



**PRAYER AS AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE
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For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. –Matthew 6:13b, NKJV

John Maxwell said, “Where there is no hope in the future, there is no power in the present.” It is those who were able to find hope for the future that have the strength and empowerment to succeed in the present.

I. Biblical Hope

- A. Hope is forward-looking faith. (Heb 11:1). It is a confident belief, based on the Word of God, that the future He speaks of will happen. Hope is a future certainty that gives us joy, peace, and patience in the present.
*Helen Keller once said, “Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible.”
- B. Hope is not based on your effort or desires; it is something you receive by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13).
- C. Paul says that struggles are a reason to rejoice because we know they produce hope (Rom. 5:3–5).

II. Prayer: An Expression of Hope

- A. Life without prayer is a life without hope. (Rom 12:12)
- B. Genuine hope is found in the power of God. 1. Hope is a confident expectation of what God has promised in His Word, and its strength is in His faithfulness. 2. What changes our circumstances is taking up God’s open invitation to bring our problems to Him in prayer (1 Pet. 5:7).
- C. Praying is not wishing, but rather putting one’s hope in God, who is able to change our circumstances because nothing is too hard for Him (Jer. 32:27).

III. The purpose of prayer is for God’s will to be done (Matt. 6:10).

- A. Praying against persecution (Matt. 5:10-12, 44)
- B. Praying for global gospel access (Matt 28:16-20)
- C. Praying against destruction of the family unit (2 Tim 3:1-9 & Mat 10:21-22)

IV. The Coming of the Son of Man (Mark 13:24–26)

- A. When we pray for the appearance of a future Kingdom, we are also praying for His Kingdom to be realized in our own lives. (Matt 6:33 & Rom 14:17)
- B. To be in the Kingdom is to obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21).
- C. Effective prayer involves finding the will of God and getting in on it. (Psalm 25:4-5) Adrian Rogers says, “God wants for you what you would want for yourself if you had enough sense to want it.”

Conclusion: We pray for God to bring His Kingdom, but I wonder if we really want it. Do we really want the Kingdom of God to come?

*(prayed over by the elders)
Prayer Requests*

Multiple horizontal lines for writing prayer requests.

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Helping people take the next step in their relationship with God.

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

If you are a visitor today or church member with a prayer request or if you need to contact a staff member or elder, please take a moment to fill out the attached connection card and place it in the offering plate, located at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children ages 0 up to 4 years old. KidZone is available today for kids age 4-5th grade. Today's KidZone volunteers are Mairrette Polanco-Rodriguez, Molly Kadash, Ethan Nagy and Blake Stevens. All our workers have clearances and have been properly trained.

Corey Smith will be leading us in prayer.

Pastor Ron will be blessing us with the message. 40 Days of Prayer-Prayer as Expression of Hope.

The worship team will be leading the following songs: Living Hope, Stronger, No Longer Slaves, and Raise A Hallelujah.

Thank you for spending your morning with us!

Contact us on our cell phones if you need us.

Sunday
9:30am Worship Service

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~ Highlights ~

February's 2nd Offering for our Building Fund - Please pray about what you can give to the building fund during the month of February!

Super Bowl Party on February 12 at 6:30 pm at OGA - This event is open to everyone from the church to attend. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy fellowship, fun, and the bowl game, of course!

For 6 weeks we will focus on 40 Days of Prayer with the National C&MA Church. This is what you can expect for January and early February:
 Mondays @ Noon - in-person prayer hour at Oak Grove
 Tuesdays @ 8pm - Weekly Encounters online
 Wednesdays + Thursdays - online meditation with Pastor Ron on our YouTube Channel.
 Sign up for daily email devotionals here: <https://cmalliance.org/40days/>
 Sign up for the Tuesday night Weekly Encounters here: https://www.bigmarker.com/series/40-days-of-prayer-2023-week1/series_summit
 Subscribe to the YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@GreenviewAllianceChurch>
 Links are also available on our Greenview Family News Facebook group and via email.

We are looking for volunteers to make lasagna, cake, bring salad or rolls, and/or serve food and minister to image bearers who are broken at **Sojourner Truth Ministries on February 25th**. Drop off your donations from 10:30-11:00am and volunteers should arrive at 10:30am. Sign up at the Info Center by the coffee counter.

Our favorite fellowship, the Soup and Scoop, is not to be missed! Mark your calendars for **February 25 at 5 PM** at OGA. YOU bring the soups/stews/chowders; we provide the sun-daes! Please RSVP on the app or FB by 2/19.

Parents and Youth - Sign up for YOUTH GROUP on the Church Center app to stay connected with all events and communication from Pastor Steve.



Sister-Church-Events:

- Join us for a special seminar at City Alliance with Ron Walborn where you'll learn what the Bible says about spiritual gifts and how we can discover, develop, and activate them with the incubator model. This will take place on **Saturday, March 4, from 9am-12pm**. Cost is \$15. Register today by going to Cityalliance.org/gifts.
- Fairlawn Alliance is hosting a Movie Night with our district's IWs from Africa, Steve & Alace Straw, on **Sunday, March 19th from 6-8pm**. A documentary exploring faith, passion and how hope emerges from tragedy, *Ends of the Earth weaves together true stories of Mission Aviation Fellowship pilots - past and present - who strive with missionaries and local believers to take the gospel to the most remote places on earth.*

For more information email the office at greenviewalliance@comcast.net or call 570-433-4506



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NEXT Steps:

I would like to be a follower of Jesus.

I am interested in becoming a member Greenview Alliance Church.

I recommitted my life to Jesus today

I am interested in being baptized

I would like my baby dedicated