



Friendship-West Church

40 Days of Prayer & Fasting 2017 – Jan 2 to Feb 10

Foundational Components

This year's prayer & fasting experience will focus on our new vision statement:

Friendship West will be a game changing Christian movement connecting people to Jesus Christ and fighting for justice while creating the "Beloved Community."

- For January, the scripture focus will be Habakkuk 2:2 and Proverbs 29:18a.
- For February, we will unpack the first part of the vision "Changing the Game".

Times of Fasting – 1/2 thru 2/10 7am-7pm daily

Audio Recordings – Overview Insights on Prayer & Fasting – available 24/7

- Fasting, Dial 712-432-3903; Conference ID 122330; Sharing Code 3790
- Prayer, Dial 712-432-3903; Conference ID 122330; Sharing Code 3792

Prayer Line Focus on the Vision – 1/2 thru 2/10

- Each Monday, Monday Morning Meditation, led by Rev. Haynes, 6 - 6:21am
- Each Monday – Friday, 5-6 am
- 712-432-3900 Conference ID 122330

20/20/20 – 20 minutes each of Prayer, Praise & Preaching (1 hour service) – 1/10 thru 2/9

- Each Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7 pm, in the Choir Room

- This anointed & appointed preaching line-up features:

Jan 10 Rev. Jon Cole	Jan 26 Min. Desiree Hammett
Jan 12 Rev. Sandra MaGee	Jan 31 Rev. Audrey Mann, alt Rev. Claude Bradshaw
Jan 17 Rev. Tom Bryant	Feb 2 Rev. Bobby Spead
Jan 19 Rev. Brenda Kirk	Feb 7 Min. Heidi Tolbert
Jan 24 Min. Jamie Foster	Feb 9 Min. Toland Watkins

Mid-Point Saturday Prayer Meeting – 1/21, Choir Room, 10 – 11am

Generational Opening of Prayer for Word & Wonders on Weds. @ 6:30pm,

- 1/18/17 – Millennials Pray
- 1/25/17 – DIOP/Ashante – Young People Pray
- 2/1/17 – Annette Reid Jordan Community/ Active Seniors Pray



HOW TO USE THIS PRAYER GUIDE/JOURNAL

Ensure that you understand why we fast and pray as a church family. Are you wondering why we have 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting? To remind or enhance the concepts of prayer and fasting such as: (a) why do we pray, (b) how do I become more comfortable with prayer, (c) what is fasting, and (d) why do we fast as a church family? Listen to the Friendship-West audio recordings prepared by the prayer community

- Fasting, Dial 712-432-3903; Conference ID 122330; Sharing Code 3790; 11 minute duration
- Prayer, Dial 712-432-3903; Conference ID 122330; Sharing Code 3792; 14 minute duration

Read and meditate on the scripture of the day. Each day a scripture will precede the prayer of the day within the prayer journal. Open your bible and read the scripture in context. Use reference tools as needed to deepen your understanding.

Read the prayer of the day. Each prayer will focus on a component(s) of our renewed vision. Read the prayer and consider how it can be applied to our church or to you, individually.

Write in your journal daily. Use a notebook or journal to detail your Christian journey. Document how you feel. Write down how the scripture, prayer, and or theme relevant to our church, or to you individually. Denote your personal commitment. You can reflect on it later to assess your progress.

Listen to our Senior Pastor's Monday Morning Meditation. Each Monday, Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, will offer a meditative word for the week that aligns with our prayer and fasting journey. You don't want to miss it! Dial 712-432-3900; Conference ID 122330, 6-6:21 am each Monday.

Join the prayer line weekdays. We will reaffirm the scripture, prayer and theme for the day. You are encouraged to pray aloud or pray silently. Dial 712-432-3900; Conference ID 122330; 5-6 am Monday thru Friday.

Stick to this Christian journey. Remember this is your personal commitment to God. Consider an accountability partner or team to encourage you during this 40 days of prayer and fasting.

Join the Virtual Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting via Social Media. We will supplement your efforts to sustain you during the journey. Visit our Friendship-West social media outlets.

Like us on FaceBook, FWBCGAAP Follow us on Twitter, @fwbcgaap

HOW TO FAST SUCCESSFULLY

Isaiah 58

Fast – a religious discipline; abstinence from food or drink; to afflict the soul

Reasons for Fasts

1. For repentance to ward off present or future destruction and to supply a discipline of fasting and prayer (Jonah 3:4-10)
2. To humble ourselves (Psalm 35:13) NKJV
3. For protection of self, family, personal property (Ezra 8:21,23)
4. To draw closer to God (James 4:8)
5. To resist the power of the devil (James 4:7)
6. For deliverance from demonic possession (Matthew 17:20-21) NKJV
7. Healing (II Chronicles 7:14) NKJV of nations, individual, relationships etc.
8. To get extra help and blessings from God (James 4:6)
9. For direction from God (Ezra 8:21) NKJV
10. To Gain control of yourself (II Chronicles 7:14) Humble, seek, pray, and then you can TURN!

Different Types of Fasts

1. Partial (Daniel 10:2-3) No meat, certain items but not all 21 days
2. Complete/Total (Esther 4:16, Jonah 3:7)
3. Corporate (Jonah 3)
4. Personal (Matthew 4:1-2)

Hindrance to an Effective Fast

1. Wrong motives (Matthew 6:16), Adoration from others, trying to impress God (Isaiah 58:3)
2. Unforgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15)
3. Selfishness (Isaiah 58:3)
4. Continued Sin (Isaiah 58:4)
5. It becomes religious instead of relationship oriented (Isaiah 58:5)
6. Inconsistency (Matthew 7:7) NLT
7. Not having a goal

What Happens During a Fast?

1. The devil comes to tempt you and attack you (Matthew 4:3)
2. You lose weight; your stomach shrinks
3. You may get depressed, lonely, etc.

Suggestions for Fasting

1. Set a goal (Daniel 9:3) NKJV
2. Don't make it obvious (Matthew 6:16)
3. Write down the date you start and the date you plan to end and journal results (Habakkuk 2:2)
4. Be patient (Habakkuk 2:3)
5. Start with something you can do
6. Pray when your head or stomach hurts
7. See your doctor before you begin a fast and don't over eat when your fast is over
8. Pray the last 30 minutes of your fast
9. Read the bible or a devotional when you are supposed to eat
10. Resist
11. Children can choose to fast from: sweets; games; phones; television (for a time or in moderation)

Why am I fasting?

What will I give up, for God, during my fast?

Consider joining or creating a fasting team of up to 10 people to encourage each other during this journey. List who will be on your team. Denote how and when you will communicate with one another?



PRAYER: THE WHAT, WHY & HOW

What is prayer?

Prayer is communication with the only true and living God. Prayer helps us to grow spiritually. As we pray we begin to build an intimate relationship with God. Through prayer we appeal to God for his mercy, grace, and love.

Why must we pray?

God's Word commands us to pray (Luke 18:1, 10:2). Jesus also prayed (Matthew 4:1-2). Jesus who is the Word, who is God, the Creator and Sustainer prayed before every major decision.

How must we pray?

One of the most important elements of effective prayer is praying to the Father in JESUS' name (John 14:13-14). We must also pray by faith, continually, with a pure heart, with thanksgiving, and assurance that our prayers will be answered (Mark 11:24-25) (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) (Philippians 4:4-7). There is no right or wrong way to pray. Prayer styles vary, and yours is uniquely designed for you.

Why do our prayers sometimes go unanswered?

Isaiah 59:2 It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. (New Living Translation)

- Un-forgiveness (Mark 11:25)
- Self-indulgence (James 4:7)
- Doubt (James 1:5-8)
- Rejecting God (Proverbs 28:9)
- Un-confessed Sin (Micah 3:4)
- Disobedience (Proverbs 28:9)
- No love or compassion (Proverbs 21:13)
- Pride (Deuteronomy 1:43,45)

Christians do not realize the impact of sin in our daily lives. We have spiritual and emotional barriers to prayer because of our un-confessed sin. For God to answer our prayers, we must confess our sins, humble ourselves, seek God, and turn away from those things that are not pleasing to God. (Psalm 65:2)



New to Praying: What should be included in our prayers?

Although prayer cannot be reduced to a formula, certain basic elements should always be included in our communication with God: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (ACTS).

- **ADORATION:** To adore God is to worship, praise, honor, exalt him with our mouth, in our hearts, and with our mind. To acknowledge God's Holiness.
- **CONFESSON:** We must confess our sins and turn away from our worldly ways.
- **THANKSGIVING:** An attitude of thanksgiving to God, for who he is and for the benefits and privileges we can enjoy because we belong to him. We must thank God not just for the blessings, but for the problems and adversities as well.
- **SUPPLICATION:** Making a personal request to God for our own needs and on the behalf of others.

Prayer is critical and necessary for Christians. As we spend time with God in prayer, he will give us answers to our questions, solutions to our problems, guidance when in a dark or lost place in life, peace in the midst of a storm, understanding when we are confused, courage when we are dismayed, and faith when we're in doubt. When we pray according to God's will, which is His Word, we can be assured that our prayers will be answered.

What will I be in prayer for during this fast? Consider how you will contribute to the vision of our church. How will you enhance your commitment to God and to Friendship-West to further enable the new vision?

What is G.A.A.P? God Adores & Answers Prayer, is the prayer community of our Church. The purpose of this Community is to undergird the church in prayer, encourage prayer within the life of the church, and to serve as intercessors on behalf of others.

How do I contact GAAP?

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JANUARY 2, 2017

PRAYER AGAINST VIOLENCE AND HATRED

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations." Isaiah 42:1 NIV

Father of Mercy and Grace, I come to you in unity with my sisters and brothers in Christ. Father, I ask forgiveness of our sins, for we have sinned against you. We acknowledge that we have sinned.

God, you said if we would humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways, you will help us and heal us. God, we seek you for mercy and grace, we need to come to you and humble ourselves.

Our world is gripped by the power of sin. It is going to take prayers to you Lord to seek your face with our hearts and minds. Our hearts oh Lord are grieved. We seek justice in a world that is often uncaring and unconcerned. Lord, we thank you that you are a God of justice. We seek you about violence. Because of the violence that is in our homes, and communities Father, we need you. Because of hatefulness and anger, that is in our world, we need you.

Lord, you made us so we ask for your Divine touch in our lives. We pray against the spirit of immorality, against neglect and abuse committed against children and those who cannot defend themselves, in our country, city, neighborhood, and our homes. We pray against violence committed on our children.

Yet, Lord, all have sinned against you. Therefore, we ask for your mercy. We pray for the hungry that they receive food to eat. We pray for the sick Lord, so they can receive healing. We pray for the disabled, so they can receive fair treatment and the resources they need to live productive lives.

Lord, we thank you for Isaiah 42:1 "...that the Lord will bring forth our Justice...." For this, we say thank you, for all your blessings. In Jesus' Name. We love you and thank you for answering our prayers, Amen.

Submitted by Mother Aileene Morris

JANUARY 3, 2017

FIGHTING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Micah 6:8 KJV



Heavenly Father, thank you for being a just and righteous God! As Jesus was a drum major for justice, show us how also to be a great drum major for social justice, order our steps in your Word to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you.

I pray in the name of Jesus, that you will send us as bold leaders to take a stand against injustice, racism and the hatred through the power of your love. Help us to understand how important it is to fight for social justice with equality and love.

Father, in the name of Jesus, your Word said, "we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us," so I am praying that you will guide our hearts and minds against hatred, racism, and injustice. Please help us to fight the good fight of faith because "no weapon formed against us shall prosper," and we have the victory. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Submitted by Rev. Delores Powell

**JANUARY 4, 2017
PUTTING GOD'S LOVE FIRST**

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" Matthew 6:33 ESV

In the name of Jesus, I thank you for our Pastor, Dr. Haynes. I thank you for our church that has been serving our community for 40 years. You have blessed this ministry so that this ministry can bless others. Lord as we move into our future we want to be a community known for loving you and each other. We want to show our love by being a voice for those who do not have a voice. We want to show our love by being a place of healing for the sick and a resource for those who need help. We want to show our love by introducing you to those who are not in relationship with you, God, because you are love.

Guide us as we stand against evil, the evil found in policies and systems that do not honor you and hurt your people. To make a difference, we offer ourselves to go where you send us and fight the battles you declare for us.

These blessings we ask in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Submitted by Veta Holt

**JANUARY 5, 2017
SUBMITTING TO LEADERSHIP**



“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.” Hebrews 13:17 NIV

Dear Father, We Come to you at this time thanking you for leading our church, Friendship-West, through another year. We are praising you for your continued leadership through our leader, Rev. Dr. Haynes III, to guide us through the vision you have given to him for our church and community. As we are encouraged through our leader, we ask for your help to encourage others to be supportive as we move to be a “Game Changing Christian Community”.

Submitted by Cecil Sharp

JANUARY 6, 2017

FIGHTING FOR CULTURAL JUSTICE

“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore, he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him. People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you”. Isaiah 30: 18-19 NIV

Dear God our Father, We honor your name today. Thank you for your loving kindness and mercies that are given to us each day. You are the only true God of life. You are our provider and sustainer, so we bless your name. Lord if we do not see the vision for ourselves, reveal what is necessary for us to fight and stand for social justice. Oh God! There is an injustice against our culture, our children, our families, neighborhoods, economics, employment, and education. We want the best and do not want to settle for anything less.

Our children are a gift from you, Lord. We ask for your protection and covering over them every day. Lord protect them from abuse, neglect, and mistreatment when they are away from home and family. They fear for their lives and wonder why they are being treated as foreigners in their own country. They fear what will happen to them or whether they will be the next victim of racism and hatred. Lord, they want to live productive lives in this country. We ask you to give them the power of love and a sound mind when they face anyone who poses themselves as an enemy. Lord, give them what to think, say, and do if they are confronted with hatred. Our children are precious in your sight. Lord, keep them in your arms of protection. Dispatch your angels to come to their sides and fight for them in situations that are too difficult for them to handle.

Father the family is the first institution you developed. We bless and praise your name for families. Lord, families are struggling with finances and economics. They are struggling against unfair employment in the US, and the ability to earn decent incomes to take care of their basic needs such as utilities, food, shelter, clothing, and transportation. We pray



for fair and equal employment. We pray for wages that will provide for all their needs and more. It is their desire to be a family of love, peace, and protection for each other. Bless the fathers, mothers, or heads of households to have strength to stand during times of difficulty. We thank you that family is an institution of your making and not of this world. Keep the family together so they will be able to stand in unity and love.

Lord, education is a means to a better way of life. And yet education in communities of color is not provided as in other communities. We pray that our people will come together to help fight educational injustice. Some of our community school buildings are old and filled with toxins. These buildings are too old for children's safety. They need new schools, technology, resources and books to aid in a state-of-the-art education. We praise your name for the ones who are already fighting for educational justice. Speak to our communities, families, parents, and alumni to join in and shout for fairness in our school districts. Give them the courage and boldness through the Holy Spirit to fight and not give up. As they fight for educational justice, help them to see the vision of our children's future.

Lord, we have the courage, strength, and ability to stand because of Jesus and his justice. We are willing to fight, stand, withstand and continue to fight until there is justice for all.

We bless and thank you for giving us hope in Christ Jesus, today and always.

Submitted by LaVera Caston

JANUARY 7, 2017

THE VISION

"And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. Vision For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.' Habakkuk 2:2-3 ESV

Dear Sovereign LORD GOD, I humbly submit my will, my way and myself to you as humbly as I know how. LORD, I pray for clarity of spirit, mind, soul and body on behalf of your people, so that we may be able to recognize your voice when you speak to us, concerning our GOD ordained visions. Father, I want to thank you for lifting up a standard so that we may clearly write the vision plainly so that someone may read and not tarry and run with it! Thank you, Father.

Submitted by Tara Townes

JANUARY 8, 2017

LOVE AND PROSPERITY



"Pray for peace in Jerusalem may all who love this city prosper." Psalms 122:6 NLT

Lord God we are asking and praying for peace over this land that we live in, let the same love that you have for us Lord spill over into the lives of the people in this church and the lives of the people in our communities. Lord allow us to prosper in every area of our lives so your will can be done and shown in our lives. Amen.

Submitted by Shenita Allen

JANUARY 9, 2017 WALKING IN DIVINE VISION

"And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk 2:2 KJV

Heavenly Father, as we embark upon 2017 and our new vision statement, I pray that Friendship-West will be transformed into a church community of mountain-moving faith. I pray specifically for God revealed strategies and creative ideas as our church community renews and recommits to being a game-changing Christian movement that is proactive. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Submitted by Sandra Brown

JANUARY 10, 2017 FORGOTTEN AND SO OFTEN LEFT BEHIND

"Then the king will say to those on his right. 'enter, you who are blessed by my father! Take what's coming to you in this Kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation and here's why:

*I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me."* Matthew 25:34-36 MSG

As we pray for those who are Ward of the State Father God, we pray for them asking that their needs be met Father God. For whatever the reason that has now impacted their lives to which this is the condition for which they live in, we ask for covering over their minds. Oh God, let the reasons not be ones that continuously haunt them, but yet instead give them peace of mind. We pray for those who care for them in the state system, we pray that each and every day that they come in with a renewed mind giving their all to the care of others. Bless them all Father God in a way that only you can. Thank you in advance Father God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Submitted by Aisha Meeks

JANUARY 11, 2017
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST

"See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft." Exodus 35:30-33 ESV

Lord, we are praying for a unique and powerful way to connect individuals to you. We understand that many of your created beings are being held captive spiritually, not because of the enemy's power, but because we do not understand our authority and call in you.... Lord, we do understand the hope we have of your calling. We will begin to walk in an abundant life of freedom and power!!!

We are called by you to make a difference in the world. We are the connection as a game-changing movement to connect people to you. Let us bring more people to you through our ability to be loving, caring and having a heart to witness for you!!! We love you and want others to love you the same, please Lord use us to bring others to you!!! Amen.

Submitted by Rev. James Fitzgerald

JANUARY 12, 2017
JUST OPEN YOUR MOUTH

"Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:9 ESV

Dear Heavenly Father, We pray for Friendship-West's social justice ministry to continue to be a place where our church family and the community can seek support. As you continue to bless this ministry, grant the needed knowledge and ability to assist those standing on the line of injustice. Father, we thank you for your hand of mercy for anyone needing to be set free from participating in harming others.

Submitted by Cecil Sharp

JANUARY 13, 2017
VISION FOR THE PEOPLE

"Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, blessed is he who keeps the law." Proverbs: 29-18 NASB



Father God I pray in your son Jesus name for the vision upon Friendship-West as a whole. I pray that your believers will carry out this vision you have planned for us. Your plans are for us to prosper and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future. I pray that your servants the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, the teachers, and the followers are equipped for works of service in the vision so that the body of Christ may be built up. My prayer for this vision is to carry out Kingdom work that reaches your people of all nations. Amen.

Submitted by Jannette Swinton

**JANUARY 14, 2017
HEAL THY WHOLE SELF-BEGINNING 2017**

"Those that make their supplications known before the Lord shall be revered." Jeremiah 36:7 ESV

This year is like no other. Although we are blessed to see it there are some who did not make it. Therefore, we ask for the gift of sight so that we may see your GOD given vision and purpose for our lives. We ask that you nullify, dismantle and stop all works that hinder our lives. We ask that we birth out forgiveness in every area of our lives that has crippled us or given us a stagnant spirit that has limited us in the body of Christ. We ask for true fellowship so that we may love thy neighbor as ourselves to put off old things and attitudes that cause discord in our lives.

Submitted by Radelia Douglas

**JANUARY 15, 2017
SIMPLE ACTS OF SERVICE**

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me [with help and ministering care]; I was in prison, and you came to Me [ignoring personal danger]." Matthew 25:35-36 NIV & ESV

Heavenly Father, I just want to start off by saying I love you, I appreciate you and I trust you. You are a merciful and gracious God that has forgiven me over and over again. I do not deserve the love and forgiveness you give to me on a daily basis and this is why I cherish you as my God and Savior. Forgive me for my sins and shortcomings. Help me, Father, to do better and be better. Help me, Jesus, to be more like you. Lord, I come to you today asking that you help us to do your will and be more of a servant to others. Help us to remember that it is not about us, but your Kingdom. Help us to live by the scriptures and do simple acts of service like feeding the hungry, quenching the thirst of the thirsty,



visiting the sick, shut in or those in prison, picking up the phone and checking on our loved ones consistently.

Advise us on how to pray for those who are lost and confused. Guide us on how to love more and forgive more, like you love us endlessly and forgive us continuously. Help us not to talk about being of service to others, but doers of services to others. Assist us with not standing on the sidelines and being spectators and so opinionated, instead of participating in this Christian movement. Aid us in being trendsetters and having the spirit of a game changer both individually and collectively. Help us to be a light in our witnessing to those who are lost in this dark world. Lastly, Father, help us to be more compassionate daily and have the motivation daily to save more souls. Father, I love you and I know you to be a God that is able and willing. In my sweet Savior Jesus The Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Submitted by Nyke Knowles

**JANUARY 16, 2017
LET'S GET TO WORK**

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:37-38 NIV

Heavenly Father I thank you for allowing me the opportunity in petitioning you on behalf of the Game Changing journey you have commissioned our pastor, Rev. Dr. Fredrick Douglas Haynes, III to lead. Thanking you Heavenly Father for finding our church family, Friendship-West, worthy to take leadership in serving your people. Dear God, I ask for your continued direction for your people at Friendship-West and in the community. Heavenly Father I boldly seek you to give your people a heart to serve you by providing for those who may be in need.

Gracious Father, I recognize there's much work to do in your Kingdom. I ask you to prick the hearts of women, men, boys and girls throughout this community. Father, Lead us to those willing to partner with the body of Christ at Friendship-West, to create a community conducive to the needs of your people.

Heavenly Father, according to your Word, there is much work to complete in our community, city, and state and throughout this country. Yet I also recognize I can seek you to prick the heart of your people, not standing idly, but by providing whatever resources, time, talent and efforts they have to glorify you in serving this "Beloved Community".

Father, I will rejoice in knowing you have already made a way and will praise you while the revelation comes.



Submitted by Demeta Sharp

JANUARY 17, 2017
SERVITUDE AND WORSHIP

"...not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." Ephesians 6:6 NASB

Father God, You are my Strength and you are my life. You are my very present help. Father, as a bondservant of Jesus Christ I submit myself, my will, my life to you. Father, teach me to love, to heal, to disciple, and to serve. God, I ask that you help me not to complain, but rather to change what you have put in my power to change. You promised that whatsoever I set my hands to do that it shall prosper. I want to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only. Put my hands to work in my community, in my church, on my job, everywhere I go, so that your light may shine through me and you be glorified. Thank you in advance for the blessings of financial blessings, time, and strength so that I may do your will. Cause me to be a blessing for people that you put in my path. Father God, doing your will shall be my life's story. Thank you, for writing my story. Amen.

Submitted by Tina Audrey-Ware

JANUARY 18, 2017
SPREADING GOD'S LIGHT WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:6 NIV

We thank you, Heavenly father, for Friendship-West to be a beacon of light that brightens each individual within our community. May Friendship-West brighten each person's life with the support and love needed throughout the community and the world. We thank you, Father, for giving churches, such as ours, the ability to spread your love and joy while making us one.

Submitted by Cecil Sharp

JANUARY 19, 2017
PRAYER OF A CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." ESV



Lord God of Heaven and Earth, the God that sits high and looks low, the God that created the Land and the Sea,

We are in prayer that we are the church that you allow to be a game changer. We don't want to come and go as usual. If we are called by your name and we are your people, allow us to move with humility, and not arrogantly stepping in our own direction. You told us in your Word that if we talk to you and go after your face and go in the opposite direction of evil and wickedness, we would hear from you to lead us according to 2 Chronicles 7:14. So please Lord show us the way!

Dear Lord, we honor you for what you say and what we hear. We lift you up and pray for you to create the wind that will blow us into the direction that you wish for us to go. We are moving in your direction only Lord. So please God, whisper to us as we are ready to hear and listen intently to your words. Move us in your time and in your way!! We desire to stand still if you tell us to wait. Yet, we are holding on to your divine direction. Speak Lord for your servants to hear!!!

Submitted by Rev. James Fitzgerald

**JANUARY 20, 2017
SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE LEAST**

"Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat. What good is there in your saying to them, 'God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!' – if you don't give them the necessities of life?" James 2:15-16 ESV

We ask that cobwebs and leeches be swept from the very foundation of our souls with the broom of the Holy Ghost. May we not only pray for ourselves but lend a prayer to those that are homeless, hungry, sick, incarcerated, the less fortunate, and for the disabled and those that are victims of injustice. For the Word of God says vengeance is mine declares the Lord so let's believe that whatever we shall ask shall be received. Last, but not least, we ask for the spirit of peace to drop in the atmosphere. I am a conduit for universal power and I pray to exhort and edify your name. Amen. Shalom.

Submitted by Radelia Douglas

**JANUARY 21, 2017
RUN WITH THE VISION**

"Then the LORD answered me and said, 'Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run'." Habakkuk 2:2 NASB

Father God I humbly pray in your son Jesus' name that I may run this race with faith and patience. I pray that my feet are fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of



peace. So as the Lord orders my footsteps with the vision it will be seen through the life I live in Christ Jesus. I pray that our vision is able to touch the hearts of your people tomorrow on today. Amen.

Submitted by Jannette Swinton

JANUARY 22, 2016
OUR VISION IS COMING, CAN YOU SEE IT?

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12 NIV

As we move into the week of our Vision Board session, we praise God for the reminder that our minds respond to visual stimulation. As we use pictures, affirmations, and images as a tangible representation of our church vision, may it be God-led and Holy Ghost inspired. May participants come with open minds as to how God will use each member's creativity to move us closer to the realization of our new vision.

May we be overjoyed with the hope that God will do what he says he will do. He will answer our prayers (Isaiah 65:24). He will give us comfort during the journey. On this journey, if obstacles stand in our way, he will have us be resilient ... to walk over them, through them, or around them. Let us not allow anything to be a fence to our destination. Let us remain faithful in prayer that our vision is coming. It's on the way. Can YOU see it?

Submitted by Gisele Marcus

January 23, 2017
Guidance and Direction

"Guide us O thou great Jehovah, pilgrims through this barren land. We are weak, but you are mighty. Hold us with your powerful hand." Lyrics from the hymnal, Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah

Lord, we reverently recognize that you are all wise and in control. With excellent greatness you preside over the rising of the sun, the changing of seasons, the movement of history and our personal development. Thank you for your personal interest and involvement in our lives. Thank you for your purposeful intent for our lives. You know what you're doing; and as my Heavenly Father, you know what's best for me!

Please forgive me for anything that has caused me to miss your signals. I have sinned and I am sorry. I don't want anything to come between you and me! Forgive me and cleanse me so that the line of communication will be clear and I will, by faith, receive what you say.



Now, I ask that you would order my steps and my stops. I want to know and do your will for my life! I have personal desires; and sometime I listen to people, who, perhaps shouldn't influence me. Give me the strength and faith to wait until I hear from you!

I have personal issues that cause me to get in my own way and those issues preclude me from hearing from you. Give me the grace to overcome those issues. Deliver me from those issues that hold me captive.

I must honestly admit that my fears make it difficult to receive your revelation. I desire to face my fears with faith in you. In some areas of my life, I'm in so much pain that I'm not sure if I can hear you. Life hurts I need your healing and comforting touch. Now Lord, give me the wisdom to discern your voice and the faith to act on what you say. I trust you and your love and will for me. Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

I pray this in the name of him who orders our steps and guides us with grace, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III

**JANUARY 24, 2017
DON'T STAND ON THE SIDELINES**

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26 KJV

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to talk to you again. God, you are so amazing, faithful, loving, merciful and kind. You have never forgotten us but we have failed you every day. Lord, we ask that you forgive us for everything we've done. Lord, we ask that you give us a clean heart and renew our mindsets. God so much has happened in the year of 2016 that was depressing but God you have a way of bringing greatness out of it. Help us to let go of things that are not of you. Help us to release negativity, unforgiving spirits, bitterness, depression, fear and anxiety so that can we move closer to you. God help us to get off the sidelines and work diligently within your Kingdom. Remove our selfish desires and replace it with the desires you have for us. Help us to connect spiritually with you so that we can be on one accord to reach those who are not saved.

Submitted by Catherine Robinson

**JANUARY 25, 2017
SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO ENRICH OTHERS**

"There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord." 1 Corinthians 12:5 NLT



Thank you, Lord, for the many gifts that you have blessed us with to serve you and to serve your people! Holy Spirit lead us and guide us to serve one another with love within our church and within our community so that, you, the Lord, will get all the glory and praise! Amen.

Submitted by Shenita Allen

JANUARY 26, 2017
WALKING IN LOVE

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."
Romans 12:9-13 KJV

Lord, we love you. You blessed us to see another year and we are thankful. Our heart's desire is to please you. Help us not to be selfish Christians. You created us with purpose. Let your will be done and not our own selfish will. Help us to love one another. Help us to not be fake people showing fake love. In everything we do we seek your guidance and wisdom. Use us to help make a difference in our homes, our communities and our world. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen!

Submitted Tonya Bradshaw

JANUARY 27, 2017
FORGIVE ME, USE ME

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4 ESV

Heavenly Father we thank you today for allowing us another opportunity to give you praise, glory, and honor. Thank you, Lord, for allowing us another day to offer up our thanks and gratitude. We ask for your forgiveness for the sins that we have both committed and omitted. Forgive us for the things that we have failed to do. If we have not been spirit led in speaking with our brothers and sisters and offering up words of encouragement and hope, for this, we are sorry. If we have failed to once again see our brothers and sisters in need and have not lent a hand to help out where we were able, for this we ask for forgiveness. If we have failed to allow you to use us to minister to those who are sick, who are hurting, who are young and don't have a voice, for this we repent.



Use us God according to your will. Help us use the gifts and talents that you have bestowed upon us for your glory and yours alone. Use us to make a difference in our homes and our communities, not just within the walls of the church. Holy Spirit guide us into all understanding of who you are. Open our ears to hear the cries for help of others who are helpless. Open our hearts to those who are broken-hearted.

All this we ask in the name that guarantees an answer. In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.

Submitted by Josi Alexander

**JANUARY 28, 2017
WISDOM COMES FROM YOU!**

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

Dear Father, I seek your wisdom to lead Pastor Fredrick Douglas Haynes, III and the Friendship-West church family to direct your people to know who you are. Dear Father, we recognize in all of our knowledge, it's only a fraction of your supreme wisdom. Heavenly Father, help us to lean and depend on you to provide our leader, Pastor Haynes wisdom, and knowledge to surround himself with those who are willing to work in your vineyard. God, we understand in your infamous power, you use men to perform your great works. As you have started a great work in us at Friendship-West, help us to create a "Beloved Community" that will only bring you Glory and Honor.

Submitted by Demeta Sharp

**JANUARY 29, 2017
WALKING IN WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT**

"The [reverent] fear of the Lord [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom [its starting point and its essence], And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight. For by me (wisdom from God) your days will be multiplied, And years of life shall be increased." Proverbs 9:10-11

Lord your Word promises that you would give us wisdom, knowledge, understanding, direction, and discernment as we seek to do your will and way.

How we thank you for all you have done in and through our lives. We glorify and sing praises to you. Thank you for your Amazing and Awesome love. We give you all the glory and honor as we, the congregants of Friendship-West, walk in our new 2017 vision. I pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Submitted by Sandra Brown

JANUARY 30, 2017 WALK, SEE & DO!

*"And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it." John 1:5
MKJV*

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 ESV

Dear God of Light and Vision, as we celebrate a New Year that was neither promised nor earned, we thank you. You have graciously blessed your people, and we thank you. Yet, with so much conflict and uncertainty in our midst, please remind us that your light casts out all darkness and fear. Show us how to walk in the vision of your love and grace. As we seek to be your instruments of justice and peace, remind us that it always starts with you. We pray that we may become foundational in creating your beloved community. Show us that this can only happen when we see our sisters and brothers; when we see the least of these; and when we do the work of the Kingdom. You have given us the light of the world. Help us to use this light and love to cast your vision of justice as we serve others and bring glory to your name. In the name of our liberating Savior. Amen.

Submitted by Dr. Brenda Wall

JANUARY 31, 2017

STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP-WEST TO STAND AGAINST THE ENEMY

*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."
Ephesians 6:10-11 KJV*

Lord, we want to change the game of our church. Lord, you have already set it up for us to win but help us to realize we have to work for it. We have allowed the enemy to play us for too long and we have become lazy. Lord each day that you give us life that's another chance for us to fight as one. Remove the fears that keep us from pressing toward the mark. Lord, we want to follow your footsteps, so please guide us. Give us the motivation to go outside the church to reach those who are hurting and bring them into your holy temple. Father, we want to be bold in your name. Lord, you have already set the stage for us. Help each of Friendship-West congregant represent you so that others can see your light through us. Thank you for the fresh start and always welcoming us back as your children. Lord thank you for depositing your holy spirit within us. Your presence is already in our future and we give you the honor and the glory in your Holy Son Jesus name Amen!



Submitted by Catherine Robinson

FEBRUARY 1, 2017
WALKING IN LOVE AND MERCY

"We love each other because he loved us first." 1 John 4:19 NLT

"If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom". James 3:13 NLT

Lord God thank you for wisdom and understanding to serve your people, Lord, give us the strength and enthusiasm to show mercy and courtesy to our church family and to our community, Holy Spirit open up our hearts and mind to give love and show love to everyone in the same way Jesus loved us first! Amen.

Submitted by Shenita Allen

FEBRUARY 2, 2017
PRAYER OF CONFIDENCE

"For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength..." Isaiah 30:15 KJV

Dear Lord of Life and Strength,

We beseech you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus who is the Christ. I believe that you give us everything we need and desire if we ask in your will and way. So by your grace and mercy please allow our church the fellowship of believers called Friendship-West, to come to you with confidence according to 1 John 5:14. Please allow us to be a difference maker by changing your disciples' vision to be different! We want to be a catalyst in the world, state, and community. We want to not be stagnant and stale to what you would have us to do and be! We want and desire of you Lord a fresh anointing so that we can be a movement that will change the world! Please move on our behalf Lord Jesus for your work to be done the way you desire! We ask all these things in your precious name!!!

Submitted by Rev. James Fitzgerald

FEBRUARY 3, 2017
MANIFESTATION OF THE VISION IS COMING

"For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay." Habakkuk 2:3 ESV



Oh, God, Remind us, as believers, that your timing is the right timing. Sometimes you answer our prayers swiftly. Other times your answer is way ahead of us. In Habakkuk's time, the actualization of God's Word did not manifest immediately. Help us to be patient as we work toward the vision of Friendship-West.

We know your Word says that faith without works is dead (James 2:14). Let us work individually and collectively to effectuate the vision. Help us to know our assignment within the vision. Help us to not stray to the left of the right but to walk down the assigned path you have given us. Remind us that manifestation of the vision does not lie only with church leadership but with the body of the church...each one of us.

Let us not we as individuals be slothful in waiting to get busy in participating in the actualization of the vision. Let us both individually and collectively be quick, deliberate, and intentional, as an act of service, that we are in this together.

Let us be reminded that God will not fail us...if we wait on him! We have many examples of how man has failed us. But in God's infinite wisdom we are assured he will never fail. God answers the prayers of his faithful people. Let us work and wait patiently on him.

Let it be said. Let it be done. In Jesus' name.

Submitted by Gisele Marcus

FEBRUARY 4, 2017

HELP US TO INVEST

"Take to the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this "play-it-safe" who won't go out on a limb. Throw him out in utter darkness." Matthew 25:31 MSG

Father God we come to you thanking you for your grace and mercy Father God. Thank you for your covering and protection Father God. As we ask for forgiveness as we have played it safe instead of risking it in all and stepping out on faith. We take a stand against injustice in our communities and we will no longer play it safe. We will stand up and fight for what is right. We will make our voices heard and we will take our responsibility serious to save our youth and show them the right way.

That violence amongst one another and others is not the way. We seek guidance from you how to move with actions of strength while speaking truth to power. We will not waiver Father God, we will not bend nor will we break. We will show them the way and praise your holy name the entire way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Submitted by Aisha Meeks

FEBRUARY 5, 2017
WE ARE THEIR JUSTICE.

"When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat; when I was thirsty you gave me something to drink; when I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35-37 NVJ

Oh God of Mercy and Justice, Hear our prayers for those in need. There are many who desire shelter, food, clothing, and security. They are homeless, veterans, disabled and mentally challenged. They suffer quietly in their own ways. Have mercy on them. Have compassion for them. They live on the streets seeking ways to survive. They are true survivors because they understand how to live with little or nothing. We pass them by on the streets begging for dollars and cents. We see them in tattered clothes and worn out shoes. It is now cold and they feel the bitter wind and elements press on their faces. We see their need to make it through another day. If we feel blessed, they are blessed even more. You understand how they feel because you have experienced their pain, agony, and sorrows. We ask you to continue to guide them as they seek their way towards you. Lord, save them, heal them, deliver them, and provide them with those things they need. Yet we know that we are your hands that feed them, eyes to guide them back to you, feet to walk along side of them, and ears to listen to their plea. So we thank you that we can serve them you through you. Praise God and Amen.

Submitted by LaVera Caston

FEBRUARY 6, 2017
MINISTRY OF MOVEMENT

"But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: 'These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.'" Acts 17:6-7 NIV

Dear GOD, thank YOU that YOU use people to create a movement! YOU pull people together for common purpose and propel people forward with combined power to make a difference in creation. YOU used the early church to put the spotlight on the Savior and to prioritize Christ over culture! YOU used the apostles to spread the spoken Word about the Living Word which created transformation and led to a revolution in lifestyle! The Saints lived YOUR Word and engaged the world in a way that turned the world upside down! Dear GOD, help us to minister that way today! Please ignite our passion and empower us by your SPIRIT! Please help us to love YOU so much and to live for YOU



so well that YOU bring blessings not only to us but through us! Use us as Ministers of Movement to make a difference in this world for YOUR Glory! In the name of the Master of Ministry Movement, Jesus the Christ, we thank YOU and pray. Amen!

Submitted by Rev. William White

FEBRUARY 7, 2017
TOUCHING THE LIVES OF OTHERS

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever." 1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

Oh, most Heavenly Father, Lord of Lord, Alpha, and Omega, most gracious and amazing God we come humbly before you praising your Holy Name. Thank you, Abba for your "grace and mercy" which are new and abounding every day. That has afforded us the unmerited opportunity to see the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017. Oh, most Holy Father we thank you for your loving kindness that never ceases and has allowed us another chance to be "laborers" in your Kingdom. To be an active advocate voice for those who can't or don't have the strength to speak for themselves.

Most gracious Father, I pray that we the congregants of Friendship-West will not only be a beacon of light for those lost in their spiritual walk but that we will be that congregant community that reaches out to the impoverished, those marginalized and those destitute and victims of inequality in our criminal justice system. God, I pray that we as your believers stop complaining and have "Flashback Moments" on your goodness and mercy toward us and how you brought us through time and time again. We pray you will never leave or forsake us; but most of all that we will get busy being laborers in our Father's Kingdom. Amen.

Submitted by Sandra Brown

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTERS AND LEADERS

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of the destitute. Speak up and judge fairly, defend the right of the poor and needy". Proverbs 31:8-9, NIV

Lord we lift up Pastor Haynes, and other ministers and leaders of social justice across this nation. Cover them, oh God, with shields of protection. Although many of them are familiar with controversy, we declare and decree they will not be broken down. In the



Name of Jesus, we plead the blood of Jesus over their hearts and minds. Encourage them, oh God, and give them the strength that they need to be that voice to say what others are afraid to say. Give them courage ever the more and reignite the flames that you have placed within them to be forerunners of change. As they step out as sheep amongst the wolves, send forth your spirit to make every crooked path straight. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Submitted by Anonymous

**FEBRUARY 9, 2017
TEACH ME LORD**

"Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day." Psalm 25:4-5 NIV

Dear Father, I come, knowing you are the true and wise God. I submit my will to you as the creator of all things. Dear Master, I come boldly before your throne asking you to "Teach me" your will and your ways, that I may walk in your stature. Teach me your truth regarding the issues of this task before your people and community of Friendship-West. Help me, Dear God, to know which direction you are leading me to participate in this revolutionary movement; a "Game Changer" for your people.

Dear God, help me not to be fearful when I can't feel your presence. Lead me, Dear Lord, to know when to speak and the time to be silent. Oh father, I recognize the things needing to be changed only will come through depending and trusting you. Father, continue teaching me your wills and your ways that I may not become arrogant, nor self-righteous and sin against you. Open my mind and heart to be receptive to your call. Heavenly Father, Let everything I do or say glorify you during this "Game Changing" journey. Father I will be so mindful to praise and worship you during this "Game Changing" process.

Heavenly Father, pour into me the words of encouragement for those who seem voiceless. I pray that others will join with Friendship-West, taking a stand for those who can't or won't stand for themselves. Lord our God, when our hearts are overwhelmed, lead us to you, The Rock, our Strong Tower, the author and finisher of this course. When the battle has been won, Master I will tell others of your goodness and your mercy that brought us thus far. I will be so careful to give you all of the praises and the glory for the works you have done in our "Beloved Community".

Submitted by Demeta Sharp

**FEBRUARY 10, 2016
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL**



"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 5:23 NJV

Dear Father of Heaven and Earth,

Thank you for the privilege to fight against social injustice. Lord, people of various colors, class, gender, and social status want equality and freedom to live out their lives. We are all made in your image and in your likeness. There is no one race or class of people you have made to be superior over another. We are all the same in your sight. So we stand and call for justice for all. No matter what the color of their skin, the color of their eyes, gender, or social status, you know each one by name. We are all the crown of your creation. Father help us to help all people be free, independent, self-reliant and have a purpose in their lives. We all want the same privileges, to be able to live productive lives and make acceptable contributions to our society, with liberty and justice for all. Amen, and Praise God!

Submitted by Anonymous