



# WEEK OF PRAYER



## OPBC WEEK OF PRAYER 2021 JANUARY 17-24

Wow, what a year 2021 was! We started with such excitement and promise and were derailed by COVID, social unrest, political unrest and uncertainty. We were isolated, many were scared. There was information, more information, more information, false information...

And yet, God in His power and grace, caused us to persevere. We enter 2021 recognizing that we did not endure 2020 in our own strength. It is only through overwhelming, never ending love and strength of God that we stand.

2021 is already shaping up to be a doozy! Yet God is faithful... and He has plainly told us in His Word who we are as His Church and what we are to be about as His Church.

Would you join with us as we pray that OPBC will continue in and persevere in who GOD has called us to be and what GOD has called us to do, never to be sidetracked or hijacked by the cares of this world?

**JOIN US AS WE PRAY and rely on God in 2021!**

Many prayer points adapted from **5 Things to Pray for Your Church** and **How to Pray for Your World** by Rachel Jones (The Good Book Company, 2016, 2017)



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  7. Choose the neighborhood size list: the number of homes you are willing to pray for.
  8. Enter your home address.
  9. Type in your church name and confirm the address.
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  11. Check the days you would like to receive reminder emails.
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021**  
**PRAY THAT OPBC BE GROW IN MATURITY**

**READ EPHESIANS 4:11-16**

**Equipping (vv. 11-12)**

*Thank God for the leaders of OPBC who are equipping believers. Pray for them to be faithful in this task. Pray for yourself and others to pursue being equipped for the work of ministry and maturity.*

**Unity (v. 13)**

*Pray for unity within the body of believers at OPBC as we grow together in Christ. Pray for a singular focus of glorifying God by proclaiming the excellencies of Jesus. Pray that as we grow in unity, we will grow in effectiveness.*

**Mature and Steadfast (vv. 14-15)**

*Pray for yourself and others to grow in Christlikeness, to grow in steadiness in our Christian walk. Pray for steadfastness, not a wishy-washiness or a fretting in the face of struggle and trial. Pray that OPBC members would grow up in maturity in every way to be like Christ.*

**Build Up One Another (v. 16)**

*Pray that maturity will lead to encouragement and the desire to see everyone join in the mission of making disciples and proclaiming Jesus. Pray that the more we become like Christ, the more we will love one another. Pray that our love for one another would be an encouragement to other believers and conviction to the lost world around us.*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**  
**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**

**God formed and knows us from the womb. (Psalm 139)**

*Agree with God that He is the author of life. Lament that this truth is not honored by many.*

**God can heal the broken heart. (Psalm 147)**

*Compassionately petition God to show His nearness and healing power to the broken hearts of those who have chosen abortion in the past.*

**The battle for truth is spiritual in nature. (Ephesians 6)**

*Ask God for His power to be at work in the hearts of new parents and the protection of new life.*

**God will not be mocked (Galatians 6:17)**

*Pray for our legislators, our president and governor, and our judges and justices to stand for life and to have hearts changed by God's power.*

**For more information on how you can pray and how you can be involved with standing for life...**



**Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield**

[www.phcchesterfield.com](http://www.phcchesterfield.com)



**Psalm 139 Project**

[www.psalms139project.org](http://www.psalms139project.org)



**Abort73**

[www.abort73.com](http://www.abort73.com)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021**

**PRAY THAT OPBC WOULD HOLD TO THE TRUTH**

**READ PSALM 19:7-13**

**God's Word is Perfect (v. 7)**

*Thank God that He has not left us guessing as to His truth and His ways. Thank Him for His Word that He has given so that we can know Him fully. Pray that people in the church will study the Bible as come prepared on Sundays to find refreshing and growth in the Word.*

**God's Word is Radiant (v. 8)**

*Thank God that His Spirit gives spiritual sight through the Word of God. Pray that many eyes will be enlightened by the Word taught, preached and proclaimed.*

**God's Word is Firm (v. 9)**

*God's Word never changes... it moral truths are absolute. In a world of constantly changing morality, God's Word is the standard of truth. Pray that God would lead you and our church to hold to the firm Word.*

**God's Word is Sweet (v. 10)**

*Pray that God's Word in 2021 would be sweet food for your soul, not just an academic exercise, but true food to grow you in Christ. Pray for pastors and teachers as they prepare to proclaim the Living Word.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021**

**PRAY FOR THE UNREACHED OF THE WORLD**

**READ ROMANS 10:1, 9-15**

***Pray for the Saharawi People of Western Sahara (500K-750K people with less than 10 believers)***

**A Heart of Prayer (v. 1)**

*Ask the Lord to forgive us for not being more burdened for those who have no access to the Gospel. Ask Him to give you a heart broken for the lost world.*

**Thank God (vv. 12-13)**

*Thank God that He is generous with His grace and that people from every tribe will come to faith. Thank Him that Revelation tells us that His purpose and plan will not be thwarted to bring some people from every tribe and nation to faith.*

**Pray for Conversion (v. 9)**

*Pray for faith and for the Saharawi people to call upon the name of the Lord Jesus for salvation.*

**Pray for More Workers (v. 14)**

*Pray for more workers to go into the harvest. Pray for national believers to boldly proclaim the Gospel.*

**Pray for Churches to Send (v. 15)**

*Pray for OPBC and for other churches to continue to send and to send more missionaries to take the Gospel to the Saharawi in Western Sahara and throughout Europe.*

***Pray for more people groups at [imb.org/pray](http://imb.org/pray)***

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021**  
**PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS**

**READ 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12**

**Thank God for our Missionaries (v. 9)**

*Pray for the Chambers and their teammates. Pray for Jean Marc and Myra and their family. Thank God for His grace in saving them. Thank God for His unique gifting of them for the missionary task. Thank God for their willingness to use their gifts.*

**Encouragement (v. 4)**

*Cross-cultural ministry is a daily onslaught on struggles and problems that can be discouraging. Pray for encouragement in the Lord for our missionaries. And pray that you will find ways to specifically encourage them.*

**Focus on the Gospel (v. 2)**

*Lots of things can distract missionaries from their Gospel task. Pray today that our missionaries would focus on the Good News of the Gospel in their own lives and then spread that Good News.*

**Walking Righteously (v. 10)**

*Pray that our missionaries will walk righteously before God and man. Pray for their hearts to not turn to wickedness or idleness. Pray for them as you consider ways that you yourself struggle to pursue righteousness.*



**MORE PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES CAN BE FOUND EACH WEEK IN OUR 52 SUNDAYS PRAYER GUIDES.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**  
**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS**

**READ MALACHI 2:5-6**

**Thank God (v. 5)**

*Thank God that He has saved our church leaders and has made them part of the covenant of life and peace. Thank God for how this good news drives OPBC's leaders to give time, energy, effort and service to the church*

**Revere God (v. 5)**

*Pray that OPBC's leaders will honor God and stand in awe of Him and the task He has given. Pray that leaders will not lead out of fear of others, but out of a knowledge of God awesome splendor and glory.*

**Walk Uprightly (v. 6)**

*Pray that OPBC's leaders will walk righteously before God and not be ensnared by the cares and sins of this world. Ask God to strengthen our leaders for the daily fight against sin and the daily striving for holiness.*

**Pray that the Truth Will Be Preached and Taught (v. 6)**

*Thank God if you have found benefit in the preaching and teaching ministry of OPBC. Pray for your leaders to give wise and trustworthy counsel to the many who have questions and fears in these days.*

**Pray that Many Will Turn from Sin (v. 6)**

*Pray for boldness in our leaders to call people to repentance and faith, to turn from sin and turn to Jesus. Pray that many will respond in 2021!*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**  
**PRAY THAT OPBC BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER**

**READ ACTS 2:42-47**

**Learning Together (v. 42)**

*Thank God for His Word and pray that OPBC will devote itself to study together on Sundays and in small groups. Pray for our Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry and Youth Ministry to commit to learning together.*

**Building Relationships (vv. 42, 44)**

*Pray that the members of OPBC will not be isolated or alone in 2021 but will be committed to fellowship and to growing together in relationships. Pray for yourself to make the effort to building relationships, share meals, and bear one another's burdens.*

**Pray Together (v. 42)**

*Ask the Lord to help you commit to prayer for people in the church. Ask the Lord to help you commit to praying for the lost friends and family of fellow church members.*

**Meeting Needs (v. 45)**

*Pray that OPBC will continue to grow in our generosity toward one another. Pray for yourself to be willing to give up time, money or convenience for other believers at OPBC in 2021*

**Add to Our Numbers (v. 47)**

*God, in His power, can add more people to His Kingdom work at OPBC. Pray that as we love one another and spread the good news, many will come to faith.*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021**  
**PRAY THAT OPBC WOULD GIVE GENEROUSLY**

**READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15**

**Give Cheerfully (v. 7)**

*Pray that OPBC will be full of cheerful givers! Pray for your own heart and others to not give reluctantly, but out of a heart of worship for all that God has given us. Pray that culture of sacrificial generosity will sweep through OPBC in 2021*

**Grow in Righteousness (v. 10)**

*Pray that as we give more generously, we will become more and more like our Heavenly Father Who is so generous to us. Pray that you and others will see giving as an opportunity to grow the harvest of righteousness at OPBC.*

**Point People to God (v. 13)**

*Pray for the leaders tasked with using the money for ministry so that others would come to know Jesus. Pray for our missionaries to utilize the funds to reach many with the Gospel. Pray for Sherbrooke and Jean Marc and pray for the Chambers family in Europe to utilize the support to point people to God.*

**Thank God (v. 15)**

*Thank God for the incomparable riches of grace given to us in Christ Jesus!*