30 Days of Prayer and Fasting for StoneBridge Bible Church

Key areas to include each day as we pray:
-Pray for unity at all levels, and at all times, and for protection from the evil one at all times and all ways.
-Pray for a clear sense of God's leading and direction as we move forward toward the future.
-Pray for wisdom and discernment as we consider hiring pastoral staff.

Day 1
Prayer Target for today: Growing the body through our Sunday Services

Scripture: Psalms 63:3b-4 "My lips will praise You. So, I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name."

Starting prayer:
Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our services as we praise and worship You. Let us lift up our hearts in adoration and praise to You. Place Your blessings and protection upon our Worship Teams and upon the preaching of Your word. Give us ears to hear and hearts receive and minds to understand what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to each of us through the preaching of the Word. Let the joy of the Lord be upon all those who enter into our services. May we see men and women, boys and girls, coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ at our services to Your glory Father.

Day 2
Prayer Target for today: Growing the body through our Pastor and Elders
Scripture: Jeremiah 3:15 "Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding."

Starting prayer:
Lord, we ask You to pour out Your blessings upon our pastor and our leadership at StoneBridge. Holy Spirit fill them and inspire them. Let the reading of Your Word bring joy and vision and encouragement into their lives. Let the joy of the Lord excite them. Father, provide Your insight and wisdom as they seek You and as they prepare messages and counsel others throughout this day and far beyond today, Lord. Let the glory of the Lord radiate within them in Christ Jesus.

Day 3
Prayer Target for today: The Body of StoneBridge:

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-12 "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ."

Starting prayer:
Father, we lift up the portion of Your body called StoneBridge Bible Church asking that you increase our gifts of service to one another and into the greater body of Christ in this area. Holy Spirit pour out upon the pastors and members of our church body a blessing of unity and increase all that You are doing in and through each one. Let Your Spirit lead as we equip our body and the individual members, giving to each a love for service and to be Your hands and feet. Father let Your vision and understanding of the times increase and bring vision and insight into all that You are doing in and through StoneBridge.

Day 4
Prayer Target for today: Growing the body through our Service Hosts and Coffee Fellowship individuals:

Scripture: Matthew 20:28 "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Starting prayer:
Father, we thank You for those who serve among us at StoneBridge. They are a great blessing and they seek to Represent You as they serve as hosts and as they provide coffee and other items to us during our services. Let Your joy be upon them and overflowing through their lives into those they interact with. Holy Spirit fill them with grace and lovingkindness in the performance of their duties and pour out a blessing upon them in this service.

Day 5
Prayer Target for today: Growing StoneBridge through our Worship Teams and Sound/video Teams:

Scripture: John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Starting prayer:
Father, we are blessed here at StoneBridge to have so many talented musicians and singers as well as those who support them in the sound booth. Holy Spirit fill them with Your praises and bless them in their gifts and talents as they lead us in praise and worship of You Lord God. Let Your truths come forth in their song selections and into our hearts and minds as we sing them before You Lord Jesus. Let the gifts of service in our sound booth bring honor and glory to You Father as well as helping us to lifting up our hearts to You. Father place Your blessings or encouragement and joy upon our worship and sound teams.

Day 6
Prayer Target for today: Growing a through our Directors and Volunteer Staff:

Scripture: Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men."

Starting prayer:
Father, we lift up our Directors and Staff, for they do indeed work hard and they provide a great and often overlooked service in StoneBridge. Pour forth Your blessings upon them in their serving and in all they do coming along side of our pastors. Equip them for the work of service and grant them strength. Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom for the tasks ahead and bless each act of service they perform. Pour Your joy upon them in these tasks and bless them and their families as they serve StoneBridge.

Day 7
Prayer Target for today: Growing the church through our Church Leadership:

Scripture: What Elders are to be. Titus 1:8 "but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled."

Starting prayer:
Father, we see in our Elders these qualities and giftings and we thank you. Give them Your words as they counsel and as they lead. Holy Spirit fill them and equip them for the building up of our body for the work that You are and will be calling StoneBridge to do. Let them feel Your smile of approval upon

them and Your joy in will doing, that they can give away Your joy and affection to others within body of Christ. Bless them and their families as they give of their time and talents within this body.

Day 8
Prayer Target for today: Growing in Clarity as to the plans that God has for StoneBridge

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

Starting prayer:
Father, we delight to know that You have plans for StoneBridge just as You do for each one of us. These plans are for our blessing; therefore, we ask that You keep revealing Your plans to us as leaders, as Individuals, and to Your church StoneBridge. Help us to follow the plans that You have for us and not our own way that we may indeed be the people you call us to be in You Lord. Let us follow the plans that You have for us, and we give You praise and thanksgiving for all that You are doing here.

Day 9
Prayer Target for today: Growing the church through our Children's Ministries and staff:

Scripture: Psalms 127:3 "Behold children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward."

Starting prayer:
Father, forgive us as a nation and a people who often don't see that children are Your gift and reward to us. Change our minds and hearts Lord and help us to see them as You see them. Holy Spirit fill our volunteers with insight and vision. Holy Spirit fill the staff with joy and patience as they pour themselves into our young ones' lives. Let Your joy and ability to learn fill our children and pour blessings upon blessings upon them. Please bless and protect the Good News Ministry and continue to build bridges to our local schools.

Day 10
Prayer Target for today: Growing the body through our Care Ministries and Staff:

Scripture: Romans 7:24-25a "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Starting prayer:
Father, we realize that apart from You we are most wretched, but You in Your tender mercies have paid for our sins at the cross and given us a new life for which we give You thanks and praise. We lift up those who lead our Care Ministry and those who help in serving this vital need and so faithfully serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Please, grant vision and discernment/insight to those in leadership as they pray and encourage those in need of help or counseling. Please help us all to find our comfort and our peace in You our Lord and fill each of us with Your grace and tender mercies as we draw deeper into fellowship with You Lord Jesus Christ.

Day 11
Prayer Target for today: Growing the body of Christ through our sacrificial offerings:

Scripture: Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Starting prayer:
Father, You have led StoneBridge each step of the way as we prayed and pursued Your wisdom and guidance in the steps we are taking toward the future. Father, help me and my household to determine what You are calling us to give when the time comes and how else we are able to support Your vision for the future. We ask for Your grace to be poured out upon the church and that You would provide for each initiative or additional staff that is needed and at the time that it is required. We thank You for Your blessing of unity upon the body here at StoneBridge.

Day 12
Prayer Target for today: Growing our reach by reaching out to our community

Scripture: Matthew 25:45 "Then He we will answer them, truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me."

Starting prayer:
Father, we take to heart that we have a responsibility to do for others as You would have us to do if the other was You. Keep us focused upon this that we may indeed follow Your example in touching the lives of others in need. Father, place Your blessings and Your wisdom and vision upon the leadership of StoneBridge so we all see clearly Your vision in how to reach those we are called to reach for You. Guide us as we move forward so we might increase our outreach and our impact into this community.

Day 13
Prayer Target for today: Growing the church through Christlike Marriages

Scripture: Ephesians 5:22 & 25 "Wives be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord." Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her."

Starting prayer:
Father, both husbands and wives are tasked before our Lord with different but equally important jobs in their relationship and both must give of themselves to bring blessings to their marriage. Holy Spirit fill each husband to love by giving up himself for his wife and fill each wife so she can give to her husband the loving respect and honor that will bring strength to their marriage. Jesus Christ You are third strand in the three stranded cord in each marriage so Lord place Your blessings and encouragements upon each marriage here at StoneBridge and in our community.

Day 14
Prayer Target for today: Growing the church through our Missionaries and their Families

Scripture: Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Starting prayer:
Father, You have placed a call upon these men and women to go, and they have gone in Your Name to proclaim the goodness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We give You praise for their work and that we get to support them with our prayers and money. Holy Spirit fill each one of them with Your peace and Your joy as they work. Pour out blessing after blessing upon them to Your glory Father.

Day 15
Prayer Target for today: Growing the church through our older members and faithful saints

Scripture: Proverbs 16:31 "A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness."

Starting prayer:
Father, we honor our older members and thank You for each one. They are a blessing to and in our congregation. Help each one to see themselves as a valued asset just as You Lord see them and pour Your love upon them. Holy Spirit fill each one with Your joy and bless them in the removal of aches and pains that they often face. Give them hearts to lift up individuals in prayer both family and church members that You may supply the answers needed and the blessings of the Lord to rest upon them.

Day 16
Prayer Target for today: Growing StoneBridge by helping hurting families

Scripture: John 14:18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Starting prayer:
Father, bless those in our congregation who extend their love to children who are not their own and pour into them Your love in so doing, that they may see You at work in these blessings of the Lord. Every child is a blessing from the Lord You have declared in Your Word Lord and therefore You take a special care in watching over our hurting families. We thank You and give You praise and ask for Your filling of these families with great joy in their well-being.

Day 17
Prayer Target for today: Growing together through our Teens (Youth Group) and Twenty somethings

Scripture: Titus 2:6 "Likewise urge the young men (women) to be sensible."

Starting prayer:
Father, in today's society our young people are being told so many different things and how they ought to live their lives, BUT we ask You Lord to open their eyes to the truth and power in Your Word. May each one seek You with all their hearts as You Lord draw them forward in the path that You have planned for each one. Lord, You know the plans that You have for each one, plans for their blessing and not for failure, to give them a future and a hope. Bless our youth and raise up leaders who will lead with the wisdom to understand the time. Let each hope in You Lord Jesus Christ for it never disappoints.

Day 18
Prayer Target for today: Growing in Christlikeness through our Discipleship initiatives and Small Group gatherings

Scripture: John 13:36 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Starting prayer:
Father, touch and bless each discipleship relationship and each small group and each small group leader with Your grace and love. As each group meets fill them with Your love for one another that allows each to grow in faith and in joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Equip small group leaders to share Your truths as found in Your Word during small group study times as a blessing and an encouragement to all in the groups. Let each group disciple and build up the individuals in the bonds of love and greater unity of the body of StoneBridge Bible Church. Father we ask that You grow the number of small groups and therefore small group leaders for the building up of the church.

Day 19
Prayer Target for today: Growing in our praise as we grow in our worship

Scripture: Psalms 63:3b-4 "My lips will praise You. So, I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name."

Starting prayer:
Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our services as we praise and worship You. Let us lift up our hearts in adoration and praise to You. Place Your blessings and protection upon our Worship Teams and upon the preaching of Your word. Give us ears to hear and hearts receive and minds to understand what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to each of us through the preaching of the Word. Let the joy of the Lord be upon all those who enter into our services. May we see men and women, boys and girls, coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ at our services to Your glory Father.

Day 20
Prayer Target for today: Growing in grace through our Parents and Grandparents at StoneBridge

Scripture: Ephesians 6:2–3a "Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you."

Starting prayer:
Father, while this versus is directed to children it does require of us as parents to be worthy of that word HONOR, so Father help us to do all that we as parents are directed to do in Your Word Lord that we may indeed be worthy of the honor that You are calling our children to bestow upon us. Help us to discipline in love, to forgive and to ask for forgiveness quickly and sincerely, and to seek You in prayer for the blessings of the Lord upon our children's lives.

Day 21
Prayer Target for today: Growing together as we partner with others in reaching our community for Christ

Scripture: John 14:12a "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me the works that I do, he will do also,"

Starting prayer:
Father, You have given a good calling and vision to our leaders, to come along side and build with other churches and non-profit groups. Grant to them faithful helpers and supporters who will further this work in our area. Open new avenues for the church and for this work this year and provide the necessary funding to accomplish each task that arises. We desire to do the works that You are calling us to do in reaching this community for Christ and are trusting in You to provide the resources to accomplish Your mission.

Day 22
Prayer Target for today: Growing in Christ through our men's and women's ministries and bible studies

Scripture: Psalms 1:2 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."

Starting prayer:
Father, bless our bible studies and the time we spend in Your Word. Grow us in our faith in our

men and women ministries as they seek to reach out with the right hand of fellowship to draw new ones into the friendships and love that will draw them to see Your love and to give their hearts to You Lord Jesus. Let the love of the Lord Jesus Christ increase in each study and group as we learn from Your Word and from one another.

Day 23
Prayer Target for today: Growing closer through our other local outreach ministries/agencies

Scripture: Psalms 121:2 "My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth."

Starting prayer:
Father, we declare that our help comes from the Lord. You Lord, provide through these ministries and organizations. Help us to pray for them and to look for ways to support them and partner with them for the cause of the gospel. Each ministry is an extension of Your light to so many the community and we thank You. We ask for Your provision and Your guidance of those leaders with vision and insight for their group. Please Lord, equip them with volunteers and supporter as each has need. Holy Spirit fill them with a joy in well doing and with funding needed, for You delight in each one for they are reaching into our community in special ways and we give You thanks.

Day 24
Prayer Target for today: Growing a Big people through our Generosity

Scripture: Proverbs 11:25 "The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered"

Starting prayer:
Father, we desire to have Your standard of measure in our giving. We want to be a big people who give to others generously. Sometimes it will be of our time. Sometimes it will be of our money. Sometimes it will be of our love and caring as we share Your love with others. Lord make us a generous people, willing to give of ourselves, knowing that You will pour Your blessings and Your joy upon us in our generosity. We thank You Lord Jesus.

Day 25
Prayer Target for today: Growing in Christ through our blessing of other's burdens

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:9 "not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing."

Starting prayer:
Father, Your Word declares that You desire us to give blessings and we want to be a people who pour out blessing upon others. We agree that we are called to the very purpose that we might be the blessing of the Lord in others' lives. Lord, we understand that in our blessings we will be blessed but we seek Your face and not Your blessings for in the smile of You love we are more than blessed we have great joy and acceptance and love. We praise You for the way in which you have blessed through the Heart for the Holiday and for the way in which lives have been impacted.

Day 26
Prayer Target for today: Growing as a church through our hope in Christ Jesus

Scripture: Hebrews 6:19 "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil."

Starting prayer:
Father, thank You for this hope in our lives and in our church. Holy Spirit fill us with Your hope for it does not disappoint and it is sure and steadfast and we delight in it. We give You praise and honor for this hope that You supply to us. Help us to give this hope away to others desperately in need of Your hope. Let us be vessels that allow Your hope to overflow into others' lives so that they too may have this hope in Jesus Christ which does not disappoint.

Day 27
Prayer Target for today: Growing a Big people through the return of our prodigals

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14 "And 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, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Starting prayer:
Father, we ask your forgiveness in not seeking You and coming before You with the names of those who have walked away in our lives. We humbly ask for You, Holy Spirit to again knock upon the door of their hearts that they might ask for the forgiveness of their sins and receive You as their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Heal our land through the healing of hearts in revival Lord Jesus. This Maundy Thursday we remember the washing of the disciples' feet and the sharing of a new covenant in Your Blood Lord Jesus, and so we pray that we all humble ourselves before Your Majesty and thank You for Your great love.

Day 28
Prayer Target for today: Growing in grace as we gaze upon Christ upon the cross

Scripture: Psalms 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

Starting prayer:
This day, as we gaze upon the cross once again, create in us a clean heart before You Lord Jesus. Grow our hearts the ability to comprehend so great a love, and to be a people able to love others with the love that You pour into our hearts. Help us to be steadfast in loving others even when it is easier to walk away. Keep us steadfast in our love and in our ability to reach out to the lost and hurting of our community and congregation. As we are bent low on this Good Friday, we are reminded of the depths of our sins, but we are also revived by the depths of Your Forgiveness and Grace. Revive our hearts Lord and Holy Spirit come and pour revival upon our church and within our community. We pray for lost souls to come to faith in You this day and this coming Sunday.

Day 29
Prayer Target for today: Growing the family of God in Christ

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Starting prayer:
Father, we want to be the people who are called to live for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A people who lifts up our praises in worship. A people who seeks you with all our hearts. A people who honors You in our obedience. A people who delights in all that You are doing in StoneBridge. A people who

invests in serving You by our service to others. Help us to be a generous people. A people willing to be challenged to go deeper in our love of You and our love towards others. Grow us as the body of Christ to serve You our Lord in all areas of our lives in You.

Day 30
Prayer Target for today: Growing in our Worship as we Celebrate His Majesty

Scripture: Psalms 103:1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.”

Starting prayer:
Heavenly Father, how do we begin to thank you? How do we begin to offer up praises worthy of Your most Holy Name? How do we express, Oh Lord Jesus, our love and adoration for all You are to each and every one of us? We bow down and we worship you Lord. This most Holy of Days and the Day of our Salvation we thank You for Your great grace and forgiveness. Help us to worship You in Spirit and truth and lift up Your Name Lord Jesus to the glory of Your Name and to the glory of our Heavenly Father. Let Your presence touch the lives of those in need of Your healing touch, Your up lifting from depression, Your joy in newfound hope, in Your presence in our worship. Holy Spirit fill our worship with Your love and presence in Christ Jesus name. May the lost soul searching find You this day and all our lives be changed forever more. To the praise of Your glory and grace.