



**Six Weeks of Corporate**  
*Prayer & Fasting*



The LORD is near  
to all who call on  
him, to all that call  
on him in truth.

**PSALM 145:18**

## **Week One**

We are beginning a special season of prayer and fasting at NewHope. Join us over the next six weeks as we share themes to support our journey together. Today we launch our time with praise. You may like to read Psalm 145 and reflect on the goodness and kindness of God. We will trust our good God to guide NewHope in this succession season, for... “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

## **A prayer as we begin...**

Today we declare that you are good, Lord! We recall and celebrate the wonderful work of your hand in our church through the decades past. We declare to the generations to come that you will forever remain worthy of glory, honour and praise. We seek your wisdom and guidance for today and we pray boldly that your Kingdom would break through in mighty ways through our church and across our nation! May your compassionate and mercy filled nature guide, mould and lead us through this season.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**PROVERBS 3:5-6**

## **Week Two**

We are starting week two of a season of prayer and fasting at NewHope. This week we invite you to pray for our Church Council and the Senior Pastor Search Committee. We thank God for those who have been called and appointed for this time and ask the Lord's blessing upon each one. You may like to visit our Governance and Succession pages to pray for them by name. May they be filled with wisdom, leaning not on human understanding, but fully surrendered to Jesus each step of the way.

### **A prayer for our Church Council & Senior Pastor Search Committee...**

Lord, may we keep your commands in our hearts and not forget your teaching. Let love and faithfulness never leave us. Lord, we pray for the SPSC and CC as they trust you wholeheartedly and lean on you to find wisdom, gain understanding, insight and guidance, and stand firm on your promises. Help us not to be wise in our own eyes, but look at you always and lean on the Spirit of the Living God within us. May we preserve sound judgment and discretion, showing kindness and mercy. Let our feet not stumble. Let us not withhold good from those to whom it is due.

Give praise to the Lord,  
proclaim his name; make  
known among the nations what  
he has done. Sing to him, sing  
praise to him; tell of all his  
wonderful acts.

**PSALM 105:1-2**

## **Week Three**

This is week three of our season of prayer and fasting at NewHope. Our theme for this week is looking back at our past with praise and thanksgiving. Just as Psalm 105 rejoices in God's wonderful acts through the generations, so we will delight in God's goodness to us at NewHope. Praise be to God for His wonderful acts! What are you grateful for as you reflect on our past? Maybe you have a memory or story to share with others?

## **A prayer of thanksgiving for our past...**

God, as we sing to you and as we corporately seek you, we rejoice in your wonderful provision in our own lives and the life of NewHope. You are faithful, you are just, you are worthy of our adoration. We choose to trust you in this season, and in every season. We know that you will provide all that we need as a church, just as you have provided so faithfully in our past. We give praise to the Lord!

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**NUMBERS 6:24-26**

## **Week Four**

This week we invite the church to pray for our next Senior Pastor as we continue in our season of prayer and fasting. You may like to pray these words of blessing from Numbers 6:24-26 over this person, their family and their ministry. We thank God for the leader He is calling and preparing. We may not know their name yet, but God does!

## **A prayer for our next Senior Pastor...**

Lord, in this season of seeking and discernment we pray that we may hear your voice clearly. As you are preparing the heart of our next senior leader, may you shine your face on their current ministry, mission and community. May you bless them and their family and give supernatural peace in their discernment. Lord, you are good, and we thank you in advance for your provision.

A new command I give you:  
Love one another. As I have  
loved you, so you must love one  
another. By this everyone will  
know that you are my disciples,  
if you love one another.

**JOHN 13:34-35**

## **Week Five**

As we enter week five of prayer and fasting, we focus now on the body of Christ at NewHope. This week we pray for one another. May we be united in love. Jesus showed us how when he washed the feet of his disciples and when he humbled himself on the cross. As we love one another with this kind of radical sacrificial love, may others see the difference in us and know who we belong to.

## **A prayer for NewHope...**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your love, shown perfectly through Jesus. As we come together this week in our prayer and fasting, we ask for Your Spirit to unite us as one body, rooted in Your love. Teach us to love one another selflessly, as Christ loved us, laying down His life in humility and sacrifice. May our love be a testimony to the world, revealing Your presence in us. Strengthen our hearts to serve and care for each other, reflecting Your grace, so that others may see You through our actions. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**EPHESIANS 3:20-21**

## **Week Six**

This is our last week of corporate prayer and fasting. May we come away from this season of surrender and self-denial with strengthened faith, humble hearts and thanksgiving on our lips. We pray now for wise discernment for our Senior Pastor Search Committee and a blessing over the next steps in our journey. We trust the God of heaven's armies to help us. Amen!

## **A prayer as we close...**

Lord God, thank you for this season and we continue to believe that you can do more than we hope or expect in every realm of our lives and our church. Lord, we thank you for this current journey and commit to you the process of helping us find our next Senior Pastor. We praise you for the past, we celebrate the present and we give you glory now for what you will do in the future! Holy Spirit, we humble ourselves and ask, have your way in and through us, and in our church!