

15 PRAYERS for **NEW** **BEGINNINGS**

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NEW STEPS OF DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 (ACTS 9.1-2)

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, even though many in our society judge and reject the Gospel, may I joyfully be known as a true disciple and follower of Jesus. May I grow as your disciple in new ways and have new opportunities to share your love, truth and good news with all those around me and lead a life based on your Word. Amen.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for a new anointing, revelation and joy for our pastors, elders and staff who teach God's Word to us and lead us in growing as disciples.

Did You Know . . . Our Elders are introducing our "Discipleship Pathway" this Fall?

Cornerstone's Discipleship Pathway is a set of ten courses in a very specific format that helps grow true disciples for Jesus at Cornerstone. Each small group semester, our Elders will make a few of these courses available and ask for specific commitments if you would like to join. Each course will be a key part of giving you a complete and solid Biblical and Spirit-filled foundation as a follower of Jesus. More information will be coming this Fall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

cornerstone.ag/pathway | cornerstone.ag/leadership

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR THE LOST

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 (ACTS 9.3-5)

As Saul neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Jesus, would You give me a fresh revelation of who You are and break down any of my pride and blind spots that keeps me from knowing You more. Help me to see You in new and powerful ways through new and different people who are around me.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our international missions' work, Project Hope in Ethiopia, as well as our local missions work, Cornerstone Revitalization Center (CRC) here in Chesterfield.

Did You Know . . . both these nonprofits are solely led by Cornerstone?

That's right, these are not other organizations we partner with, but non-profits we began through the members of our church. Without Cornerstone, neither of these powerful missions would exist. Project Hope reaches the unreached Somali Muslim people group. CRC has been a powerful witness of Jesus to our county.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

projecthope.ag | crc-richmond.org

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 (ACTS 9.6-8)

“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, you are speaking to a new generation of witnesses like Paul. I pray that you would give me new opportunities to witness and encourage the next generation for you.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our teams and leaders of our Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry and Parent Ministry. May we see more families come and find Christ!

Did You Know . . . less than 20% of Gen Z are being disciplined in a local church?

In our county, there are 63,000 public school students, but only 12,600 are in a local church. Meanwhile, over 22,000 identify as atheist, agnostic or none. Truly, the need for engaging, loving and Jesus-glorifying children and youth ministry has never been greater.

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NEW TIMES OF HEARING FROM YOU

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 (ACTS 9.10)

For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, may I have a humble and listening heart each day. As I open your Word, let Your Holy Spirit speak and guide me. Find me ready to walk by faith and do what you ask.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today, let's pray that God would increase the opportunities to pray together and that He would move in a mighty way. Pray that we would be obedient to seek His face consistently and with one another.

Did You Know . . . we have an online prayer group that meets every weekday?

Our online prayer group "Morning Glory" meets from 8:00am - 9:00am every weekday, and you can join in for as long or as little as you are able. You can simply listen or share as you desire. We also meet for prayer every first Wednesday at noon.

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NEW OBEDIENCE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 (ACTS 9.11-12)

11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, Your Spirit goes before me each day, preparing the hearts and minds of those I will interact with. Today use me to bring a new hope and answer to someone who others have given up on. Help me to see people through Your eyes.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our online ministry that not only keeps us connected as we unable to be in person, but also reaches new people with the Gospel each week.

Did You Know . . . 80% of everyone who visits Cornerstone watches online first?

Our online ministry is the first place most people go if they are interested in our church! Online is the first step to in-person and discipleship for many. Every week we average 142 devices watching, which means at least 284 people are watching! This makes our online service the largest service we have every Sunday. While we don't want online to substitute for in-person, it can be a great place to start and a grace for when people cannot gather.

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NEW HELP FOR THE PERSECUTED

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 (ACTS 9.13-16)

“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, today my “personal prayer” is not for me. It’s for our missionaries and the body of Christ around the world that suffer and face persecution. While I see persecution and rejection growing in America, please hear my prayers for our brothers and sisters around the world. May the sacrifice and martyrdom of Your people lead to Your Kingdom coming to millions of new believers and churches this year around the world.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let’s pray for our missionaries around the world and the persecuted Church.

Did You Know . . . about the persecution of Christians around the world?

Last year (2021) 5,898 Christians were murdered, 5,110 churches were attacked, 6,175 Christians were imprisoned, and 3,829 were kidnapped around the world. A total of 360 million Christians, 1 out every 7 globally, were persecuted for their faith in 2021. Nigeria led the world with the most martyrs in 2021. North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, & Yemen were the top seven countries that persecuted Christians that year (two are next to Ethiopia where we serve through Project Hope). Information according to Orthodox Times, January 26, 2022

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NEW BEGINNINGS THROUGH BAPTISM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 (ACTS 9.17-19A)

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, who would You have me pray for today? Who are You sending me to encourage and share Your grace and truth with this weekend? Lord, use me to lead someone to You this year to be water baptized! May I have the privilege of seeing Your new life come to someone this year.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our each of our members to lead someone to someone to Jesus.

Did You Know . . . that you can be the one to baptize someone you led to Christ?

In the Great Commission, Jesus called each of us (not just pastors) to make disciples and baptize them. So, when you lead someone to Jesus, a pastor can assist you in being the person to baptize them. There is no greater feeling in the world! Whether you are a parent, small group leader, or friend to someone outside of church, you have the privilege of baptizing others as Matthew 28:19-20 commands. Our next water baptism is August 28th!

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NEW GROWTH IN KINGDOM DIVERSITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 (ACTS 9.19B-22)

... and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, Your Gospel has power to change the most hardened heart and reach the most far-away people. It has the power to bridge any differences and remove fear. Show me a new way to love those who are different than I am. Give me new steps to take so I can know You and Your power in new ways.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our incredible Spanish-speaking ministry and our vision to be one church family that speaks the many different languages of our community.

Did You Know . . . that our wonderful Latino community makes up 20% of LC Bird and 18% of Thomas Dale, our two closest high schools?

Every week we share the Good News of Jesus in at least two languages and enjoy the beauty and diversity of our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters. We do this through our Spanish Sunday morning small group, translation in second service, Wednesday night small group and many social events.

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NEW MOMENTS OF THANKSGIVING

MONDAY, AUGUST 15 (ACTS 9.23-25)

After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, thank You for the gift of my church family. Thank You for fellow Christians who are willing to serve me in my greatest time of need. Lord, today I pray a new blessing on each of them. And please show me any new way I need to serve or encourage them.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our small group leaders who create places of friendship, teaching and care that Jesus wants us to have.

Did You Know . . . nearly 80% of our church attended a small group this summer?

That's right! We are a church of small groups that help each person grow and be loved by Jesus. You can become our next small group leader on Sunday, August 28th or Sunday, September 4th during our next Small Group Leader training. Whatever your passion, we make it simple to lead a group and watch Jesus do amazing things!

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NEW WAYS TO SERVE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 (ACTS 9.26-27)

When he [Saul] came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, help me to be like Barnabas in connecting new believers with the family of God. Holy Spirit, fill me with Your love, discernment and power to help new attenders and believers at church to feel welcome and cared for. May I, along with the entire church, see new families and new testimonies at Cornerstone.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our first impressions team (FIT) that welcomes and cares for those who attend Sunday services. Our ushers, greeters, check-in and security team help make Cornerstone a loving home for those who come every Sunday.

Did You Know . . . over 60 people are needed to serve every Sunday?

No one wants to come to a church and not feel noticed or cared for. That's why our Kid's Ministry team and FIT are so important. Whether you can serve once a month or more, your smiling face and servanthood make church a loving home instead of an impersonal event. We invite families to serve together.

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NEW BOLDNESS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 (ACTS 9.28)

So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father in Heaven, fill me with Your Holy Spirit to boldly speak and share Jesus with many. Take out any spirit of fear in me and fill me with a love for people that help me overcome my fears. And please, where it is needed, work in signs and wonders so people can see a greater evidence of Your love and truth!

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our Keep Growing class. This class happens every Sunday at 9:15am and is where people discover how they can be disciplined and cared for at Cornerstone. It's the first step for our new attenders and new believers.

Did You Know . . . the best way to start people in discipleship at Cornerstone is to go with them to Keep Growing?

While discipleship is never just a class or program, most people need some structure and regular meeting time to stay focused and committed to becoming a disciple. When you offer to go with a new attender or believer to Keep Growing, you give people the gift of your presence and support as they begin a new season of growing in Jesus.

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NEW WISDOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 (ACTS 9.29)

He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, help me to pray for those in my past who have rejected You. I pray that You will use me or others to share the Good News of Jesus with them, but I know some will not receive. I need Your Holy Spirit to give me wisdom with whom and how I should share my witness.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our young adults and young families who are growing up, or starting families, in the middle of a very anti-Bible and anti-Christian society.

Did You Know . . . what we offer young adults and young families?

We have weekly small groups for college-age young adults (18-23) and young professionals (24-30). In addition to small groups that young marrieds and young families can enjoy, our Parent Ministry has a number of special groups, classes, and resources for young families.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

cornerstone.ag/groups | cornerstone.ag/parents

NEW COMPASSION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 (ACTS 9.30)

When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, You created me to walk with other believers and share life with them. Help me be present in the concerns and joys of their lives. Lord, which brother and sister in Christ are You calling me to encourage today? Who do You want me to serve them in some new way this week?

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our new Family Night on Wednesdays that begins this Fall. On these nights, there will be something for every family member from age one and up.

Did You Know . . . Wednesday nights are back as a main hub for discipleship and family ministry?

Family night is finally back after a long COVID hiatus! There will be groups for all ages (including our new 5th & 6th grade group called "Shift"). For adults, several of our small groups and discipleship pathway courses will be offered on that night. Specific classes for parenting or marriage will also be there. Spanish-speaking ministry will also have a weekly small group so their children can be discipled in our next-gen programs. New small groups begin September 18th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

cornerstone.ag/familynight | [Cornerstone.ag/espanol](https://cornerstone.ag/espanol) |
[Cornerstone.ag/groups](https://cornerstone.ag/groups)

NEW TIMES OF REFRESHING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 (ACTS 9.31)

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings

Father, in the middle of a chaotic world, would You bring a time of peace and strengthening to me? Show me what it looks like to have new times to get away and enjoy Your presence this weekend. As Psalm 16:11 says, let real and unending joy be in Your presence today and every day.

Prayer for our Church Family

Today let's pray for our seniors and our thriving senior ministry. These are the ones who have walked with Jesus for decades and are the foundation and strength of our church in many ways.

Did You Know . . . how much is offered to our seniors at Cornerstone?

Our senior ministry (which is about one-third of our church population) has several Sunday small groups from which to choose, as well as a monthly social event, luncheon and noon prayer (First Wednesday). In addition, we have a mentoring program with our young adults for them to be involved with as we seek their wisdom and mentorship for our moms and young families. They also serve luncheons for teachers at local schools several times a year, collect school items for students as well as other current-event projects. They are quick to volunteer when asked.

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NEW SIGNS AND WONDERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 (ACTS 9.32-35)

As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. All those who lived in Lydda, and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Personal Prayer for New Beginnings:

Father, fill me with a fresh faith to see the gifts of the Holy Spirit work in me and through me! Bring healing to me and use me to bring Your healing to others. May the miraculous be released by Your authority through my trust in Your Holy Word and my humble prayers said in faith.

Prayer for our Church Family:

Today let's pray for a mighty move of God in our services and revival in each of us!

Did You Know . . . we changed the times of our services so we could have more time to pray for the sick, share with each other, and seek the work of the Holy Spirit?

Our services at 9:15am and 11:00am allow us more time to pray, share with each other and spend time seeking His face. We now always begin services in the Scriptures to direct how we worship and stay in the authority of God's Word. In addition, we desire to see families worship together and experience the power of the Holy Spirit together. Therefore, for the next few months, we will take the third Sunday and have kids start the service in the sanctuary worshipping with their parent(s). Kids in nursery and pre-k will start off in their regular classrooms. Children in elementary and higher will still register before service, but then start in the sanctuary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

cornerstone.ag/nextgen | page for parent ministry

