

## SERVE WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON 30-Day Prayer Guide

Prayer is at the center of every great movement, and every great movement is made up of everyday people.

### **How To Use This Guide**

This guide is a tool for you to prepare your heart over the next 30 days as you participate in Serve Tour. Whether you are a volunteer on a team or a member of a partner church, you can participate in Serve Tour by praying for God to work through the volunteers and in the hearts of those impacted by the ministry projects in each city. This guide begins three and half weeks prior to the start of Serve Tour events in your region.

*\*All Scripture taken from the CSB Bible.*

### **SUNDAY - DAY 1**

*Acts 17:6, "...These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too..."*

God worked through His people to impact the world around them in extraordinary ways. God can and will use us to impact each city on Serve Tour. Pray for God to move in extraordinary ways for His glory. Pray for specific changes in your city or region because of the Serve Tour.

### **MONDAY - DAY 2**

*Matthew 25:35–36, 40, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me....And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

Jesus identifies Himself with others in such a way that caring for others is our service to Him. Meeting needs and serving Jesus are

connected. Ask God for eyes to see opportunities to meet needs in His name. Pray for moments to show Christ's love this week.

### **TUESDAY - DAY 3**

*Matthew 9:37–38, "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."*

The needs of the most vulnerable are many, and the Church has an opportunity to show the love of Christ. Pray for God to provide like-minded people to join the Serve Tour.

### **WEDNESDAY - DAY 4**

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

Jesus demonstrates to us what it looks like to serve and care for others. We can follow His example and serve with humility. Pray for wisdom for the Serve Tour leadership team as they discover needs within the city and organize projects to meet them.

### **THURSDAY - DAY 5**

*Matthew 10:42, "And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward."*

When we join God in His mission, nothing we do is insignificant. It is our mission to make a lasting impact on the cities we serve. Pray that local city leaders are personally blessed through the Serve Tour and that many will be saved.

### **FRIDAY - DAY 6**

*James 1:27, "Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained from the world."*

Real faith is often demonstrated in caring with compassion for those who cannot return the act. Caring for the most vulnerable involves

serving and loving others unconditionally. Pray that we can meet the needs of the most vulnerable through numerous Serve Tour projects.

### **SATURDAY - DAY 7**

*Matthew 19:26, "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

Only God can do the seemingly impossible task of changing lives. Pray for those we are serving to have open and receptive hearts to the gospel. Pray for God to dramatically change lives.

### **SUNDAY - DAY 8**

*Matthew 10:39, "Anyone who finds his life will lose it, and anyone who loses his life because of me will find it."*

There are many families who are living out this verse as they plant churches everywhere for everyone. They have sacrificed much to make Jesus known in hard places. As we partner with BRN/NAMB church planters, pray that these mission projects encourage the planters and their families, and that God's kingdom would be expanded through them.

### **MONDAY - DAY 9**

*Matthew 20:34, "Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they could see, and they followed him."*

If the needs of others move our Savior's heart, shouldn't the needs of others move our hearts as well? Pray for God to open blind eyes through our efforts. Pray for God to bless your BRN leaders with wisdom as they mentor and coach so many pastors throughout our two-state region.

### **TUESDAY - DAY 10**

*Matthew 18:5, "And whoever welcomes one child like this in my name welcomes me."*

King Jesus sees every life as important and valuable, even the smallest child. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the teachers, principals, and superintendents of the schools we will be serving.

Pray for the children we will be serving to come to Christ at an early age.

### **WEDNESDAY - DAY 11**

*1 John 3:17, "If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him?"*

God's love moves us to demonstrate His love with the resources He has provided. Pray for the physical and spiritual wellbeing of those who are homeless within the city. Pray for ongoing partnerships to provide needed help to those who are struggling.

### **THURSDAY - DAY 12**

*1 John 3:18, "Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth."*

Demonstrating God's love isn't restricted just to our words but is often shown in our daily actions. Ask God to show you how you can engage in meeting needs and changing lives even beyond this Serve Tour.

### **FRIDAY - DAY 13**

*Matthew 23:23, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You pay a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, and yet you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. These things should have been done without neglecting the others."*

Some of Jesus' harshest words were reserved for religious people with wrong motives. As we seek to engage in compassion ministry, we must do so with the right motives. Pray that God will help you serve Him with a heart of humility, kindness and compassion for others.

### **SATURDAY - DAY 14**

*Matthew 15:31, "So the crowd was amazed when they saw those unable to speak talking, the crippled restored, the lame walking, and the blind seeing, and they gave glory to the God of Israel."*

In an instant, Jesus can take an impossible situation and completely change it. He does miraculous things and transforms lives. Pray that God will work in the hearts of all peoples from all the nations represented within the city and that this movement would have an impact on their countries of origin. Pray for the spiritual and physical needs of everyone in the city, no matter their nationality.

### **SUNDAY - DAY 15**

*Matthew 6:9–10, “Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”*

As we pray, we long for God's coming Kingdom, and we surrender our lives to a God who is in control. Pray for God's will to be done in your life and through the Serve Tour.

### **MONDAY - DAY 16**

*Matthew 16:24, “Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.’”*

Is there anyone more important to give our lives to than King Jesus? Thank God for the way your pastor follows Him and leads in demonstrating Christ's compassion to your community. Pray for your pastor's health, family, leadership, and personal walk with Jesus.

### **TUESDAY - DAY 17**

*1 John 4:7, “Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.”*

We are commanded to love all people all the time. Pray that we will be a blessing to the churches and bi-vocational pastors we will be serving. Pray that God will grant these churches unity, a gospel focus, and ongoing opportunities to minister to their community.

### **WEDNESDAY - DAY 18**

*Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

There is a broken and lost world that desperately needs the spiritual rest only Christ can provide. Pray for the BRN and #SERVEPASJ Initiative as they help lead churches to meet needs and change lives by strengthening communities, serving others, and responding to crisis.

#### **THURSDAY - DAY 19**

*Acts 3:6, "But Peter said, 'I don't have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!'"*

Peter and John slowed down enough to see the needs of those around them and to meet those needs with the resources God provided. Ask Jesus to help you consider what you can give to the hurting and lonely. Ask Jesus to change lives through Serve Tour.

#### **FRIDAY - DAY 20**

*Luke 23:46, "And Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father into your hands I entrust my spirit.' Saying this, he breathed his last."*

Jesus gave everything to save us. Pause and consider what a monumental sacrifice Jesus has made for you by dying on the cross to pay for your sins. Pray for those who have yet to hear in your community.

#### **SATURDAY - DAY 21**

*Matthew 11:5, "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor are told the good news, and blessed is the one who isn't offended by me."*

When Jesus showed up, needs were met, and lives were changed. Spend time today praising Jesus for the work that He has done in your life. Pray for God to move in big ways for the welfare of the community.

## **SUNDAY - DAY 22**

*Matthew 23:11–12, “The greatest among you will be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”*

God richly blesses the humble individual. Ask God to give those who are volunteering a humble and willing spirit, a right heart, protection and opportunities to share their faith.

## **MONDAY - DAY 23**

*Joshua 1:9 “Haven’t I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

God’s great promises can be so comforting. Even when we are afraid, we can walk by faith, knowing God will help us. Pray for the spiritual courage to start gospel conversations with others.

## **TUESDAY - DAY 24**

*Nehemiah 6:15–16, “The wall was completed in fifty-two days, on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul. When all our enemies heard this, all the surrounding nations were intimidated and lost their confidence, for they realized that this task had been accomplished by our God.”*

By God’s hand, Nehemiah was able to lead Israel to rebuild the city walls in record time. Pray for wisdom for the project team leaders. Will you pray for a spirit of brotherhood for each of our ministry teams and for God to grant safety while serving.

## **WEDNESDAY - DAY 25**

*Matthew 22:36–40, “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”*

Our love for others flows out of your love for God. Pray that you fall deeper in love with Him this week. Pray God gives you a heart to love your neighbors well.

#### **THURSDAY - DAY 26**

*Matthew 9:36, "When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd."*

What a beautiful truth to reflect on: Jesus loves us. Jesus sees the needs of others and cares for them. Ask God to help you see people like He does and to care for others like He cares.

#### **FRIDAY - DAY 27**

*Matthew 5:14–16, "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

Jesus, our coming King, is pleased when we roll up our sleeves and allow ourselves to be His hands and feet. Pray that others will see God's great love through our efforts today. Pray for God's Spirit to move during the Saturday Night Rally.

#### **SATURDAY - DAY 28**

*Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

The mission is clear: God wants to use us to be a mobilized missionary force that demonstrates His love to others and shares His glorious gospel. Pray for opportunities for gospel conversations. Pray for the

Spirit to give you the strength to accomplish all that God wants you to do today.

### **SUNDAY - DAY 29**

*Matthew 28:18–20, “Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”*

God wants to use the Church to help others know Him and grow in their faith. Will you pray for the pastors in the city as they lead their church to follow up with and disciple those who have expressed an interest in Christ? Will you pray for ongoing partnerships to meet the needs of the city?

### **MONDAY - DAY 30**

*James 2:14–17, “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed,’ but you don’t give them what the body needs, what good is it? In the same way faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself.”*

Our faith in Jesus is demonstrated not just by the doctrine we believe but also by the outward obvious acts of our lives. Will you ask God to show you what your next step of faith is in meeting needs and changing lives?