

Weekly Prayer Guide for the Organic Disciples Series

Dear Friend,

We are honored to be on this journey of growth with you. We have sought the Lord in prayer over the content in this eight-week adventure in discipleship and evangelism. As you lead your congregation closer to the heart of God and deeper into the world He loves, prayer will be essential every step of the way.

Please use these prayer prompts with your board members, staff, key leaders, and prayer team members. We have provided a simple note and collection of 5-6 relevant and focused prayer directives for each of the eight weeks of <u>Organic Disciples</u>. All you need to do is copy and paste the text under the title for each week and add your name at the end. This will give people what they need to start praying. We would suggest sending these as a text message or email on the Saturday before you address each topic in your Sunday services.

The more you mobilize people to pray, the more power will be released as you walk through Organic Disciples with your congregation. We are praying with you for the mighty work of God!

With you on the journey of growing in discipleship and evangelism for the glory of God.

Kevin and Sherry Harney

Week 1- Three Epic Questions (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Leaders and Prayer Partners,

This week, please join us in praying for God to take the children, youth, and adults in our church to fresh understanding and actions around discipleship and evangelism. Pray for:

- Each person in our congregation to discover that discipleship and evangelism go hand-in-hand and that a growing disciple is always increasing in love for the lost.
- Believers in your church to make a bold decision to grow in all seven markers of spiritual maturity in the coming two months and well beyond.
- Me as I prepare to bring the first sermon in the Organic Disciples series.
 Ask the Spirit to anoint, empower, and embolden me as I prepare and proclaim God's Word!
- Each believer in our church to find at least one person who is more mature in faith to take their hand and help them grow up in faith.
- Each believer to also extend a hand to one person who is younger in faith and help them grow stronger in their relationship with the Savior.
- Every adult and student in our church to take the spiritual growth self-assessment and use this tool to set a growth plan for their life of faith.

Thank you for your prayers! God is using you as we begin our journey together!

With you as we follow Jesus,

Week 2- Bible Engagement (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Leaders and Prayer Partners,

This week, please join us in praying for God to take the children, youth, and adults in our church to deeper places in God's Word. Pray for:

- Each person in our congregation to grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures by reading them regularly and with an open heart to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Our church members to grow to love the Scriptures and have a deep passion for the Spirit-breathed truth of the Word of God.
- Believers in our church to follow the teachings of the Bible and learn to do what it says on a daily basis.
- Our pastor, Bible study leaders, small group leaders, and everyone who is teaching children, youth, and adults about Bible Engagement this week.

 Ask God to fill them with passion and creativity as they teach/preach.
- The message of the Scriptures to come alive in each of our hearts so that the heart of God for the lost and wandering sheep becomes our heart. Pray that the message of Scripture will move us out into the world with the love, truth, and words of the Gospel.

Thank you for your prayers! There is power being unleashed as we call on God together.

With you as we grow in God's Word,

Week 3- Passionate Prayer (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Prayer Partners,

This week, please join us in praying for God to help the children, youth, and adults in our church pray with new passion, frequency, and effect. Pray for:

- Each person in our church to recognize that God is waiting to hear from them and that their prayers matter to the heart of their Maker.
- Each person to have a powerful vision and picture of Jesus as the One who prayed at all times and talked with the Father in the highs and lows of life.
- All those who are part of our church to make prayer a deeper and richer part of their daily life.
- Each believer in our congregation to begin praying for friends and family members who are still far away from Jesus. May they see His face, hear His voice, and discover His truth!
- Church members to be bold to ask a non-believer, "May I take a moment right now to say a prayer for you?" Ask God to make you bold in prayer!
- People in our church to pray with each other with increasing frequency and growing passion and faith.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer! God hears. God cares. God is ready to move in power.

With you as we seek the face of God,

Week 4- Wholehearted Worship (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Leaders and Prayer Partners,

This week, please join us in praying for God to take the children, youth, and adults in our church to worship in Spirit and truth in the name and power of Jesus our Savior. Pray for:

- Believers in our church to see Jesus with open eyes and a receptive heart so that they can worship the One they know and love.
- Deep awareness of how our triune God is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory.
- Each person to fully engage through song, praise and full celebration when our church is together in times of corporate worship.
- Deep awareness that worship includes all of life and is much more than just singing at a Sunday morning church service.
- Non-believers who come and visit our church to see passionate worship that is compelling and draws their heart toward the living Savior.
- The truth of the Scriptures and our Savior to guide all of our worship.

Thank you for your prayers! Worship will break out in fresh new ways because of our prayers together.

With you as we bow down and worship the King of all kings and Lord of all lords,

Week 5- Humble Service (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Partners in Prayer,

This week, please join us in praying for God to move in the lives of the children, youth, and adults in our church to help us increase our commitment to, and actions of, humble service in the church, homes, community, and everywhere we go. Pray for:

- Each person in our congregation to recognize how Jesus has served each of us to the very point of giving his life on the cross.
- Our hearts to grow with a desire to serve others the way Jesus has served us.
- Opportunities for the believers in our church to take a next step into service that is needed in the church and our community.
- Hearts that actually long to serve as Jesus did and courage to be humble in a world that rarely praises this characteristic.
- People in your community to see the presence of Jesus through the consistent and humble acts of service that Christians offer in the name of Jesus.
- Opportunities to have spiritual conversations when non-believers ask members of God's family why they love to serve others with such loving hearts.

Thank you for your prayers! God is changing hearts as we pray in partnership.

With you as we serve the Lord who has served us,

Week 6- Joyful Generosity (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Leaders and Prayer Partners,

This week, please join us in praying for God to move in the lives of the children, youth, and adults in our church to help us grow in our understanding of God's goodness and to grow each of us as cheerful givers. Pray for:

- Each person in our congregation to recognize God's provision and celebrate all of the good gifts He has lavished on His children.
- Me as I preach on a topic that many people are resistant to hear about.
 Ask God to soften hearts to hear the message of Scripture about joyful generosity.
- All of God's people to recognize that Jesus is the most generous being in the universe and that He delights when we follow His example in this area of life.
- The people in our congregation to boldly take a next step of giving back to the God who has given us all we have.
- Giving that is generous and joyful. Ask God to not only teach us how to give, but grow our hearts to do it with a cheerful spirit.
- God's provision for our church to be so plentiful that we can invest in reaching our community and world with the good news of Jesus because we have more than enough!

Thank you for your prayers! There is power being unleashed as we pray in partnership.

With you as we invest in the work of Jesus,

Week 7- Consistent Community (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Prayer Partners,

This week, please join us in praying for God to lead the children, youth, and adults in our church to more authentic and consistent community in our isolated world. Pray for:

- Each person in our congregation to grow in their understanding of God's eternal community in the perfect fellowship of the Trinity.
- Fresh insight into Jesus' love for fellowship and community with the disciples, the people of His day, and with us today.
- Increasing commitment of God's people to be in fellowship, community, and authentic relationship with each other.
- The community ministries of our church that connect believers to each other through small groups, fellowship groups, classes, service teams, and more.
- People in our community to be drawn to the loving and safe community God is creating in your church.
- New believers to feel welcomed and embraced in the life of the family of God.

Thank you for your prayers! God is using your prayers to change our church.

With you as we grow in locked arms and hearts in community,

Week 8- Organic Outreach (cut, paste, and send the following text before you start this week of your Organic Disciples series)

Dear Leaders and Prayer Partners,

This week, please join us in praying for God to lead the children, youth, and adults in our church out into the world with the good news of Jesus. Pray for:

- Each person in our congregation to remember and celebrate the day they received the grace, love, and salvation that only Jesus can bring.
- The Holy Spirit to grow our love for the lost and compassion on those who are wandering far from their Good Shepherd.
- Freedom from the fear of what people will think about us when we talk about our faith in Jesus and the grace He offers to all people.
- People in our church who have not yet opened their hearts to Jesus. Ask God to use this week of reading, preaching, and learning to draw people to the cross and faith in Jesus.
- Each member of our church to begin praying for one lost person and seeking ways to take their hand and help them move toward Jesus.
- Revival in our church and all the other Bible believing churches in our community.

Thank you for your prayers! The beginning of all revival is the prayers of God's people.

With you as we scatter the seeds of the Gospel,