

**KING AVENUE UMC AND ST. LUKE'S UMC**  
*Prayer Season and Scripture Suggestions for God's Guidance*

**Week 1: Beginning July 2**

Scripture - [Psalm 100](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

Look back on your faith journey and thank God for all the ways that you have grown and developed! In the same way think about how the church, not just within the walls of the church, but outside too-has grown and is ministering to the people around it. Praise God for the visions and new direction that His Spirit is going to be giving us in the next few weeks as we journey together!

**Week 2: Beginning July 9**

Scripture - [Psalm 37:3-7](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

We use this time to commit ourselves and our lives to God to be the people who He wants us to be. Trust that as we do this, He will bring it to pass. As followers of God, we have been faithful to God's call to love everyone, regardless of who they are. At times that has cost us, but we continue to believe that as He has blessed our devotion to that calling, He has been faithful to make it come true in the church that we know and love today!

**Week 3: Beginning July 16**

Scripture - [Luke 5:33-39](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

What could new birth look like in our church? If we build or expand upon current ministry? If we, collaborated in some way with other congregations to forge new ministries into communities? What is there a need for that we can meet through God's Love and Care?

**Week 4: Beginning July 23**

Scripture - [Isaiah 6:1-6](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

Just as Isaiah was called, we all are called to take part in ministering to others and helping them to find new faith or to grow in faith. What is my specific calling for this time and place as we endeavor to work with God to create new ways to minister to those in our community who are hurting? How do I fit into the picture God?

**Week 5: Beginning July 30**

Scripture - [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

Seek God's guidance to begin to show you the gifts that He has given you. Ask God to show you any others that you are not aware of that He may want to develop in you. Thank Him not only for your gifts, but begin to notice the gifts of those around you, and thank God for their gifts as well.

**Week 6: Beginning August 6**

Scripture - [Romans 8:14-17, 26-27](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

How can the Spirit help us to do God's work? What do we need in order to work toward this Vision God is giving us?

**Week 7: Beginning August 13**

Scripture - [Acts 2](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

What spiritual gifts has God given to me? What gifts are already in our collective body and what gifts do we need in order to meet the needs of our future ministries? We can pray for God to begin to call those whose gifts we need to come into our fellowship.

**Week 8: Beginning August 20**

Scripture - [Colossians 1:3-4, 8-12](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

This is an example of how to use scripture to pray. As you read it, think of the people sitting next to you and the people who have not entered the doors yet- but who the Spirit is sending to us to join our fellowship, not only in our lifetimes, but for the future life of the church.

"Holy Creator, I give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you. I've done this since I heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people...I haven't stopped praying for you and asking for you to be filled with all knowledge of God's Will, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. I'm praying this so you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to Him in every way; by producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God; by being strengthened through His glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; and by giving thanks with joy to the Father." I pray this for the church, those who are here now, and those whom You will send in the future to fulfill Your Ministry in and through us, in Christ's Name, Amen.

**Week 9: Beginning August 27**

Scripture - [I Corinthians 12:12-27](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

What is God calling me to do to help with caring for or leading His people? Is God calling me to be a part of the life of the church and if so how can I be used for His Glory? Is there a role I can play in a more intentional way?

**Week 10: Beginning September 4**

Scripture - [Matthew 6:9-13](#)

*Thoughts to Ponder...*

What does hallowed mean to you? How do I show God that I understand that His Name is hallowed? How do I live out His Will being done on earth as it is in Heaven? Help me to love the person who is different from me, that one who I may not understand, in the way that you would God. Help me to see others with Your Eyes. We are individually and collectively all of your people, forever and ever God.