



NESS BAPTIST

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PRAYER GUIDE 2021

As we take time this month to focus on prayer for Ness, the OVC plant and for personal growth, we turn to our members covenant. We encourage you to pray through this covenant that we make when we became members of Ness. Please also pray for the ministries and ministry leaders, that in each area ministry God would be glorified.

I will strengthen the ministry of Ness Avenue Baptist Church:
by discovering my gifts and talents and using them for God's glory.
by being equipped by my Pastors, Elders and Deacons, and leadership team.
by developing a servant's heart.
by living a Spirit-filled life according to Scripture.

"Each man is given his gift by the Spirit that he may use it for the common good," (1 Corinthians 12:7 J. B. Phillips)

". . . for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; . . ." (Ephesians 4:12 NASB)

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, . . ." (Philippians 2:5-7a NASB)

"But it is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you will be slave of all. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"." (Mark 10:43-45 NASB)

I will share the responsibility for the Spiritual Life at Ness Avenue Baptist Church:
by praying for its growth in all areas to the glory of God.
by inviting my non-believing friends, family & acquaintances to attend, for the benefit of their souls, that they might hear the whole counsel of God.
by seeking to minister Christ's loving care to those who attend.

". . . always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, . . ." (Philippians 1:4 NASB)

"We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, . . ." (Colossians 1:3 NASB)

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5:20 NASB)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, . . ." (Luke 4:18 NASB)

I will protect the unity of Ness Avenue Baptist Church:

by acting in love toward other members.

by encouraging my brothers and sisters in Christ to increased faith and maturity.

by refusing to gossip or use unkind words.

by following its spiritual leaders.

"Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, . . ." (1 Pet 1:22 NASB)

". . . that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine." (Romans 1:12 NASB)

"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless." (James 1:26 NASB)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account." (Hebrews 13:17a NIV)

I will support the testimony of Ness Avenue Baptist Church:

by attending services faithfully.

by living a holy life, becoming Christ-like in all things spiritual and temporal.

by giving regularly to the Lord's work.

by submitting to the ordinances, doctrines and teaching of the Word of God.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, . . ." (Hebrews 10:25 NIV)

". . . but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "you will be holy, for I am holy"." (1 Peter 1:15, 16 NASB)

"Every man will give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you." (Deuteronomy 16:17 NASB)

"On every Lord's day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering." (1 Corinthians 16:2a NLT)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16, 17 NASB)

". . . the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked." (1 John 2:6 NASB)

Praying for Ness Leadership & Ministries

Pastors & family

Jeremy, Tanya, Kael & Anika
Pastor Matt, Karen, Judah, Selah & Micaiah
Pastor Brennan, Rhonda, Caden, Annabelle, Coralise & Jonny

Elder Board—Pastor Jeremy, Pastor Matt, Pastor Brennan, Harold Wiens, Dennis Kawa

Deacons—Derek Taplin, Dennis Kawa, Harold Wiens, Terry Giesbrecht

Deaconesses—Joan Smith, Kim Marr, April Krohn, Bev Taplin, Kathy Elias

Worship Director -Krista Antonio—Committee, Pastor Jeremy, Adam McLean

Children's Ministries—Leadership team –Donna Melsness, Cheralyn Regehr & Shelley Bergamnn, Claire Murphy, Kim Marr

Nursery—Leadership—Cheralyn Regehr, Scheduling—Shelley Bergmann

Audio/Video Ministry—Leader: Bob Ellison Teams: Bob, Len Krohn, Jordan Dalzell, Eli Melsness, Markus Buhler, Corwyn Gregoire, Mark Melsness, Fred Coad, John Park

Computers—CJ & Randy Byrnes

Lifegroups—Leaders and participants

Jr. Youth Leaders—Pastor Matt, Anika Olfert and Sarah Eisner, Kael Olfert, Jason Tomes

Sr. Youth Leaders—Pastor Matt, James Anderson, Skylar Martens, Krista Hagglund

Young Adult Leaders - Markus & Alyx Buhler, Adam McLean

Food Bank Leaders – Derek Taplin, Harold Repko, many volunteers that make things run smoothly
Spiritual team leader – Pastor Brennan

Finance Committee – Harold Wiens, Carol Sandilands (Treasurer), Kathy Elias (Envelope Secretary), Craig Dunsire

Building Committee – Terry Giesbrecht,

Missions Committee – Nancy Lautermilch, Carolin Sadler, Dennis Kawa, Kathy Elias

Prayers for Covid-19 Pandemic

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..." (Ps. 46: 1-2).

Some of the things we can pray for regarding the pandemic:

- Virus containment ~
- those infected with the virus ~
- families that are grieving as they have lost friends and family to the virus ~
- for those that are isolated and lonely ~
- for those that are poor and vulnerable ~
- wisdom for public authorities ~
- our health care professionals that are on the frontline ~
- the economy ~
- our spiritual leaders ~
- peace for those that have lost jobs and are fearful about their financial needs

Prayers for the Sandhu family

- that the Lord will expedite their travel plans – they are very anxious to come to Winnipeg and meet the Ness church family!
- that the Lord will keep them healthy, both physically and emotionally.
- That they will maximize the use of their time while they are waiting. Javed and Joel have been participating in online ESL classes with Susan McDougall.
- That the Lord will provide the right housing for them that will be available when they arrive – with a supportive school nearby for Joel and Jessica!
- That the family will be very conscious of the Lord's presence with them during these months of waiting
- That the Lord will prepare our hearts to receive them when they arrive – and that we will be an encouragement and support to them

Prayers for Osborne Village Church

Pray that God's kingdom would be formed in us so that his kingdom will be formed through us.

Pray that God would form his Kingdom **IN** us:

- That those of us who now call OVC our church home would have a growing desire for Jesus and for personal holiness as we are drawn near to Christ.
- Pray that we as a family at OVC would continue to grow in our love for each other, loving one another as Christ has loved us and laid down his life for us.
- Pray that we will be quick to pray in all seasons and circumstances.
- Pray that those of us with children will hold them up to the Lord, seeking to present them mature in the faith.
- Pray that the women of OVC will continue to breathe the life of gospel truth into each other. We have some unchurched women beginning to connect with us and asking for (in their own words) "A spiritual mother". This is so beautiful!
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to stoke the desire for substantial spiritual formation in our men. Pray that the office of elder would be a desirable and honourable pursuit for each.
- Pray that Christ would be beautiful to our children. We are running Sunday School each week now with 7 to 10 kids (depending on attendance) under the age of 12.
- Pray for continued unity around the gospel, and the gospel alone.

So that we can be an instrument in him forming his Kingdom **THROUGH** us:

- Praise God for how he is drawing people into our community who don't know him yet. Just in the last 2 weeks, we've met so many non-Christians, with some beginning to walk through our doors on Sunday morning!
- Please pray for continued opportunities to practice the ministry of presence in our communities. With connections happening in Osborne Village and Bridgewater, we are excited to see the hand of God predestining these relationships. ("... And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Ester 4:14b)
- Please pray for our formal connections with community organizations. We want to be a blessing in this space.
- Praise the Lord for our relationship with the Gas Station Theatre where we meet. Because of Covid all of their bookings have been cancelled leaving each Sunday free, we've had the opportunity to gather weekly. This has been a powerful shift.
- Please pray that the Lord would continue to protect us from external attacks. We are still mostly anonymous but we don't want to fly under the radar much longer. The enemy is evil, vindictive, and likes to fight dirty... and God has called us to do substantive work in the enemy's backyard. He isn't going to give in easily. LGBT etc. groups, substance abuse, and social progressivism are just some of the strongholds that Satan has used to blind the eyes of people in our neighbourhood. Yet Jesus said, "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Prayers for the mission of the church

- Pray that we as a church would be used to bring hope to our community in a time of hopelessness, anxiety and worry.
- Pray that Ness and the other churches of Winnipeg would be effective in reaching the people who have been watching services online.
- Pray that the needs of the people would continue to be met and that true community would continue to happen despite lockdowns and social distancing.
- Pray for the unity of Ness in this time of social distancing and online church.
- Pray that this would be a time of harvest for the Kingdom of God around the world. As the book of Judges will show us through this month; even in horrible circumstances God is always working out His plan. His plans are never thwarted. Let's pray that way!

Ness Missionaries

- Amon Munyaneza and Light Church Rwanda
- Rob and Julie Laidlaw and Eastern Passage church plant
- Naomi House /City church
- Howard Moore, Greater Europe Mission
- Jeremy Smith, IVCF
- Jael Napoleon, Gimli Bible Camp
- Vails, E3 & I Am Second

- Akmal Erastus, Church Planter, Winnipeg Punjabi Church
- Mike Streuber, YFC
- Scott and Nancy Campbell, BGC Canada, Laval, Quebec
- Howard & Caron Moore, Greater Europe Mission
- Gordon and Anna MacKenzie, Telucigalpa, Honduras
- Chris Harwood, YFC
- Dave and Tammy Wiens, Yugo - Mexico
- Journey Canada
- House of Omeed
- Give the Word
- Mike & Eva Fast, East Asia
- Sadler Doug and Carolin, Seven Wells, Kings Kids