

Reimagining the Covenant Church for the next generation.

As our churches are facing challenges, pastors are experiencing burnout, and our congregations are under stress, we trust that God is at work doing a new thing among us (ISAIAH 43:19). This is our moment to come together, realign ourselves with Christ's mission, and let the Holy Spirit breathe fresh life into our churches. As mission friends, entrusted with the gospel, we believe that through the power of God's Spirit, we will be renewed to make an eternal impact on the world he loves. Let us engage this calling with prayer, seeking God's renewal and reimagined ministry as we join with our sisters and brothers throughout the Covenant.

Prayer is the heartbeat of renewal. As we lift these petitions to God, may the Holy Spirit breathe new life into our churches, leaders, and communities for the sake of the world Christ loves.

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for denominational leaders, pastors, and lay leaders, that they may be resilient, missional leaders with a lasting impact for God's kingdom (1 THESSALONIANS 5:12–13).

Prayer:

Almighty God, you are the head of the church, the one who calls and equips leaders through the power of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for the pastors and leaders you have placed among us—those who have answered your call to shepherd your people with humility, courage, and grace.

We lift them up to you today.

You have charged them to preach the Word, administer the sacraments, comfort the sick, counsel the troubled, and guide your people into their calling in Christ. You have entrusted them with the care of your flock, and we do not take their labor lightly. As your Word instructs us, we hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work among us.

Lord, sustain them in spirit.

Let them never tire of doing good. May they be nourished by your Word and strengthened for every season in both joy and challenges. Let them find rest in you, knowing they are not alone in their calling.

Uphold them emotionally.

When the burdens of leadership weigh heavy, when they are called to stand in the midst of sorrow or uncertainty, give them your peace beyond understanding and companions who will walk with them.

Provide for them practically.

May they not lack for daily bread. Meet their financial needs, both seen and unseen. Bless them with stability, so that they may focus fully on the ministry to which you have called them.

As a community, help us to be faithful in our support.

Help us to pray for our pastors, honor their leadership, esteem them highly in love, and walk together in unity for the sake of your kingdom.

Finally, Lord, fill our pastors afresh with your Holy Spirit. May they serve with joy, boldness, and deep compassion. May they lead, not in their own strength but in yours, always listening for your voice and leading us in step with your will.

In Jesus's name, amen.

PRAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL PERSONNEL

Lift up the next generation of global personnel. Pray that they will respond to God's call to serve faithfully in places around the world where Christ's light is needed (MATTHEW 28:19).

Prayer:

God of all people, nations, and generations, we give you thanks for your unchanging gospel and your ever-renewing call. You who have called faithful servants through the ages, we pray that you may stir hearts and inspire the next generation of global personnel through the Covenant's global pathway. We pray that it may bear lasting fruit.

Let this pathway become a bridge of hope, a training ground of grace, and a launching point for those you are calling to serve across cultures and around the world.

Lord, we pray that your Holy Spirit would awaken within these personnel a sense of purpose, bold faith, and holy curiosity for your mission. Prepare them through your Word, through prayer, and through community to hear your voice and to respond with courage and joy.

And may the Church—young and old, near and far—stand together in prayer, supporting and sending as one body united in mission. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

Pray that the reality of "the priesthood of all believers" will be embraced in our churches and that women and men of faith will heed God's call to serve as leaders in their local congregations (1 PETER 4:10–11).

Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for the call you have extended to your people in your church to serve you. As you raise up new leaders among us, grant them open minds to receive your truth, compassionate hearts to serve with love, and discerning spirits to know what is good and needed.

Give them open minds that your truth may guide their work. Give them understanding hearts and sensitive spirits, that with wisdom they may discern what is good and important and helpful.

Bless those who answer your call as lay leaders. May they be faithful in their ministry and devoted in fulfilling their responsibilities. May the work of Christ's church prosper and those whose lives they touch grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May they walk in close fellowship with you and feel the support of a grateful congregation committed to praying for and encouraging them. Fill them with the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit as they carry out the church's ministry.

Help us to support and encourage them so that together we may fulfill the calling you have given us and bring glory to your name.

In the name of Christ, amen.

PRAY FOR THE PLANTING OF THRIVING CONGREGATIONS

Pray that the Covenant will continue to plant and nourish thriving churches. Ask God to raise up at least 15 established “sending” churches in each conference, over the next five years, to serve as incubators for leadership development and church planting (EPHESIANS 4:11–12).

Prayer:

Gracious and faithful God, we thank you for the gift of the Church—a living body called to bear witness to Christ in the world.

We praise you for the story of the Evangelical Covenant Church, for the seeds planted by faithful servants before us, and for the ways those seeds have taken root and borne fruit.

Lord, we ask that you continue to raise up leaders, full of vision, courage, and compassion, to plant new churches in neighborhoods and nations where your good news is needed most.

Strengthen existing congregations that they may be places of welcome, healing, and hope.

May every church, old and new, be a beacon of your love, a place where the lost are found, the weary are refreshed, and disciples of Jesus are formed.

Guide us by your Spirit, unite us in mission, and grant that the Covenant would continue to plant and nourish thriving churches for generations to come—all for the glory of your name.

In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray, amen.

PRAY FOR NEW MODELS OF CHURCH AND PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Pray for creativity and boldness in developing new models of church and leadership, especially among our new churches, our emerging congregations, and our Latino churches. Pray that God will raise up and call individuals to church planting, equipping them with wisdom, strength, and encouragement (ISAIAH 6:8).

Prayer:

Creator God, you are always doing a new thing. You breathe life into dry bones, you make streams in the desert, and you call your Church to follow you with bold faith.

We thank you for the Evangelical Covenant Church, for its heritage of mission and renewal and for its mission to be faithful in every generation.

Today we ask for your Spirit’s wisdom and creativity. Show us new models of being and doing church that reach people where they are, that honor our diverse communities, and that bear witness to Christ in fresh and powerful ways.

We also lift up pastors and leaders.

Lord, raise up men and women who embody humility, resilience, and vision. Form new models of pastoral leadership that nurture collaboration instead of competition, that value both rest and service, and that reflect the servant-heart of Jesus.

Keep us open to your leading, courageous in our experiments, and united in love as we walk this journey together. May all we do bring glory to you and life to the world you so deeply love.

Through Christ our Lord, amen.

PRAY FOR HEALTHY AND VITAL CHURCHES

Pray for our churches to flourish in faith and mission, strengthening their witness and care for others (EPHESIANS 4:15–16).

Prayer:

Faithful God, you are the Vine, and we are the branches. Apart from you, we can do nothing. We lift before you the Covenant Church, asking that you nurture our congregations to be healthy, vibrant, and rooted in Christ.

Bless our churches with spiritual vitality, where worship is alive, prayer is constant, and your Word is faithfully preached and lived.

Strengthen leaders with wisdom and compassion, and nurture laypeople with gifts for ministry and mission.

Lord, guard us from weariness, division, and fear. Fill us with your Spirit's power, that we may be communities of welcome, centers of healing and reconciliation, and witnesses of your transforming love.

May our churches grow in health and wholeness, bearing much fruit for the kingdom, so that every person we encounter may see Christ in us and be drawn to him.

In Jesus's name we pray, amen.

PRAY FOR GLOBAL CHANGE-MAKERS

Pray that we may continue to proclaim and live out the gospel faithfully, especially alongside our indigenous partners around the world. Ask God to equip and provide resources to local leaders for community transformation as they serve to address food insecurity, promote peacemaking, support vulnerable families, empower women, oppose sex-trafficking, provide healthcare, and encourage economic development (MATTHEW 25:40).

Prayer:

God of all nations and peoples, you have called us to be salt and light in the world. We give you thanks for the women and men in the Evangelical Covenant Church who move into places of need, hope, and opportunity as global change-makers for the sake of Christ.

Bless those who serve across cultures and borders—global personnel, leaders, teachers, healers, and advocates. Strengthen them with courage when the work is difficult. Grant them wisdom when the path is unclear, and surround them with your protection and peace.

Lord, we ask you to raise up a new generation ready to answer your call to the nations.

May their witness bring justice where there is oppression, peace where there is conflict, and the good news of Jesus where hearts hunger for hope.

Unite us as one global family in Christ, that through our prayers, our giving, and our going, we may join in your mission to make all things new.

In the name of Jesus, Savior of the world, amen.

PRAY FOR FAITHFUL MISSION AND MINISTRY

Pray for local churches serving their communities through transformation initiatives and for those seeking to establish immigration legal aid centers. Ask for God's guidance, resources, and encouragement, reflecting his heart for justice (ISAIAH 1:17).

Pray for the growth of evangelism through innovative outreach and practical acts of community care, and for renewed efforts in sharing the gospel through our camp programs, that many hearts would be touched and transformed, and that all of God's people would grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 PETER 3:18).

Pray that the Covenant, as a multiethnic, intergenerational church, will remain deeply rooted in its core principles—evangelism, discipleship, compassion, mercy, and justice—and remain united in love. Pray also that these values will be lived out in every church and in every heart.