

Tallowood Baptist Church Virtual Prayerwalk
 Love God. Make Relationships. Make Disciples. Make an Impact.
 Find Your Way. Together.

*“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
 according to the power at work within us,
 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever,
 Amen.”*

Ephesians 3:20, 21

These prayer points can be used while walking the perimeter of the church (mostly clockwise, starting from the south/west parking lot), or from off-site (even from home). This can be prayed individually, with a partner, or with a group.

Lord, hear our prayers!

Parking Lot:

“I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

So often when we come to worship together, we bring our cars with us. As we get out of our cars, we come with anticipation. We gladly hunger and thirst for the presence of the Lord and the community of His people because God promises to satisfy our hunger and thirst with good things!

- Pray for the parking lot to be full again with the cars of those who long for the Lord.
- Pray that God will fill the inhabitants of the cars with hunger and thirst for righteousness
- Pray that God who never runs out of love and grace will lavish His perfect love that casts out fear on all who come to worship with us.

Prayer Room/Intercession Ministry: First floor, West Tower, by the fountain.

"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. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people."

1 Timothy 2:1-6a

- Pray that God would develop and sustain in each intercessor the heart of a true servant that is so vital for this special ministry to be effective. May their hearts reflect the same servant attitude that was so exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would watch over and protect Tallowood's intercessors. That they would be shielded from spiritual warfare as they put on the full armor of God.

- Pray that each intercessor would be led and guided by the Spirit of God and yielded to Him in thought, word and deed.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would equip intercessors with wisdom and boldness as they pour out their hearts to the Lord, and as they pray for the will of God and His power to be made manifest in the lives of all those for whom they are interceding.

Staff Area: West Tower

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you” James 1:5.

- Pray for our staff as we minister and as we care for our flock.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as we reopen and as we plan for doing ministry in a new way.
- Pray that we develop a clear strategy to accomplish Tallowood’s mission: to love God, make relationships, make disciples and make an impact.

Office Support Staff: Church offices in the West Tower

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him... Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Jesus Christ.” Colossians 3:17; 23, 24

- Pray for the Lord to help us order our work so that what we do will be a blessing for many in Christ.
- Pray to the God of work and rest and pleasure, to help us that what we do may be for us an offering rather than a burden. And for those we serve, may it be the help they need.
- Pray for the Lord to bless us with refreshing rest at the beginning of each week and with a joy-filled heart at the end of the week.

Pastor: Church office, Worship Center, Chapel

“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Ephesians 4:11, 12

“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

Grant our Pastor:

- Protection
- Wisdom
- Quiet time for study

- Rest and good health
- Strong marriage and family relationships
- Fellowship and godly friends

Deacons: Anywhere.

- *“And so... we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that*
- *you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,*
- *so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,*
- *fully pleasing to him,*
- *bearing fruit in every good work,*
- *and increasing in the knowledge of God.”* Colossians 1:9, 10

Stewardship and Giving: Any location.

“And He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called His disciples to Him and said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’” Mark 12:41-44

- Pray that we will faithfully trust in God’s provision.
- Pray for those in lack, the widows, those dealing with health issues, and all the varied needs our people have.
- Pray for strength and wisdom for our leaders as they guide us, and for our continued support of them.

Committee members and other ministry leaders: Anywhere.

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.

Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,

because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

Preschool Ministry: First floor West Tower (Preschool halls).

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.” Psalm 78:4

Prayer points:

- Pray for the social, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers in our church.
- Pray for parents to be the primary Faith Trainer in their home, to be encouraged to disciple their children as they learn about God.

- Pray that families will seek the Lord each day as they reflect Christ to all those around them.

Kid's Ministry (1st-5th grades): West Tower second floor.

"Then He said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this little child in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.'" Luke 9:48

- Pray for children who are finishing a school year at home. The loss of end of school traditions, parties, and goodbyes is difficult. Pray the children will stay well.
- Pray that children will feel connected to our teachers and leaders at Tallowood. Pray they would attend Zoom Connect Groups and would learn more about how Jesus loves them and how to follow Him.
- Pray for volunteer Connect Group leaders as they try to continue to teach and love these children.
- Pray for staff to have creativity to change ministry and adapt to this situation so we can continue to share Christ with children and families.
- Pray for our VBS Alternative, Parking Lot Parade, to make an impact for Christ on Tallowood families and that it would reach many guest families as a great outreach to our church.

Special Needs Ministry (Treasures): First floor, West Tower, North Tower 102.

"On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable."

1 Corinthians 12:22

- Pray for the anxiety of our members with special needs. Some have increased anxiety that they will become sick; others have increased anxiety because their routine has been changed. Pray for breakthroughs in the patterns this anxiety causes, such as inability to leave the house, sadness/frustration/impatience (that they may or may not be able to express), and OCD.
- Pray for God's protection over our friends as they often have compromised immune systems.
- Pray for the loneliness of our children and adults with special needs. They miss their friends & family, their church family, their teachers and classmates, and their co-workers.
- Pray for the increased strain on parents caring for family members with special needs. Pray for their self-care, as there is no respite for them right now. Parents have less chance for connecting with their friends, for rest, worship, and refueling their bodies, minds and souls.
- Pray for those caring for our members with special needs to retain their jobs and financial ability to provide what is needed.

- Pray for God’s guidance in staying connected with each other and continuing in friendship and ministry. We are doing this virtually at this point in time.

Pampell Retreat Center at Round Rock: Pray in the back/north parking lot, facing northwest.

“Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth.” Psalm 46:10

- Thank the Lord for those who have generously given of their time, talent and provision in providing the Pampell Retreat property.
- Pray that God would make His vision and master plan clear for us as we move forward in developing the retreat center.
- Pray that everyone who steps foot on the property would encounter God’s presence in whatever way they need. Pray that those who need salvation would come to faith in Him. Pray that those who need rest and peace would find it there. Pray that individuals, couples, families, D Groups, Connect Groups, wedding parties, camps, retreats and all who gather there will grow in their faith and be encouraged to walk with Christ.
- Pray that the retreat center would be a place that launches God’s dreams and visions for individuals that would result in building His Kingdom on earth.
- “Where God guides, God provides”. Pray that God will continue to provide the funds to complete the work of building the retreat center.

Connect Groups: Classrooms through-out the church campus.

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

- Pray that our Connect Groups will continue to make relationships.
- Pray for our Directors and Teachers as they find ways to meet needs.
- Pray for our members who may feel isolated.

Music Ministry: Choral Hall, Ensemble Room, Worship Center, West Tower (Children’s Choirs and Tallowood Academy of Fine Arts).

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform 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: 1, 2

Pray:

- That our mindset about worship will be one of sacrifice and not as consumers. To quote Mike Harland: “We need to view the place of worship as an altar instead of a filling station”.

- That our children and students will come to use what they are learning musically and scripturally for God's glory and for the expansion of His kingdom.
- That Tallowood will continue to use our unique musical opportunities to reach our community for Christ.

Family Ministry: Please pray at the site of the Cornerstone of the Sanctuary. (This is on the wall along the walkway from the West Tower to the Worship Center.)

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power and the wonders He has done." Psalm 78:4

- Pray for the families of Tallowood, that they will be faithful to follow Christ, passing the gospel from generation to generation.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you get up and when you lie down." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- Pray for moms and dads who have children from birth to high school graduates living in their homes, that they would be the primary faith trainers of their children.
- Pray that moms and dads would take advantage of God moments every day and make the most of every opportunity to have conversations about our great God.

"Be on the alert. Stand firm in the faith. Act like men. Be strong. Let all you do be done in love." I Corinthians 16:13

- Pray for dads and granddads that they would be men of faith and live like Jesus in everything they do, parenting their children and grandchildren as God parents us.

"Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." Ephesians 6:10

- Pray for moms and grandmothers to have spiritual, physical and emotional strength in these days as they love, nurture and provide for their children and grandchildren.

Spiritual Formation: The hallways and walkways of Tallowood. Classrooms. Worship spaces. *"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."* Colossians 2:6, 7

- Pray that all who say, "Yes" to Jesus will follow Him by walking with Him daily, sharing all of life with Him, being His apprentice, growing closer to and more like Him day by day.
- Pray that Tallowood members will know, model, and teach those lifestyle habits (such as spiritual disciplines) that lead to a vibrant Christlikeness that is obvious to all.

- Pray that we will be people who stay attuned to the will of God and ways of Jesus by living lives of prayer. May prayer be the habit of our people and the culture of our fellowship. May the Lord and His will be our compass in all relationships and decisions.

Sanctuary: Worship Center.

Even as we walk into the room we think with the Psalmist *“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.”* With Jacob who encountered God at Bethel we say, *“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.”* (Genesis 28:16-17) We come into a large, capacious room with a tall ceiling and remember that our God is great and greatly to be praised. We see the beautiful stories of the scriptures displayed in the windows around the room: the Old Testament, the Cross and empty tomb, the Gospels, and the Great Commission window showing us God’s hands reaching to the world.

- Pray that we will encounter God in this room as Isaiah did, in all of His holiness.
- Pray that our songs will recognize the immeasurably infinite worth of our God.
- Pray that we will be caught and caught up in adoration.
- Pray that we will experience the power of God’s Word speaking to each of us and all of us.
- Pray that we will be transformed more closely to Christ in this place as we worship.
- Pray that we will go out with a heart to share the Good News with all people.

Communications and Media Ministry: Outside of the Worship Center area.

“I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:16-21

- Pray that the message of God would be clearly communicated and understood.
- Pray that people’s hearts would be open to new and creative expressions of spiritual truths.
- Pray that technology would be seen as a tool that would reach a new generation with the hope of the gospel.
- Pray that we would explore new and creative avenues in reaching people.
- Pray that the message would be clear and that the delivery vehicle would be transparent, that the medium would be a vessel and not a distraction.
- Pray that technology would work seamlessly in our rooms.
- Pray that God will speak to those of us who are working.

Welcome Center: In the Commons area near the Sanctuary.

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7

- Pray that those who visit Tallowood will know that they are noticed and wanted here.
- Pray for discernment and availability for those who come alongside of others to help them find their sense of place and belonging here.
- Pray that those who come will *“taste and see that the Lord is good”* as they experience Worship, Bible study and other situations and relationships at Tallowood.
- Pray for timing, culture, and content of New Member classes.

Care Ministries: Varied locations within and beyond the church. Pray within the courtyard just outside of Fellowship Hall East.

Chapel

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14

- Pray for **funerals** scheduled in the chapel.
- Pray for **weddings** scheduled in the chapel.
- Pray for **Weekly Prayer Service** every Wednesday night at 6 PM.
- Pray for the pastors leading in this prayer service.

Memorial City Hospital / Texas Medical Center, etc. (Stand outside, facing the northeast.)

“Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people both now and forevermore.” Psalm 125:1, 2

- Pray for **members** in the hospitals.
- Pray for the work of **chaplains**.
- Pray that **ministers can begin visiting** hospitals.

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“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15

- Pray for **ministers’ meetings** with families concerning **funerals**.
- Pray for our **marriage preparation** sessions.

Fireplace Room — GriefShare Ministry

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4

- Pray for those leading this ministry.
- Pray for the individuals grieving the loss of a loved one.

The Pinnacle — **Celebrate Recovery**

- Pray for the leaders of this ministry.
- Pray for individuals dealing with hurts, hang-ups, and habits.

Fellowship Hall East—**The Gathering Place**

- Pray for the leaders and volunteers of this ministry.
- Pray for the individuals dealing with dementia.
- Pray for the families and caregivers of these individuals.

Culinary, Housekeeping, Security, and Maintenance Staff: Any location. (Can also be done in the east courtyard.)

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might.” Ecclesiastes 9:10

- Pray that these teams and work groups will bring out the best in each other and enjoy serving together.
- Pray for physical safety and good health.
- Pray that they know their value here and that they are encouraged in their service.
- Pray for their families to be blessed.

Student Ministry: The Point, second floor, East Tower (This can also be done in the east courtyard)

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Philippians 2:3, 4

- Pray that our students would become more like Jesus as they grow in humility, love and faith.
- Pray that our students would seek and find ways to love and serve their families, friends, and neighbors.
- Pray that our students continue to grow in knowledge and obedience to God as they study his Word, engage in community and worship with their families.

Internationals: East Tower on Wednesday mornings for ESOL classes.

Sunday mornings at the International Friends Bible study location.

Sundays in the narthex (Commons) after second service.

“For thus the Lord has commanded us, ‘I have placed you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should bring salvation to the end of the earth.’” Acts 13:47

Prayer requests:

- Pray that people of all nations feel a warm inclusion each time they appear at Tallowood.
- Pray that the truth of salvation through Jesus be clearly and lovingly related to everyone by everyone at Tallowood often.
- Pray for protection in health and political crisis for the families of our International friends back in their home country.

Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Sudanese, and Hispanic congregations: East courtyard

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24

- Pray for the Arabic Evangelical Baptist Church, the Greater Houston Burmese Baptist Church, the Sudanese Christian Church, and Tallowood Chinese Baptist Mission who meet at Tallowood that they will rapidly grow their congregations, and there will not be any barriers for their ministries’ advancement.
- Pray for their love for and service to God and others, for the Spirit’s leadership in their lives and ministries, for their families, for their groups.
 - Arabic – Pastor Refat Fereg
 - Burmese – Pastor Thong Lun
 - Chinese – Pastor Jason Lee
 - Sudanese – Pastor Yohannes Ajak
 - Hispanic -- Robert (Robert) Suarez

Missions: Anywhere in the parking lot.

- **IDENTITY:** Pray that everyone in our church realizes & practices our identity in Christ as “New Creations” AND “AMBASSADORS” to share the gospel of Christ & to expand His Kingdom to all peoples according to 2 Corinthians. 5:17-21.
- **RELATIONSHIP MAP:** Pray that everyone in our church will pray daily for 5 people in their individual lives who are far from God, & who the Holy Spirit places on their hearts - that they will hear the gospel, become near to God, and then reach the people in their lives with the gospel. In John 17:20 Jesus describes His practice of praying for those who are far from God.
- **10:02 Prayers for More Laborers:** Pray that everyone in our church will set their phone alarms for 10:02 am or pm to pray daily, according to Jesus instructions in Luke 10:2 to pray for more laborers to be sent out. Pray daily at 10:02 that the Lord of the harvest will raise up workers who will share the gospel so that there is No Place Left in Houston that has not heard the gospel!

- **Lights in Our Neighborhoods:** Pray that everyone in our church will attend a Gospel Conversation Training to be equipped to confidently & competently begin gospel conversations, share the gospel, multiply disciples, and become lights in our neighborhoods who effectively pray, care, share the gospel, and disciple our nearby neighbors throughout Houston.

- **Ongoing Digital Prayer Guides:**

Tallowood Missions: Pray that Everyone in our church will use the missions section of our website as a prayer guide for TBC Missions, praying for the various missions mentioned on our website.

International Mission Board: Pray that People will use the IMB Prayer App and/or IMB Social Media to guide daily prayers for the nations.

**Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone mature n Christ.**

For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Colossians 1:28, 29

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18