

Prayers for our Church Week 8 –

Day 1 - Exodus 3:8 and Isaiah 65:17, 24-25

Lord, you have given us a promise and a hope of what shall be. Help us be faithful to the journey along the way and to remember that we are a part of your design and plan to bring about change and restoration in the midst of it. Let us not lose sight of the big picture, and let us not lose sight of our piece of it. Help us claim that part to which we are called to show to the world. AMEN

Day 2 - Genesis 12:1-3 and Genesis 15:5-6

God, you have given us a mission and a purpose. Remind us daily that it is your vision and your direction that lead us and not our own desires. Help us stay true to the path to which you have called us and not be distracted by the many other “good” paths along the way. Let us not use our time, energy, and resources on the good path but the God path. AMEN

Day 3 - Genesis 8:10

Lord, help us stay true to the vision even when it seems a long time in coming. Help us not abandon or seek short cuts along the path. Help us remember that you are true and that your promises are true. Help us not grow weary in waiting, but eagerly prepare for the birth of the vision as it grows and matures. Let us not try to give birth prematurely but wait for the appointed time. AMEN

Day 4 - Genesis 41:39-40, 53-54, 57

God, help us remember that where you place us, you will use us. You will use our gifts as a people to bless others and to save others. Help us not become blind to those in our midst or blind to the setting in which you place us. Help us continually focus on who we are, where we are, and what we have been given. You will use all of these to fulfill your purpose for us as a church and for the world around us. AMEN

Day 5- Luke 9:22 and Luke 24: 17-21

God, your vision and our understanding of it may not always coincide. It may seem too ominous for us or stretch our understanding beyond what we are accustomed. Keep us hopeful and determined even when it seems beyond us and our understanding or abilities. Never let us lose hope even when others try to quench that hope. You are faithful and the Author and Finisher of our faith. AMEN

Day 6 - Numbers 13:30-32

Lord, help us communicate the vision clearly and boldly. Let us not be intimidated by the size of it nor the nay-sayers among us. Help us to write it plain and boldly and to cast a firm anchor that will not be moved by others nor waves and words of doubt. AMEN

Day 7 - John 6:54-56, 60, 66-67

Jesus, help us remember that your call and your vision is unique to us all, even as a group. Sometimes it is a hard vision and call to follow. Help us stay unified around that to which you have called us, even when we can't all agree. Let us not be a stumbling block in the path of your vision for a particular group. Give us the grace and the mercy to part ways if it is not what we feel called to do, and give us the grace and mercy to release those who feel the need to go. Give us spirits of humility to honor one another where we are led even if it is on a totally different path. AMEN