



Woodland Hills Baptist Church

Prayer Guide for
Children's Building Project

40 Day

Prayer Emphasis

- April 19 *"O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and obey His commands, let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before You day and night."* (Nehemiah 1:6) LORD God, open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to what You have for us in this new season of our church's life. Hear our prayers and prepare us for all that is coming our way so that we will be what You want us to be, where You want us to be and to do all You want us to do.
- April 20 *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful"*. (Col 4:2) Our Father in Heaven, use this prayer guide to instill in each of us at Woodland Hills a continual spirit of prayer. We depend on You, LORD. Guide our steps and make our path straight, ever watchful for the enemy's attack..
- April 21 *"I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one— I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me."* (John 17:22-23) LORD, we pray for complete unity within our membership as we undertake the construction of this new children's building. You have given Pastor Charles the vision and we ourselves recognize the need for new facilities. Lord, protect us from division and conflict.
- April 22 *"God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."* (Phil. 4:19) Heavenly Father, we pray that You would help us to trust You to meet all of our needs. Thank You for the richness of knowing You and being loved by both You and Your Son Jesus.
- April 23 *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."* (James 1:5) Lord, we pray for Your wisdom. Help us be wise in the choices we make to build this new building so that we can accomplish the task of making disciples of the children You have so blessed us with. Give us the wisdom to be obedient in every area of our lives so that we can rightly minister to those You send us.
- April 24 *"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"* (Acts 20:35) Father, we pray for all the volunteers who give of themselves to work in our children's ministry and for those who serve in each of our community outreach projects. Thank You, God, for all our volunteers! Bless their work to accomplish Your purpose in the life of every single child You give us to minister to.
- April 25 *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* (Luke 11:9) Lord, in faith we do ask that You would provide the funds needed to build this new children's building at Woodland Hills. You own the cattle on a thousand hills. Open the floodgates of heaven and pour out what is needed to complete this much needed project. Touch the hearts of our members to give.
- April 26 *"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"* (James 4:13-15) Father, we want what You want for us. Help us find Your will, both for our church and for each of us here at Woodland Hills. And then LORD, help us fulfill Your will.
- April 27 *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* (Matt 6:33) Father we ask today that we will realize this great truth in our hearts. May we not be concerned with our own kingdom, but may we seek You FIRST knowing that we can trust You, and You will take care of us all the days of our lives.

- April 28 "...*Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.*" (1 Samuel 3.10b) LORD, we believe You have given Pastor Charles the vision to build this new children's building. Today we pray that You would speak to each of us to guide us to do what You want us individually to do to bring this project to fruition. Help us to listen for Your voice and to do what You ask.
- April 29 "*Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?*" (John 6.9) Father, forgive us for our lack of faith. In the way that only You can, multiply our efforts to make more of a difference for You than we could ever imagine on our own!
- April 30 "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven....For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" (Matthew 6.19-21) LORD, help us to want to store up treasures in heaven. Help us to truly love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to show our love by giving back to You what You have so generously given us. Let our hearts be truly Yours.
- May 1 "*Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God....Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*" (Rom. 12.1) LORD, today we pray that You would help us see things differently and that we would live differently than the world. Transform our priorities, and show us Your perfect will for each of us.
- May 2 "*I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others....For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had.*" (Mark 12.43-44) LORD, you can use any gift, no matter how big or small. Teach us to give in a way that honors You, whether we have little or much. Guard the hearts of those only able to give as this widow did so that they will in no way feel inferior to those able to give large gifts. We are all in this together, LORD.
- May 3 "*If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.*" (John 15:7) LORD Jesus, we know You are with us. Help each of us to do our part to remain close to You. Give us the faith to ask and expect good things from You. Keep us from sin that separates us from fellowship with You.
- May 4 "*It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*" (Ephesians 4:11-13) Father, we give You thanks for the pastoral staff and teachers You have placed over us here at Woodland Hills. Give them every tool they need to equip us to do the works of service You assign us. Keep us unified, LORD, as we strive together to serve others in Your name.
- May 5 "*I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.*" (2 Samuel 24:24) LORD, help each of us to be generous and willing to share, not giving out of our abundance but giving to this building project that which is a true sacrifice on our part, not something that cost us nothing.
- May 6 "*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*" (2 Cor. 9.6) We thank You LORD for all that You have enabled Woodland Hills to do both locally and around the world. We look with expectant hearts to all the ways You will use the new children's building that is being planned. Motivate us to be generous sowers, for the sake of the little souls You have sent us.
- May 7 "*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, forever and ever!*" (Eph. 3:20-21) Father, today we pray that You would indeed do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine here at Woodland Hills—for Your glory, not ours!
- May 8 "*So don't worry about...What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?...your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*" (Matt. 6.31-33) LORD, help us not to worry about the funding for the new children's building. You always take care of all our needs. LORD, as You know, we are out of space for our kids and this new children's building is a true need. Help us to trust You and simply seek You with our whole heart.

- May 9 *"A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests....'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses."* (Luke 14.16-18) LORD, when You invite us to take part in Your plan, it is easy to make excuses. Help each of us to truly listen to You and then obey so that we can enjoy a seat at Your table.
- May 10 *"This, then, is how you should pray. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* (Matt. 6.9-10) LORD, You are indeed a great God, the only God; and You have great plans for Your Church. May Your will be done in this building project at Woodland Hills and may the use of this new children's building bring You even greater glory. You are worthy, LORD.
- May 11 *"Epaphras has been tireless in his prayers for you, praying that you'll stand firm, mature and confident in everything God wants you to do."* (Col. 4:12) LORD, make us tireless in our prayers for each other and for others everywhere. We are entirely dependent upon You. Help us to stand firm and be confident in everything You want us to do.
- May 12 *"You know the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."* (2 Cor. 8.9) Thank you, LORD Jesus, for giving up everything for our sakes. Show us how we can use the riches You have given us to accomplish all You had in mind for us to do.
- May 13 *"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."* (Phil 1:3-6) Father, it isn't a burden but a great joy to pray for the faithful members of Woodland Hills who tirelessly serve in many capacities. LORD, bless these servants and allow them to see fruit in the lives of those they invest in. Help each of us to persevere to the end.
- May 14 *"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the LORD. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* (Ro 12:11-12) LORD, help us keep our spiritual fervor for You. Let us never lose sight of the tremendous love You have for us, and the tremendous sacrifice You made in giving up Your only son for our sake. Kindle in us the fire of Your love, LORD. Restore to us the zeal for You that we once had.
- May 15 *"The God of heaven Himself will help us succeed; therefore, we will arise and build!"* (Nehemiah 2:20) Father, we will trust Your Word and believe. You are the Sovereign LORD who always keeps His promises. We believe we are within Your will in this building project. Help us and guard our efforts as You did for Nehemiah.
- May 16 *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Phil 4:6-7) LORD, there will no doubt be times during the building of this new children's building when we will be tempted to become anxious. Remind us LORD, to take everything to You in prayer. Guard our hearts and minds from worry and give us the peace that can only come from trusting You.
- May 17 *"Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land."* (Job 1:10) Heavenly Father, as you protected Job and all that was his from the enemy, place that same hedge of protection around this church and all those involved in the construction of this new building. Empower the angels that minister to the believers here. Bless the work of every hand involved in the construction process.
- May 18 *"...but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* (Matt 19:14) LORD, we give You thanks for the many children and families You have sent here to Woodland Hills. We look forward to the new children's building and the ways it will enable us to minister to still more children. Bless Mrs. Christy and her staff as they seek to follow in your steps in reaching out to little ones.
- May 19 *"It is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."* (Phil. 2.13) LORD, today we pray for Your will and purpose to be done at Woodland Hills Baptist Church as we prepare to build this new children's building. Help us to be obedient to what You have called us to do so that we will truly fulfill Your purpose for us in Longview Texas.

- May 20 *"If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."* (Ex 33:15) LORD, we pray as Moses did that You would go with us as we embark on this new building project. We can't do this without You, LORD. Help us to do what You have called us to do.
- May 21 *"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it."* (John 14:12-14) LORD, apart from You we can do nothing. We put ourselves into Your hands and ask You to use us for Your glory. Make Woodland Hills a lighthouse on a hill and help us to do what You want done.
- May 22 *"You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of My house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house."* (Haggai 1:9) Father we ask forgiveness for we know there have been many times that we have been consumed with our own dreams, ambitions, and kingdoms. In being selfish we have neglected ways that You have asked us to serve You. We pray that we will be a people that are Kingdom focused, and that we will be obedient in the ways that You lead us.
- May 23 *"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 6:1) Father, we ask that as we go through this building campaign our motives will be pure. Let us not be concerned with trying to impress other people around us, but let us to do everything possible to please You with a pure heart.
- May 24 *"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith."* (2 Thess 1:11) LORD, as You have prompted us to undertake the building of a new children's building, we pray that You would also bring it to fruition that as a church we may effectively minister to the children You have sent us.
- May 25 *"They went to Moses and reported, "The people have given more than enough materials to complete the job the LORD has commanded us to do!" So Moses gave the command, and this message was sent throughout the camp: "Men and women, don't prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!" So the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings."* (Exodus 36:5-6) Oh LORD, how awesome it would be to be able to instruct the membership of Woodland Hills Baptist Church to stop giving, because we had more than enough. Give us the same willing hearts as the Israelites had to truly honor You with our wealth.
- May 26 *"Rise during the night and cry out. Pour out your hearts like water to the LORD. Lift up your hands to him in prayer, pleading for your children, for in every street they are faint with hunger."* (Lam 2:19) Father, we do plead for the souls of our little children. We lift them up to You in prayer, asking that You meet not only their physical needs but more importantly, their spiritual needs.
- May 27 *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."* (Malachi 3:10) LORD, You know us so well. It's no wonder in this one area of giving You tell us to test You. Father we pray that You would instill in each one of us the desire to give You what's right, not what's left. Let no member of Woodland Hills be a hindrance to You opening the floodgates of heaven and pouring out even more than we need for this new children's building.
- May 28 *"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from your hand."* (1 Chron 29:14) Father, we give You thanks in advance for what You are going to do in raising the funds for this new children's building. You have given us the ability to produce wealth and we seek to honor You by giving back a portion of what You have given us.