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Prayer Challenge

By Pastor Don Lain

We are living in challenging times as a nation and as a church trying to minister in our new world. The denominational call to all Nazarenes across the US and Canada is to an intentional and intense time of prayer, starting May 1 and running through Pentecost Sunday (June 5). Prayer journals are available in the church lobby for those who did not pick up a copy. The prayer journal is also available through an app. In the lobby and on the second page of The Messenger, you will find posted QR Code images that you can scan with your phone to access the app along with other materials. **BOTTOM LINE:** As your pastor I'm challenging us to turn our hearts and actions to prayer. **WE NEED GOD'S HELP.** Following is a word from one of our denomination's General Superintendents:

"From our earliest days, the Nazarenes have been known as people of prayer. The holiness movement, which gave birth to the Church of the Nazarene, was bathed in prayer. It was through intentional times spent in prayer that the Holy Spirit was poured out and people were transformed. These followers of Christ began to reach out and minister to a world that was in desperate need of hope. As individuals restored in the image of God, they encouraged one another to engage in kingdom living. As a result, they became a movement of Christlike disciples, impacting their world as they preached scriptural holiness and ministered to people on the margins of life.

"The Church of the Nazarene in the United States and Canada now finds itself living out its second century. While we are removed from those early Nazarenes through time and space, we sense a need to reconnect to those times of prayer. Just as the early church was guided in its work and ministry, so we need the Lord to provide direction for our ministry today. The world is in a state of rapid change, and the only way the church can adequately respond is through participation with our transcendent God. Therefore, we are calling the church to a special time of prayer. We invite you to join us in this spiritual journey of seeking the face of God. Take up this journal, follow along with the Scriptures, and pray. Together we will be praying for God's protection, direction, and revelation. While we can map out our strategic plans, God has

something even better in mind; but it is only revealed to us when we become partakers of the divine nature through prayer.

"The church is in desperate need of renewal and resurgence. Paul reminds us in his epistle to the Romans that we are to be transformed through the renewing of our minds. Spiritual renewal begins in each one of us, and this is where we begin our prayers. It is in the renewing of our minds that we are enabled to link arms with our sisters and brothers in Christ and experience spiritual renewal on a corporate basis. May God help us to experience renewal and spiritual revival, both individually and collectively.

"Our prayer is that the result of this spiritual renewal will lead to a resurgence of the work and ministry of the church on the USA/Canada region. Christianity is currently at a crossroads where the church is challenged to rise up and reflect Jesus or slip into insignificance. When we are renewed, we are transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. What if the resurgence that lies ahead is one in which Christlike disciples live out the character and nature of Jesus in the world? This is only possible when we spend time in the presence of the one who shapes and forms us into his image."

"Won't you join us on this spiritual journey? Please, set aside time daily to get to know the heart and mind of Christ. It is in this space that the Lord will lead us into his future and a resurgence of the witness of Jesus the Nazarene in this world."

—Carla D. Sunberg, PhD, General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meetings in May at 6:00 p.m.

(Excluding May 18)

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or
[www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church](http://www.youtube.com/ParksideNazareneChurch)

The May Messenger Continued..

SIGNIFICANT MAY DATES :

2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week

08: Mothers Day

15: Finance Committee Meeting

17: Church Board Meeting

19: Possible Missionary Speakers

21: Church Yard Clean Up

22: Church Elections

30: Memorial Day



PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER

Don't forget to go outside and play! We've gone through many weather changes this month... sunshine & warmth, snow, rain... regardless of these changes, the children have been able to experience every season in April!

We are so excited that our playgrounds are getting an upgrade with new fence/gates, tree removal, mulch and sprucing up of our play sets. The playgrounds are almost ready to re-open! We are currently seeking a part time (afternoon) PreK teacher! Additional hours available for call offs/vacations of current staff. If you know anyone interested in working with children ages 4-5 years, please contact Cheryl at administrator@westlakenaz.org. We appreciate all referrals.

In May, we celebrate our Mom's and Staff We are grateful for their love and support.

Wishing you a May that is *bright* with *happy* moments!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl or Pastor Marcella: 440-333-6643.

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS

Save the date, Thursday, May 19! We are scheduled to have missionaries, David and Sylvia Potter come speak to Parkside. Watch the pre-service slides and weekly emails for confirmation of this event and the times. Please contact the church office with any questions.



PRAYER INITIATIVE

Our prayer focus is May 1- June 5. If you haven't already, please pick up a Prayer Journal in the foyer, or scan the QR codes:

QR Codes: Scan with your camera!



Prayer Journal



Prayer Journal App

Plan to join Pastor as he will be leading prayer on Wednesdays, May 4, 11, & 25 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the church.

May Birthdays

Anne Laker	1
Martha Koplien	13
Harold Kimmey	14
Calvin Laker	20
Mike Kolpien	25
Anita St. John	28

Anniversaries

Kasey & Ben Kindle

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CHURCH YARD CLEAN UP

Please come to the church on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to help weed, and trim. This is the same day as the community flower box planting, so some will be encouraged to help with that as well. We will welcome any time you can give, so please don't be discouraged if you can't come right at 9:00, or can't stay for three hours. We appreciate any and all help. Please contact Joanne Murphy in the church office with any questions.

