-doing.
2. Teach us to persevere even when progress feels slow or unseen.
3. Strengthen our faith when delays come, knowing You are still working.
4. Help us count trials as joy, knowing You are perfecting and maturing us.
5. Remove every spirit of discouragement, frustration, or exhaustion.
6. Give us patience to wait on Your timing while remaining faithful.

7. LORD, bring us to the harvest You promised, in due season and with great joy.

Reflection Questions

1. Where am I losing motivation in my spiritual journey?
2. Do I trust GOD's timing when progress feels slow?
3. What spiritual habit can I strengthen to build endurance?

Family Application

- ✚ Choose one spiritual discipline (prayer, Bible reading, family worship) to practice daily this week with consistency.

DAY 25 — “LORD, REMOVE EVERY OBSTACLE BEFORE US”

Theme: Praying Against Spiritual Warfare & Barriers

Passage: *Isaiah 57:14; Zechariah 4:6–7; 2 Corinthians 10:4–5*

Devotional

Whenever GOD's people advance, spiritual warfare intensifies. But GOD promises to remove every mountain that stands in His way. Zechariah declared, “*Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit*,” and then spoke to the mountain, saying it would become flat ground. The enemy may attempt distractions, accusations, discouragement, confusion, or spiritual heaviness—but the LORD breaks every chain. Today, we intercede for victory over every barrier to the 5-year vision: financial challenges, limited space, spiritual complacency, fear, unbelief, and unseen demonic opposition. No weapon formed against GOD's plan shall prosper.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, go before us and level every mountain standing against this vision.
2. LORD, tear down every obstacle. Break every chain, stronghold, or spiritual resistance hindering our progress.
3. Remove financial, legal, relational, or logistical obstacles in Jesus' Name.
4. Let every weapon formed against BTLM's relocation plan be destroyed.
5. Teach us to use spiritual weapons mighty through GOD to pull down strongholds.
6. Silence every lie of the enemy and bring every thought into obedience to Christ.

7. LORD, make the impossible possible—by Your Spirit and not by human strength.

Reflection Questions

1. What spiritual obstacles do I see in my own life?
2. Do I believe GOD is able to remove barriers instantly?
3. Do I pray specifically against the enemy's strategies?

Family Application

- Pray together as a family that GOD will protect your home and your church from spiritual attacks.

DAY 26 — “LORD, STRENGTHEN OUR HANDS TO WORK”

Theme: Active Participation in GOD’s Work

Passage: *Nehemiah 6:3; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23*

Devotional

Faith without action is incomplete. Nehemiah’s workers held tools in one hand and shields in the other. They prayed, but they also labored. Today, BTLM must not only pray for the 5-year relocation and outreach vision but also engage practically. Each member—youth, young adult, adult, elder—has a role: visiting students, serving at food drives, preparing materials, or contributing financially. Ecclesiastes reminds us to do everything with all our might, for tomorrow is uncertain. Our labor, combined with GOD’s guidance, will build lasting impact.

Prayer Points

1. Strengthen our hands and our hearts, LORD, so we may serve You with excellence and diligence.
2. Give every member a willing heart to participate in the work of the ministry. Help us not only to pray but to act. Give us diligence, creativity, and joy as we participate in Your work at BTLM.
3. Remove excuses, passivity, and distractions that keep us from serving.
4. Restore passion, energy, and joy in every volunteer and ministry leader.
5. Teach us to work wholeheartedly as unto the LORD, not for men.
6. Raise new workers to serve in areas where the harvest is great but laborers are few.
7. LORD, let our commitment to the work silence every enemy and glorify Your Name.

Reflection Questions

1. How am I actively participating in GOD's vision?
2. Where do I need to step up in service this week?
3. What talent or gift can I use to build GOD's Kingdom?

Family Application

⊕ Plan one practical act of service together this week (help a neighbor, visit a sick person, clean a community space).

DAY 27 — “LORD, LET OUR LOVE SHINE”

Theme: Demonstrating GOD’s Love Through Outreach

Passage: *Matthew 5:14–16; 1 John 3:18; John 13:34–35*

Devotional

A church that builds walls without opening its gates is incomplete. Jesus commanded us to let our light shine before men so that others may glorify GOD. Love is not abstract—it’s tangible. At BTLM, this week, we lift up ministries like food distribution, family counseling, youth mentorship, and student engagement. True love expresses itself in action: feeding the hungry, teaching the lost, comforting the lonely. Our 5-year plan is a framework, but love is the fuel that ignites it.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, make BTLM a beacon of love, compassion, and light in our community.
2. LORD, let our love shine in every ministry and interaction. Let our love not be in word only, but in deeds that reflect the heart of Jesus.
3. Help us love one another so deeply that the world will know we belong to CHRIST.
4. Give us opportunities to show kindness, generosity, and hospitality.
5. Break selfishness and awaken a heart of service in all of us. Open our eyes to see needs, our hearts to respond, and our hands to serve.
6. Let our outreach efforts shine brightly and draw people to Your Kingdom.
7. LORD, use our love to heal, restore, and attract those who are hurting and searching.

Reflection Questions

1. How can I show GOD’s love to someone this week?

2. Which ministry calls for my love and service?
3. Am I sharing GOD's love at home, in the church, and in my community?

Family Application

- ✚ Identify a local family or neighbor in need and serve them together as a family.

DAY 28 — “LORD, GIVE US STRATEGY AND WISDOM”

Theme: Planning and Executing GOD'S Vision Wisely

Passage: *Nehemiah 2:12–16; James 1:5; Proverbs 16:3*

Devotional

Vision without wisdom can lead to frustration. Nehemiah surveyed the walls by night before he acted. Similarly, BTLM must pray for insight, careful planning, and discernment for the relocation and outreach. Each ministry, committee, and team should operate with wisdom and strategy. James assures us that GOD generously gives wisdom to those who ask. Today we commit our decisions, meetings, schedules, and resources to GOD, asking Him to order every step.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, give us divine strategy, insight, and wisdom for every step of this 5-year plan.
2. Guide every plan, every committee, every ministry in Your ways. Grant our committees discernment beyond human understanding.
3. FATHER, grant us wisdom and strategy. Help us plan privately, pray deeply, and act wisely—just as Nehemiah did.
4. Let every plan be committed to You so You may establish it. Help us execute Your vision with clarity and excellence.
5. Reveal hidden challenges before they arise and show us how to navigate them.
6. Give us wise counselors, Spirit-led advisors, and God-fearing planners.
7. LORD, make every decision align perfectly with Your will, timing, and purpose.

Reflection Questions

1. Am I relying on GOD's wisdom in my decisions?
2. How can I plan better to serve effectively?
3. What areas of ministry need prayer for insight and strategy?

Family Application

- ⊕ Have a family meeting to plan one week of intentional service or ministry involvement.

WEEK 5 – PRAYING FOR PROPOSED MINISTRIES

Increasing awareness, accessibility, and effectiveness of BTLM ministries.

DAY 29 — “LORD, EMPOWER OUR MINISTRIES”

Theme: Strengthening All Church Ministries

Passage: *1 Corinthians 12:4–7; Ephesians 4:11–13*

Devotional

Every ministry at BTLM—youth, adult choirs, food bank, counseling, campus outreach—is a vital part of the Body of Christ. Paul reminds us that the same Spirit equips us all differently, yet for a common purpose. Today we pray that every ministry is empowered, unified, and effective in fulfilling the church’s vision. Leaders and members alike need strength, creativity, and zeal to serve with excellence.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, pour out Your Spirit on every ministry to bring unity, power, and effectiveness.
2. Grant each ministry leader wisdom, vision, and discernment to shepherd Your people faithfully.
3. Awaken the gifts in every member so that no talent goes unused in Your service.
4. Raise up volunteers who are committed, Spirit-led, and willing to serve with excellence.
5. Let every ministry be a beacon of Your love, truth, and hope to the community.
6. Strengthen collaboration between ministries to maximize Kingdom impact.
7. LORD, let every ministry fulfill its purpose, building up the Body of Christ and glorifying Your Name.

Reflection Questions

1. Which ministry am I most called to serve in?
2. How can I support other ministries?
3. Are our ministries working together in unity toward GOD's vision?

Family Application

 Discuss as a family which ministry events you can participate in or support this week.

DAY 30 — “LORD, LET STUDENTS FIND JESUS”

Theme: Campus Ministry Focus

Passage: *Acts 17:24–27; 1 Timothy 4:12*

Devotional

BTLM is strategically placed near the University of Maryland and other schools. Students are in the heart of GOD's mission field. We pray for “Bridge Builders” campus ministry team: boldness to share the Gospel, wisdom to disciple, and love that attracts. Our prayers today also cover volunteers, materials, and creative ways to engage students spiritually and socially.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, bring every student to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
2. Raise up Spirit-led campus ministers who are bold, wise, and compassionate. Give our campus ministry team insight, courage, and compassion. Let them see Your Spirit move among the students
3. Prepare students' hearts to receive Your Word and Your calling.
4. Open doors for small groups, Bible studies, and outreach on campus.
5. Strengthen student leaders to impact peers through testimony, service, and example.
6. Break the influence of distractions, fear, or false teachings on campuses.
7. LORD, let campus ministry bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom for generations.

Reflection Questions

1. How can I personally support campus ministry?
2. Do I pray regularly for the students around our church?
3. Am I willing to reach out to someone who is spiritually lost?

Family Application

- ➊ Pray together for students and young adults in your extended family or neighborhood.

DAY 31 — “LORD, OPEN DOORS FOR OUTREACH”

Theme: Preparing for Community Impact

Passage: *Colossians 4:3–4; Matthew 9:37–38*

Devotional

Outreach is not effective without prayer. Doors must open, hearts must soften, and volunteers must be ready. Today we pray specifically for local outreach initiatives—Love in Action Saturdays, food distribution, family support, and neighborhood prayer walks. GOD can multiply the impact of every effort.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, open doors in our neighborhoods, schools, and communities for Your Word.
2. Send laborers into the harvest field, equipped and willing to serve.
3. Grant creativity and discernment in planning outreach events and initiatives.
4. Remove obstacles—financial, logistical, or spiritual—that hinder outreach.
5. Awaken compassion in members to reach those who are lost, hurting, or marginalized.
6. Let every outreach effort draw people closer to Jesus and integrate them into the church family.
7. LORD, multiply the fruit of our outreach, transforming lives and communities.

Reflection Questions

1. Which outreach initiative can I commit to?
2. How can my family contribute to community service?
3. Am I praying specifically for the people we want to reach?

Family Application

- ➊ Identify a community need and plan a service activity together.

DAY 32 — “LORD, UNITE US IN ONE PURPOSE”

Theme: Unity in Vision and Action

Passage: *Psalm 133; Ephesians 4:3*

Devotional

Unity is the fuel that moves vision forward. Nehemiah’s success was due not only to courage but to a united people. Today, BTLM prays for unity among leaders, committees, ministries, and members. Differences must be set aside; collaboration and shared purpose must guide every effort.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, unify our hearts and minds around Your vision for BTLM.
2. Remove divisions, misunderstandings, and competing agendas among members and leaders.
3. Strengthen collaboration across ministries, committees, and teams.
4. Let every member embrace their role in fulfilling Your plan.
5. Build a culture of mutual respect, love, and encouragement in the church.
6. LORD, make unity the foundation of every strategy, project, and outreach effort.
7. Let our united efforts be a testimony of Your glory and power to the world.

Reflection Questions

1. Do I harbor unresolved conflicts that hinder unity?
2. How can I promote collaboration within my ministry or team?
3. What steps can I take to strengthen fellowship with others at BTLM?

Family Application

- ➊ Pray and discuss ways your family can model unity in service and support for the church.

DAY 33 — “LORD, GIVE BOLDNESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL”

Theme: Evangelism and Testimony

Passage: *Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19–20*

Devotional

Boldness to witness is crucial. As the 5-year plan moves forward, personal evangelism and ministry outreach must be active. Today, we pray that

members are emboldened to share their faith, invite friends to church, and testify of GOD's goodness. Every personal encounter is a seed planted for the Kingdom.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, fill every member with boldness to share the gospel wherever they are.
2. Remove fear, hesitation, and doubt that hold back testimony and outreach.
3. Equip us with words of wisdom and love to proclaim Your truth effectively.
4. Empower children, youth, and adults to actively participate in evangelism.
5. Let the Holy Spirit prepare the hearts of those we reach for salvation.
6. LORD, help us sow seeds of faith, hope, and love through our actions and words.
7. Bring conversions, baptisms, and lasting disciples through our witness and obedience.

Reflection Questions

1. Who have I been hesitant to invite to church or share Jesus with?
2. How can I tell my story in a compelling way?
3. What small action can I take today to be a witness?

Family Application

 Share your personal testimony together and pray for opportunities to reach others this week.

DAY 34 — “LORD, PROVIDE ALL WE NEED”

Theme: Prayer for Provision

Passage: *Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 9:6–8*

Devotional

Relocation, outreach, and ministry expansion require resources. Today, we pray for financial provision, materials, volunteers, and wisdom to steward all resources well. Every offering, pledge, and act of service matters. GOD is faithful to supply all needs according to His riches in glory.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, provide financial resources, material support, and personnel for every ministry and outreach.
2. Raise faithful givers who cheerfully sow into Your work.
3. Release creative solutions and divine ideas to meet every need.
4. Remove lack, scarcity, and discouragement from the hearts of leaders and members.
5. Give wisdom in stewardship, budgeting, and managing all that You provide.
6. LORD, let our provision be a blessing to others and glorify Your Name.
7. Grant us trust to depend fully on You for every need, large or small.

Reflection Questions

1. How faithfully am I giving to GOD's work?
2. Am I trusting Him for provision or relying on my own strength?
3. How can I teach my family the value of stewardship?

Family Application

- ✚ Plan a small family project to give time, skills, or finances to support church initiatives.

DAY 35 — “LORD, LET US WALK IN OBEDIENCE”

Theme: Commitment to GOD's Vision

Passage: *Joshua 1:7–9; Nehemiah 2:20*

Devotional

Faith is shown through obedience. As the first month of the 40-day fast concludes, we commit to follow through on the 5-year plan. Just as Nehemiah acted decisively, BTLM members commit to pray, serve, give, and witness, trusting GOD to guide every step. Our obedience fuels revival, outreach, and relocation success.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, help us obey Your Word faithfully in all areas of our lives and ministry.
2. Give every member a heart of surrender to Your will and direction.
3. Strengthen leaders to make decisions that honor You and follow Your guidance.
4. Remove pride, stubbornness, or rebellion that hinders obedience.

5. Empower us to follow through consistently on every task You entrust to us.
6. Teach us to trust You fully, even when the path is difficult or uncertain.
7. LORD, let obedience be the mark of BTLM, bringing blessing, favor, and harvest. Let our actions reflect our faith. May we not shrink back, but boldly advance Your plans for BTLM.

Reflection Questions

1. What step of obedience is GOD calling me to take today?
2. Where have I delayed action in ministry or service?
3. How can I encourage others to walk in obedience?

Family Application

- ✚ Each family member writes down one commitment to action this week in support of church vision and shares it together.

WEEK 6 – SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, OUTPOURING & COMMISSIONING

Praying for God's will—nothing less, nothing more, and nothing else.

DAY 36 — “LORD, LET YOUR SPIRIT LEAD US”

Theme: Empowerment by the Holy Spirit

Passage: *Acts 1:8; John 16:13*

Devotional

As we near the completion of our 40-day journey, we focus on being led by the Holy Spirit. Just as the early church was empowered to reach the world, we pray that every member of BTLM is guided in every ministry, outreach, and decision. The Spirit brings wisdom, courage, and divine creativity to accomplish God's will.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, fill every member with the Holy Spirit for boldness, wisdom, and discernment.
2. Lead our thoughts, actions, and ministries. Guide our prayers, plans, and decisions according to Your perfect will.
3. Empower ministries, committees, and leaders to act under Your Spirit's direction.

4. Teach us to hear Your voice clearly and follow without hesitation.
5. Release spiritual gifts in abundance to serve the Body and reach the lost.
6. Remove confusion, fear, or reliance on human wisdom in decision-making.
7. Let the Spirit's power lead us into victory in every task of Your Kingdom.

Reflection Questions

1. Am I daily seeking the Spirit's guidance in my service and decisions?
2. How can I better listen to God's voice individually and corporately?
3. Am I relying on the Spirit or my own strength?

Family Application

- ✚ Pray together for discernment and guidance in family decisions and commitments to church service.

DAY 37 — “LORD, BRING BREAKTHROUGH”

Theme: Spiritual, Personal, and Corporate Breakthrough

Passage: *Isaiah 43:19; Daniel 10:12–13*

Devotional

Breakthrough is God's gift when we persevere in prayer, fasting, and obedience. Today we pray for breakthroughs in personal lives, family issues, church unity, and ministries. We claim God's favor over the relocation, outreach, and every initiative of the first year.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, break every spiritual barrier that hinders Your plan for BTLM.
2. FATHER, open every closed door, and let Your Kingdom purposes flow unhindered. Bring breakthroughs for our families, our church, and our ministries. Bring breakthroughs in personal lives—health, relationships, finances, and faith.
3. Release divine strategies to overcome opposition and challenges.
4. Strengthen our resolve to persevere through delays or setbacks.
5. Open new doors for outreach, discipleship, and ministry growth.
6. Break cycles of fear, doubt, and discouragement in the church.
7. Let every breakthrough point to Your glory and power, drawing more souls to Christ.

Reflection Questions

1. What barriers do I need to surrender to God?
2. How can I align myself with the church's vision to receive breakthrough?
3. Where do I need faith to step forward despite challenges?

Family Application

⊕ Share testimonies of God's past breakthroughs and pray as a family for current challenges to be overcome.

DAY 38 — “LORD, UNITE US IN MISSION”

Theme: One Body, One Mission

Passage: *Romans 12:4–5; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27*

Devotional

Unity empowers mission. As Nehemiah rallied God's people, BTLM must move forward as one body. Today we pray for collaboration among ministries, committees, and teams, asking God to remove competition, division, or discouragement. Together, we will complete the vision and glorify Him.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, knit our hearts together in love, unity, and purpose.
2. Let every ministry, leader, and member be aligned for Your mission.
Remove discord, jealousy, or division from any ministry, team, or committee.
3. Help every member understand their role in fulfilling Your mission.
4. Strengthen intergenerational and inter-ministry collaboration.
5. Let our unity become a testimony to the world of Your power and love.
6. Empower us to support, encourage, and lift one another in every task.
7. LORD, may we move as one Body, accomplishing Your vision for BTLM.

Reflection Questions

1. Am I promoting unity or division in my ministry or team?
2. How can I encourage others to work together in prayer and action?
3. Are my actions aligned with the church's vision and mission?

Family Application

⊕ Identify a family project that serves others together—volunteering, outreach, or prayer ministry.

DAY 39 — “LORD, LAUNCH THE VISION”

Theme: Commitment to Action and Faithful Execution

Passage: *Nehemiah 2:18; Proverbs 16:3*

Devotional

Today we transition from preparation to action. Like Nehemiah who shared the vision and began rebuilding, BTLM commits to launching outreach initiatives, ministry development, and relocation preparations. We pray for boldness, organization, and momentum to carry the vision forward.

Prayer Points

1. LORD, inspire courage to step forward and implement the first-year plan.
2. Strengthen leaders and volunteers to execute tasks faithfully and joyfully.
3. Launch our outreach, energize our ministries, and guide every step toward the first-year goals of BTLM’s 5-year plan. Grant creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance in every ministry initiative.
4. Help the church prioritize efforts according to Your vision and timing.
5. Release favor with the community, university, and city to support our work.
6. Protect the church from delays, distractions, or opposing schemes.
7. FATHER, we commit our hands and hearts to Your vision. Let every action taken honor You and advance Your Kingdom.

Reflection Questions

1. What is my personal role in launching the vision?
2. How can I encourage others to join fully in the church’s mission?
3. Am I ready to move from prayer to action with faith?

Family Application

- ➊ Discuss ways your family can contribute to the first-year outreach and ministries, assigning roles if possible.

DAY 40 — “LORD, LET IT BE DONE FOR YOUR GLORY”

Theme: Celebration, Dedication, and Full Commitment

Passage: *Philippians 1:6; Nehemiah 2:20*

Devotional

On the final day of this 40-day journey, we celebrate God's faithfulness, commit fully to the 5-year plan, and dedicate ourselves to His glory. We thank God for the spiritual renewal, clarity of vision, and unity fostered through prayer, fasting, and devotion. Today, we step forward boldly, confident that God will accomplish what He has begun in BTLM.

Prayer Points

1. FATHER, we dedicate ourselves, our families, and our church to Your glory. LORD, receive our full dedication to Your plan—nothing less, nothing more, nothing else.
2. Fill us with gratitude for what You have done and faith for what You will do.
3. Empower every member to continue walking in obedience and faithfulness.
4. Let every plan, every ministry, and every outreach be blessed. Bless our efforts, plans, and resources for maximum Kingdom impact.
5. Let the vision bear lasting fruit in outreach, discipleship, and community transformation. We trust You to complete this work and transform lives for Your Kingdom.
6. Strengthen a culture of prayer, fasting, and devotion in the church.
7. LORD, may Your Name alone be glorified in all that BTLM accomplishes in the coming years.

Reflection Questions

1. How has God worked in me during these 40 days?
2. Am I ready to commit fully to BTLM's mission and vision?
3. How will I continue daily in prayer, service, and faithfulness?

Family Application

- ➡ Hold a family dedication time: pray, sing, and commit as a household to support church outreach and ministries moving forward.

CONCLUSION — “*And the People Said, Let Us Rise Up and Build*” (Nehemiah 2:18)

Beloved BTLM family,

At the end of these 40 days of fasting and prayer, we have entered not merely a church program but a sacred journey—one that Heaven itself has witnessed. These forty days were an invitation from GOD to draw near, to slow down, to repent deeply, to listen attentively, to obey joyfully, and to rise boldly into His purpose for our church.

This season was not about proving our strength but about opening ourselves to GOD’s strength. It is about becoming the people HE has always known we could be—humble, united, prayerful, compassionate, courageous, and surrendered fully to His will. Through repentance, we are not condemned; we are cleansed. Through fasting, we are not deprived; we are empowered. Through prayer, we are not begging; we are partnering with the Almighty in His redemptive work.

Like Israel in Nehemiah’s day, we have acknowledged the broken places—within ourselves, within our families, and within our church. But like those same people, we look toward the rebuilding with confidence, because our confidence rests not in our own hands but in the GOD who has called us. And because “***the GOD of Heaven Himself will prosper us***,” we rise to build with joy, unity, and holy determination.

This fast has changed you. It has changed us. It has reshaped the spiritual climate of our church. It has opened doors that seemed sealed. It has softened hearts that seemed distant. It has ignited ministries that seemed dormant. It has broken chains that seemed unbreakable. It has awakened a fresh hunger for GOD that will not fade.

As your pastors and shepherds, we bless you as you finish these forty days. May the HOLY SPIRIT walk with you each morning, strengthen you each afternoon, and comfort you each night. May your home become a sanctuary of prayer. May your family become a small church. May your voice join thousands of saints who have fasted and prayed their way into revival.

And as your fellow builder, we speak prophetically:

BTLM, arise! The GOD who carried Israel through the wilderness will carry us into the promise.

BTLM, arise! The GOD who opened the Red Sea will open the doors we

need for relocation.

**BTLM, arise! The GOD who revived Nineveh, who restored Jerusalem, who called the early Church—
is calling us now.**

We are not fasting for a building; we are fasting for a move of GOD.

We are not fasting for programs; we are fasting for transformation.

We are not fasting for convenience; we are fasting for revival.

The next forty days will prepare the next forty months.

The next forty days will shape the next five years.

The next forty days will strengthen the next generation.

Beloved, take His hand.

Walk this journey with hope.

Expect miracles.

Expect unity.

Expect renewal.

Expect the fire of GOD to fall again.

And when the forty days are over, may we stand together—stronger, purer, wiser, more united, more loving, and more surrendered—ready to say with one voice:

“*Let us rise up and build, for the good hand of our GOD is upon us.*”

Amen.

Amen.

And Amen.