

A Season of Prayer For Fort Payne First

Ask / Seek / Knock

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God modeled prayer for us in the bible. Before Jesus made important decisions, he prayed for the will of the Father to be done (Matthew 6:10). As we look forward in our faith and the future of Fort Payne First, we must have prayer at the center of the discernment process. Thank you for joining us as we praise, pray, fast, and seek the will of God for Fort Payne First.

How Can You Participate?

Fort Payne First Night of Prayer | October 9 | October 30 | November 6 | 6:00 pm

If you are able, we invite you to fast the entire day of October 9-30, and Nov 6

3 Days of Fervent Prayer – November 10-13

Pray Daily

Set an alarm to remind you to pray at either 11:13am or 11:13pm every day.

Prayer Walks

We encourage you to create prayer walks in your neighborhood either with your immediate family and/or life groups. Praise God, pray for our mission, for those God wants us to reach through Fort Payne First, for those not yet with us.

Daily Prayer Text

We will text you each Bible verse to pray over daily for 40 days.

40 Day Prayer Guide - Begin Oct 1

Each day provides a scripture and a highlighted point as a focus for your time of prayer. Please use these in your small group, life groups or bible studies.

Please contact if you have any questions.

PRAYER GUIDE | October 1—November 9

Praise / Pray / Fast

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How to use this Guide:

1. Start date is October 1st.
2. Begin with praising God for who He is.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through His word.
4. Pray alone and with your family.
5. Fast, meditate and listen (fast only if you are able).

A Prayer for God's Guidance

Father God, above all else we want to do your will. We look to you for guidance and next steps for the future of Fort Payne First and your kingdom. *"A person's steps are directed by the Lord....."*
Psalms 20:24

Prayer Focus: Mutual Love & Unity

Day 1: Pray that Fort Payne First will model how Christians can love and respect one another.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Day 2: Pray for understanding and unity within our Fort Payne First church family.

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Corinthians 1:10

Day 3: Pray that our love for one another will not waiver but will grow even closer during this discernment season.

"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." Philippians 2:2

Day 4: Pray for peace that passes all understanding.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27

Day 5: Pray that we remain united in our mission to Know, Follow and Share Jesus.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

Day 6: Pray that the Fort Payne First Church will demonstrate to believers and unbelievers how Christians can love and respect each other even when we differ in our opinions.

“Do everything without complaining or arguing.” Philippians 2:14

Day 7: Pray that we remain united in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matthew 24:14

Day 8: Pray that we will inspire and encourage one another with kind words.

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion.” Philippians 2:1

Day 9: Pray for all the leaders of the United Methodist Church (UMC) and every pastor and member.

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Day 10: Pray for a spirit of peace throughout the discernment process

“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.” 1 Peter 3:8

Day 11: Pray for Fort Payne First church staff to have unity both now and in the coming months.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you” 2 Corinthians 13:11

Prayer Theme: Guidance and Wisdom

Day 12: Pray for Fort Payne First Church members to educate themselves about the voting decision.

“I have directed you in the way of wisdom;” Proverbs 4:11

Day 13: Pray that our ears would be open to those around us and that each one of us would be still and know that He is God.

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” Matthew 11:15

Day 14: Pray for wisdom over your Fort Payne First church Pastor, Board and Leaders.

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” 1 James 5

Day 15: Pray for laity to seek wisdom and understanding about the future of the Fort Payne First United Methodist Church.

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2:6

Day 16: Pray for godly wisdom for Pastor Jeff as he guides us as our lead Shepherd.

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2

Day 17: Pray for the Fort Payne First Discernment Team as they research the affiliation options for the Fort Payne First Church.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 18: Pray for the wisdom of our Pastor and Board as they consider how to approach conversations and discussions about these issues.

“So that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.” 1 Corinthians 12:25

Day 19: Pray for wisdom of other churches throughout the United Methodist Church and the North Alabama Annual Conference who are also facing difficult decisions.

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.” Philippians 1:9-10

Prayer Theme: Future

Day 20: Pray for spiritual protection over Fort Payne First as we prepare for this important decision-making.

“But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.” 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Day 21: Pray for God to be glorified through whatever decisions are made.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Day 22: Pray we would have the same attitude as God.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

Day 23: Pray for stamina, health and protection for each laity and leader serving during our discernment process.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had." Romans 15:5

Day 24: Pray for the Lord to give each Fort Payne First Church member a heart of discernment.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5

Day 25: Pray for God to speak loud and clear about our future and theological beliefs, core values and Christian mission in the world.

"Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God" Isaiah 7:11

Day 26: Pray that there is a clear outcome and that those who do not agree can yet accept the decisions that are being made.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." 2 Corinthians 13:11

Day 27: Pray for laity to have trust in the Fort Payne First leadership and staff.

"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

Day 28: Pray for our Pastor and his family.

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." Acts 20:28

Day 29: Pray for a church revival! In Jesus name!

"Revive us so we can call on your name once more." Psalm 80:18

Day 30: Pray that Fort Payne First members, staff and pastors will feel the spirit of prayer from our Prayer group.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Day 31: Pray for continued love and respect to be shown during all Fort Payne First small groups, bible study gatherings, events etc.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Day 32: Pray that the Fort Payne First Church will continue to greatly impact our communities, state and the world through the Gospel of Jesus.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” 1 John 5:14

Day 33: Pray for godly discussions during this discernment process.

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24

Day 34: Pray that the churches around the world are able to come together to continue advancing the Gospel to every country, community and neighborhood in the world.

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.” 2 Corinthians 2:14

Prayer Theme: Hope

Day 35: Praise God for the hope and trust we have placed in Him to guide us.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:13

Day 36: Praise God for any new believers that have joined our Fort Payne First congregation.

“Now that you are a believer in Christ, you are a new creation! You have the power of Christ in you. You are made new!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 37: Praise God for His provision for Fort Payne First Church.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

Day 38: Praise God for loving us as a Wonderful Counselor and faithful Father.

“And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

Day 39: Praise God for the hope we have in the future of Fort Payne First through His son, Jesus Christ.

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

Day 40: Praise God for going before the Fort Payne First Church and His protection.

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.” Isaiah 25:1

*In Jesus Name!
AMEN!*

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