



FT Prays

16 DAYS OF PRAYER AS A CHURCH FOR OUR CHURCH

“We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:9-10

Let's all join together in praying for First Trinity and God's mission here as this new year of ministry begins!

We commit these 16 days to ask God to lead us, equip us, and use us as we join Jesus in His mission. Pray your own prayers for the ministry focus each day or use the ones in this guide.

Pray also about where God might be inviting you to join in!

August 20 - First Trinity's Mission

Creator God, You have created our world and call us to join You in Your work in it. Cause us go into our world transforming it, one life at a time, through the power of Your Living Word. Fill us with Your love so that we overflow with love toward others, reflecting Jesus in all we say and do.

August 21 - First Trinity's Vision

Jesus, make First Trinity a growing family who is passionate about our Lord, Jesus Christ. Teach us to prayerfully understand who You have created us to be and where the Spirit is calling us to make a difference, both individually and corporately. Equip us to equip individuals, families, and groups through Your Word to carry the Gospel beyond our physical building into our homes, schools, workplaces, communities and world. Grow our love for worshipping together in and through multiple settings and styles, as we continue to worship with our everyday lives. Make First Trinity a safe place where people are connected in supportive relationships, cared for, prayed for, listened to, and challenged to make a difference. Give us eyes to joyfully recognize and join You in Your work in the Church, our community, nation, and world. Amen!

August 22 - Finding Your Fit

Father God, show us how and where You have created us to serve You. Cause us to follow you and join You in Your work. Direct me in how I can use the gifts and talents You have given me to serve at First Trinity. Use the efforts of this Find Your Fit campaign to help connect us with opportunities that fit with our gifts.

August 23 - First Trinity Leaders

Thank you God for all those who serve You at First Trinity especially our staff and volunteers in leadership positions. Richly bless them and provide them with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit. Jesus, direct them in all that they do, so that they always follow Your path.

August 24 - Worship

Lord, teach us how to worship and how to pray. Thank you for all those who give their time, talents, and efforts in providing opportunities for us to have meaningful worship services each weekend. Focus the hearts of all who lead, support, and participate in worship on You that we may worship You fully and show the love of Jesus to those who join us each week.

August 25 – Facilities and Grounds

Thank you, God, for giving us this wonderful building and grounds. Make First Trinity a welcoming place where many people in our community can experience the love of Jesus. Thank you for all those who care for our facilities. Give them wisdom and energy as they serve.

August 26 - Giving and Stewardship

Generous God, please cause us to generously give back to you from all the many resources You have given us. Move us to give the best of our time, talents, and money. Enable us to use these gifts wisely as we join You at work in our church, homes, schools, workplaces, community, and world.

August 27 – Care Ministries

Almighty God, lead us to know what people need and how we, through Your wisdom and power, can reach out to them with Your Word. Give us hearts of compassion, mercy, and grace, willing to take time to care for those who are hurting. Equip us to show the love of Jesus to those who are grieving, have problems in their families, struggle with addictions, or who need the support of others to encourage their faith.

August 28 – Prayer Ministries

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many opportunities we have to pray. Encourage us to pray on our own and to join with others as prayer partners or in a prayer group. Show us how to pray and encourage each of us to talk with You daily.

August 29 - Preschool and Children's Ministries

God, thank you for the gift of children! We pray that the children in our Preschool and Children's ministries would know and follow You. Use us to equip families to share Jesus with each other in natural and life-giving ways. Empower the staff and volunteers in our Preschool and Children's ministries by Your Holy Spirit and give them great joy in their work.

August 30 - Youth Ministries

Jesus, may our middle and high school students and their families grow to know, love, and trust You more each day. Give staff and volunteers wisdom and guidance to build relationships with students and lead our programs, trips, and experiences in ways that are effective at helping develop lifelong followers of Jesus. Provide parents and families great confidence in their role as primary faith nurturers for their children and show us how to support them in that role.

August 31 - College and Young Adult Ministries

Jesus, we pray that young adults connected with First Trinity would feel supported in this transitional phase of their life. As they discover their identity and purpose in the world, may they be equipped to depend on Jesus in that process. We also ask you to continue to grow the ministry at UB as we serve students, faculty, and ministry leaders. May our world know Jesus more because of our presence on campus.

September 1 - Adult Ministries

Jesus, connect adults at First Trinity in supportive relationships where they are listened to, cared for, prayed for and challenged to make a difference. Use our Adult Classes and Life Groups to feed and lead us by Your Word in powerful ways. Challenge adults at First Trinity to take a "next step" in their walk with Jesus, starting right where they are.

September 2 - Local Missions

God, show us where we can serve in our community. You tell us in the Bible: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Make us workers that reach out in our area with the love of Jesus individually and as a church. Bless the partnerships we have with other local ministries who share this vision as well.

September 3 - National Missions

Holy Spirit, we pray for our nation. Cause us and the ministries we partner with to be effective witnesses of Jesus' love and grace. We can do nothing without You working through Your word. Use us in our country to serve those in need and be a voice of your truth and hope.

September 4 - International Missions

Holy Spirit, we pray that you would open hearts to know Jesus and enable our witnessing here and around the world to take root and produce results. Keep our missionaries safe as they travel around the world. Enable them to share the love of Jesus with those they visit. Protect and encourage believers in other countries as they share the Gospel and face persecution for their faith.

"They all met together and were constantly united in prayer..." (Acts 1:14a)