

# 40 DAYS OF



Thank you for praying with us during these “40 Days of Prayer.” We are convinced that we as individuals, and collectively as a church family, are completely dependent on God for anything good. Therefore, as we begin another season of church life together, we begin by leaning into God – confessing our neediness, remembering his goodness, and asking that God would conform us to the image of his Son and use us for his purposes in the world.

Each Wednesday morning between September 1 and October 10 from 6:45-7:45AM on campus, Ben Patterson will lead us in prayer using the passage from Colossians 1 found below. We hope you’ll come pray with us if you’re able during these six weeks. Use this simple guide to help you continue to bring the themes of Paul’s great prayer before the Lord each day. Each week there is a theme with accompanying verses and prompt for each day. These are meant to be a springboard for you to pray for the church and the world.

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:9-14*

## **Week 5: Joyfully Giving Thanks**

- Day 29.** *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalm 100:4)* Spend some time simply praising God for who he is and giving thanks for whatever comes to your mind.
- Day 30.** *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8-9)* Pray that the gift of salvation would be recognized as a reason for deep thanksgiving even for those in times of difficulty and suffering.
- Day 31.** *Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people. (Philemon 1:7)* Ask God that our fellowship with one another would be a tremendous source of joy and gratitude.
- Day 32.** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)* Pray for those in hopeless situations, that the God of hope will fill them with joy and peace and enable them to trust in him.
- Day 33.** *If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (John 15:10-11)* Pray for our church family to experience the love and joy of abiding in the Lord and that it would result in the fruit of obedience.
- Day 34.** *The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)* Ask God to give us an eternal perspective that leads to joyful sacrifices.
- Day 35.** *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)* Pray that the people of SBCC would be known as people overflowing with gratitude in every season of life.