



30 YEARS ON BASSE ROAD: Anniversary Prayer Calendar

This is a special anniversary as we celebrate the story of how this magnificent campus came to pass and the milestones of the most recent 30 years. The prayers which follow are designed to bring us together in a community of gratitude, reflection, and prayerfulness for the future. The prayers correlate with 15 themes reminding us of the vision of the Church, the bonds we've formed, and the collective purpose that propels us forward with the eternal hope and love we have in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray together.

Celebrating Our Faithful Journey

"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:5)

August 23: As we pray today, we are thankful for your faithfulness to this generation of your Church and the generations to come. We celebrate this window of time where we can intentionally reflect and learn from the history and journey of this congregation. May our love for you and serving this community continue to multiply in ways that are pleasing and effective for the mission of your Church. We especially thank you for these 30 years at 825 East Basse Road and every car, soul and footstep that has trod this holy ground for worship, solace, provision and spiritual growth; we give you all the glory. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

August 24: Faithful God, may today's prayers express gratitude for your wonder-working power in the journey of those who brought forth the vision and fruition of this Basse Road campus. We recognize the sacrifice and dedicated efforts of those who participated then and now in the ministries and vitality of your Church. We offer thanksgiving for the past and optimism for the future. May God increase our opportunities to deepen faith, impact lives and spread God's love. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Renew, Rejoice, Reconnect

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

August 25: It is a good and joyful thing to pause and give you thanks and praise on behalf of this Body of Christ. We have been blessed with a hope that has seen us through unforeseen change and challenges. This body has renewed its strength by your leadership, immeasurable grace, and faith. We thank you for those seasons as a Church and how we are continually renewed by your amazing love. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

August 26: God of grace, take us to soaring new heights. Renew our spiritual commitment to you and this congregation. Rekindle the joy and passion of each person’s faith journey in new and far-reaching ways. May we rejoice in the strength you give your Church to be the church and live out our faith in ways that make a perpetual difference. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Building Bridges, Inspiring Lives

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:2-3)

August 27: Lord, your love built a bridge through your death and resurrection. You enabled a love with possibilities the world has never known. May this love bind us together to build bridges of greater understanding and positive relationships within the church and greater community. This will be so; not by might, not by power, but by your Holy Spirit. For this we give you thanks. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

August 28: Jesus, you made a difference in humanity with your kind of love in every walk of life, culture, social and economic level. Help us to be like you in a world that labels people. We recognize that sometimes we can agree on paper to embrace diversity and the unique gifts and perspectives found in the community and your church. Yet the challenge is to live out your Word in thought, action, dialogue and hospitality. Your Word is humble, gentle, patient and bears one another in love. Empower us and remove any walls we have that are obstacles to building bonds of love today and into the future. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Unshakable Foundation, Enduring Legacy, Guardians of the Faith

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in which I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” (Psalm 18:2)

August 29: May we go forward, rooted in the unshakable foundation of faith, reflecting the church’s commitment to Jesus Christ. We prayerfully celebrate the enduring legacy of the church and the lives it has touched throughout its history. We give thanks for those who established this campus 30 years ago as a magnificent bridge of faith, vision, gifts and abilities. Thank you to those who have given freely of their time, money, and witness to guide this church into this very day. With a witness to our faith, we acknowledge the challenges that were overcome then and now. We ask for God’s wisdom and a holy perseverance to overcome any future challenges. As guardians of the faith, we thank you in advance for the ongoing impact this congregation will have going forward on the shoulders of those who came before us. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

August 30: We thank you that Christ is the solid rock on which we stand, despite changing and uncertain times. Upon this foundation, we pray that the church’s mission only be enlarged and its legacy continue to shape generations upon generations. May this be so, now and into the years to come. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Unity in Diversity

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)

August 31: Today we pray that this and future congregations will continue to become more impactful agents of change—people who leverage their faith to address social issues and improve the lives of others. We are thankful for what everyone brings by background, culture, talents and perspectives. Collectively, this makes up an ever-growing diverse tapestry of our faith community. May such diversity continue to grow us together in connection and harmony—especially with the community around us. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 1: We pray today for this congregation to become an even safer and inclusive space where everyone feels valued and accepted. Help us now and into the future to promote understanding, respect, and genuine connections among one another and beyond. We pray today’s scripture such that, despite any differences among one another, we only unite in our shared faith and mission. May we foster and enlarge a sense of purpose as a church, to live out our faith in practical and impactful ways. We are all one in Christ. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

A Future Filled with Promise

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

September 2: Thank you for the sense of hope and anticipation for the journey ahead. For the plans to prosper your church and how you will lead us into actively participating in shaping and envisioning the future. The future holds promise, innovation, and collaboration. As we participate in restoration of all things, help us embrace and adapt to the changing needs of our communities and our congregations. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 3: We pray for the vision and the path forward into the ages we will not see. A path that gives you glory, honor and praise. We pray for the ongoing spiritual transformation destined for each of us, for the congregation, and future folks who will call this church their home. With faith and enthusiasm, help us to embrace the future we will see and the future we will not see. We can pray this knowing your plans will give this outpost for Christ a hope, promise, and possibilities we cannot even imagine. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Celebrating God’s Faithfulness

“I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.” (Psalm 89:1)

September 4: God, you have countlessly guided, provided and blessed this congregation. We give you this time of prayer to bring to memory a testimony of your faithfulness to each person praying. (Silent remembrance.) We are thankful for how your faithfulness comes through worship, storytelling, media, music and arts, generational ministries, this outpost for recovery and connection, outreach, celebrations of life, births and marriages. Your presence is transformed in these opportunities. Through these means of witness and more, we pray an even greater faithful impact in the days and years to come. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 5: This is a season to never forget our dependence upon God as a church and as believers. We ask that you deepen each of us, and those yet to come, with greater trust and reliance upon your unwavering love. Help us renew our commitment to live faithfully in response to your faithfulness to us both now and to the future generations. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Faith in Action, Impacting Generations

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:16)

September 6: Let us pray with a verse of the hymn “We Are the Church” saying, “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church are the people.” Faith is in our actions beyond this campus. Help us be the hands and feet of Christ when we exit. Let us not allow Sunday School attendance, a Bible Study, or a worship service to be a punch-in clock for spiritual due diligence. Allow these faith builders to empower us with the light of your love, compassion, and mercy as we go in grace and with your Spirit into our community. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 7: Thank you that this church is not a dull gathering of people. You have called us to be carriers of the light of Christ. Empower the beacon we carry to effectively impact culture. Stir in us new ways to carry the light of Christ. Increase our faith in action in practical ways to leave a lasting imprint on the lives of those who will come after us. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Embracing the Call to Serve

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
(Mark 10:45)

September 8: Today we thank you for the joy and fulfillment we find in serving others with love, humility, and compassion. As people of faith in Christ, this is a privilege and not a duty. Help us become even more selfless so we may better reflect the heart of Christ. We also pray for those who wonder in their mature years or physical limitations, how they might still serve their church. Give them a spirit of intercessory prayer and your assurance of their value and importance. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 9: Thank you, God, for giving us opportunities to serve beyond the confines of church walls. Thank you for moments when we serve that are not so glamorous or extraordinary; be it in a store, on a bus or a parking lot. Our everyday existence takes place in these seemingly unremarkable settings, and we pray they bring glory to your name. Help us grow a new generation to discover and offer countless opportunities to serve others. May kindness, compassion, and the love, sovereignty and holiness of Christ be at the forefront of what and how we serve. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Growing Together in Scripture and Study

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”
(1 Peter 2:2)

September 10: Gracious God, we praise you for the transformative power of your Story. Help us each prioritize the study and application of Scripture in our lives and those who are new to this congregation. As we pray, help us in our own spiritual growth. Lead us into new paths of study and refreshment that only build on the pillars of the faith in this church. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 11: Help us cultivate a vibrant faith, rooted in scripture, tradition, experience and reason. This deepening understanding of your Story is essential for personal and communal growth. May the teachings of scripture shape our thoughts, words, and action today, tomorrow and into the future. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

United in Prayer, Igniting Revival

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

September 12: Thank you for these 30 days of prayer as it unites us as a church. We humbly ask that our prayers surrender our will to yours and ignite dreams for revival for this church and transformation. We ask that your will be done and that we not neglect to seek your will. We also pray a bathing of prayer over this campus and its ministries to enliven possibilities and make pathways for future generations of a praying people. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 13: It is our deep hope that, in our prayerfulness, we learn to listen individually and as a church. We give thanks and praise as you help us listen to you and one another with quiet awe, openness, and grace. May we prayerfully listen in love and forgiveness and with a healing spirit that unites us as the Body of Christ in new ways for tomorrow and our future. We ask for deep listening. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Celebrating God’s Abundant Grace

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.” (1 Corinthians 15:10)

September 14: We thank you for the countless ways in which your grace has manifested in the life of this church. Because of such grace, we acknowledge the gift of being forgiven and transformed by the power of your mercy and love. No matter what our circumstances have been, your grace has been more than sufficient in our lifetime and the story and history of this church. May the effect of such grace be foundational to the future of this congregation, her ministries, and reaching others for Christ. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 15: Lord, we are grateful and aware of the favor you have given this church as an outpost of encouragement and service. We further thank you for the favor you have given us in the building of our community relationships. May your grace open new doors of generational reconciliation, understanding, and unity. And may the unmerited favor of your grace permeate our future days and years as the Body of Christ. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Stewardship: Faithfully Managing God's Gifts

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2)

September 16: Generous God, whose loving hand has given us all that we need and more, share with us your Spirit of wisdom and selflessness, that we may honor you in this congregation through the sharing of our substance with others. In every moment, keep before our hearts and minds the inexhaustible riches of your grace, that we would joyfully share and care for that which you have entrusted to us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who came to serve and offer his life as a gift, Amen.

September 17: It is an honor, Lord, to be made in your image and called members of your Body. As we, your Church, seek to be faithful in our daily living, open our eyes that we may see you working in our midst. Direct our offerings and tithes to your purposes and strengthen our feet to follow you. Empower this congregation to be more generous, hopeful, and fruitful, so that our abundance would be wisely stewarded for the sake of others. Reassure us that our labor will not be in vain, for we labor in the faithful name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose glory is eternal and whose love is from age to age, Amen.

Restoring Hope, Healing Hearts

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

September 18: Holy God, thank you for the ministry of Jesus Christ. Christ came to bind up our broken hearts—hearts that have been damaged by living in a world that is, at times, cruel and unfair. Bless you, Holy God, for the ministries of this church that seek to help us be restored not only to ourselves but also to you. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

September 19: Loving God, we name our personal brokenness before you and ask for restoration that comes only from heavenly places. We praise you for all the many ministries that offer community, friendship, and a listening ear. Let us open our hearts, minds, and doors to our neighbors so that all might experience the transforming power of your love. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Impacting the World

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

September 20: Lord, we offer our praise and thanksgiving for the many ways you have led our congregation by the guidance and power of your Holy Spirit. We sought your will for the expansion of our church, watching as certain doors closed and better doors opened—revealing mighty possibilities. You enlivened the hearts of dedicated leaders, generous donors, and a whole congregation with new visions of ministry and mission. As you did 30 years ago, come, Holy Spirit! Empower us anew for the work as the hands and feet of Christ. It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

September 21: Holy Spirit, ignite us with the fire of your love and the boldness of your power, that by your Grace we will be active agents of positive and compassionate change in our hurting world. As a loving and welcoming community of faith and action, lead us into new opportunities of evangelism, social outreach, and missional endeavors. Let us be your witnesses in our community, our city, our nation, and our world, to the glory of Jesus the Christ! It is in his name we pray, Amen.

Please join us for the 30th Anniversary Service at 11 a.m.
in person or online at ahumc.org/live

September 22: God, we ask that our worship, remembrances, and culmination of this celebration be pleasing to you today. Thank you for the love and grace which brought us this far by faith and perseverance. May you boldly lead Alamo Heights United Methodist Church into the future unafraid and empowered with the anointing of your Holy Spirit in our generation and the next. To God be the glory for the great things you have done! It is in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.