



# Prayer Guide for Week of Prayer

## Bracken Ridge Baptist Church – Seeking God Together

Our church has entered a season of significant transition. With the recent departure of many of our staff members and the need to recruit new pastoral leaders, we are turning to God in prayer. As we pray, we are reminded of our vision and mission:

*"We exist to experience and share the life, freedom, and hope found in Jesus."*

This guide provides a daily focus with Scripture as well as things to thank God for, praise God for and bring to God in prayer. We encourage you to pray through this guide each and every day in your daily devotions and use it to fuel your prayer time in your small group or ministry meetings.

As a church family, let's seek God with expectation, trusting Him to provide and lead us.

### Monday, Day 1 – God's Vision for Our Church

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1)*

#### Thanks & Praise:

- Thank God for His faithfulness to our church over the years. Recall the blessings and name them one by one.
- Praise Him that our mission remains unchanged: to know and share the life, freedom, and hope found in Jesus.

#### For Prayer:

- Ask God to renew our passion for His mission in this season of change.
- Pray for clarity and unity around the vision for the future.
- Pray that every member of our church would take up their role in God's mission.

### Tuesday, Day 2 – Trusting God's Provision of New Leaders

*"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)

#### Thanks & Praise:

- Thank God for raising up faithful pastors and leaders in the past. Pray a blessing on them by name.
- Thank God that nothing catches God by surprise. Praise Him that He knows exactly who He is calling to serve among us.

- Thank God for the provision of Andrew Pickard as our new Generations Pastoral Worker.

#### **For Prayer:**

- Pray for God's provision of three new pastors, including a Lead Pastor.
- Ask God to prepare and guide the right people to apply.
- Pray that the search and recruitment process would be Spirit-led, not just driven by practical needs or expediency.
- Pray for our Pastoral Search Team that God would guide them and they would be unified as they carry out this important task.

### **Wednesday, Day 3 – Wisdom for our Council and Leaders**

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (James 1:5)*

#### **Thanks & Praise:**

- Thank God for the faithful service of our Church Council and ministry leaders.
- Thank God for assembling a group of people with diverse skills and experience to lead our church.
- Praise Him for gifting His people with wisdom and discernment through the Spirit.

#### **For Prayer:**

- Pray for the Council to have wisdom, patience, and unity in decision-making. Pray for our Church Council by name (Narelle Dart, Gary Taylor, Clinton Rivers, Suzy Van Abkoude, Simon Byrne, David Elvery)
- Pray for ministry leaders who are carrying extra responsibilities during this transition.
- Ask God to protect leaders from burnout, discouragement, or division.
- Pray for volunteers to be raised up to take up some of the load of staff that have left.



### **Thursday, Day 4 – Strength for Our Remaining Staff & Leaders**

*“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)*

**Thanks & Praise:**

- Thank God for the commitment and resilience of the staff who remain (Alex & Kass).
- Praise Him for their faithfulness in serving the church during this time.

**For Prayer:**

- Pray for strength, encouragement, and joy for each remaining staff members and Leaders.
- Ask God to sustain them with energy and wisdom as they carry increased loads.
- Pray for healthy rhythms of rest and renewal.
- Pray particularly for the leaders of groups you are involved with (Small Groups, ministry teams, etc).

**Friday, Day 5 - Protection from Spiritual Attack – Night of Prayer.**

*“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:11)*

**Thanks & Praise:**

- Praise God that He is our refuge and strength, a present help in times of trouble.
- Thank Him that Jesus has already won the victory over sin, death, and the enemy.
- Give thanks for the ways God has protected and sustained our church through past seasons of challenge.

**For Prayer:**

- Pray for protection over our congregation from spiritual attack, discouragement, or division.
- Pray for God’s covering over our Church Council, staff, and ministry leaders as they serve.
- Ask God to guard the process of recruiting new pastors, keeping it Spirit-led and shielded from confusion or opposition.
- Pray for unity, grace, and love to mark every relationship within the church.
- Pray for strength and resilience for individuals feeling weary, anxious, or under pressure.
- Ask the Lord to remind us daily to put on His full armour and to stand firm in His truth, righteousness, and peace.

## **Saturday, Day 6 – Blessing Departing Staff**

*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.” (Numbers 6:24–25)*

### **Thanks & Praise:**

- Thank God for the ministry and contribution of those who have recently left and those concluding soon. (Dave Luthy, Dave Ang, Leigh Macpherson, Deanna Suosaari, Ashley Hicks, Graham Folling)
- Praise Him for the ways they have shaped lives and served the Kingdom.

### **For Prayer:**

- Pray that God would bless them in their next season of life and ministry.
- Ask God to provide encouragement, provision, and clarity for their future.
- Pray for healthy closure and gratitude as a church family.

## **Sunday, Day 7 – Unity and Love in the Congregation**

*“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”  
(Ephesians 4:3)*

### **Thanks & Praise:**

- Thank God that He has bound us together as one body in Christ.
- Praise Him for the diversity of gifts, callings, and people in our church who together form one body.
- Thank God for your giftings and bringing you to BRBC for a time such as this.

### **For Prayer:**

- Pray for unity, love, and patience as we walk through this season together.
- Ask God to protect us from gossip, division, or discouragement.
- Pray that this season would deepen our dependence on Christ and one another.
- Ask God what he would have you do to support the mission and vision of BRBC.

## **Monday, Day 8 – Hope and Renewal in Christ**

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19)*

### **Thanks & Praise:**

- Thank God that He is always at work, bringing new life and new beginnings even though we may not see it.
- Praise Him for the hope we have in Jesus, which is unshakable.

- Thank God for the assurance of his presence through the Holy Spirit to encourage, comfort and guide us.

**For Prayer:**

- Pray with expectation for God to lead us into a new season of health and growth.
- Ask that our church would not only endure this season but be renewed through it.
- Pray that the life, freedom, and hope found in Jesus would be powerfully evident in our community.
- Pray with expectancy that God's perfect plan will be fulfilled in our midst.

