

## BUILDING ON FAITH

# 14 Days Prayer

November 28 - December 11

We give thanks to thee, O God; we give thanks; we call on thy name and recount thy wondrous deeds. Psalm 75:1

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of this day. We thank you for this opportunity to pray with our Prince of Peace family, our campaign leadership, and Father Paul that these 14 Days of Prayer will help bring about the success of our mission to build our spiritual community by creating additional space to extend our works of love, hospitality, mercy, and prayer.

You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. James 2:22

Loving Lord, help us to remember your call to share our time, talent, and treasure with others. Let our actions demonstrate that though we are in the world, we are not of the world. Let your light shine through our thoughts, words, and deeds so we can make a difference here at Prince of Peace and in our community of Kearney.

### Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

God of all Goodness, through the inspiration of the dedicated lives of all the saints, and especially St. Sister Ann Seton and St. John Neuman, whose relics lie beneath our Altar, we ask you to pour forth the grace of the Holy Spirit to help us understand fully that everything, even our lives, is a gift, and that the more we give ourselves away, the more your divine grace can increase in us.

. . .you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

Spirit of Love, we thank you for calling Father Paul and Deacon Thomas to their faithful ministry here at Prince of Peace. We have been blessed by their leadership and uplifted by their homilies. May you forever guide them in teaching us to be true stewards of all your gifts, and, in so doing, lead us to you.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—ye, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

Lord of All, we thank you for the stewardship of those parishioners currently giving hours of their time and talent to this campaign so that we may add the dedicated space necessary to fulfill our Parish mission through works of love, hospitality, mercy, and prayer.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Spirit of Life, you opened the hearts of many in providing the contributions needed to open the doors of Prince of Peace ten years ago. As we prepare to move forward in faith, lead us, guide us, and strengthen our commitment to this new vision you have given us.

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. Matthew 21:22

Everlasting God, we make a commitment to you of our love. As we give of ourselves in our church and community, building your Kingdom here on earth, may we all come closer to you in faith.

#### There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 1 Corinthians 1:4

Most Holy Spirit, in response to our Baptismal call to share our time, talent and treasure with our parish, may we see stewardship as a way of life, a journey toward discipleship. We pray that this endeavor will deepen our relationship with you and our Prince of Peace family who walk with us in serving you.

### *It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way.*Proverbs 19:2

Almighty God, you are the giver of every gift, including the most precious and holy gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to remember how important it is for us to also be generous givers so we can carry out Christ's mission for His church on earth, which is the only source of the living bread that feeds our souls and saves us from the many temptations of this world.

Now, my son, the Lord be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the Lord your God, as he said you would. I Chronicles 22:11

Spirit of Life, as we return a portion of what you have given to us, help us to contemplate how your call to share our gifts strengthens our commitment to you and our parish family, and through that, our belief that you are the way, the truth, and the life.

For thou, O LORD, has made me glad by thy work; at the works of thy hands I sing for joy. Psalm 69:30

Lord of Hosts, we pray that you will keep our eyes and hearts open to the communication we receive from our church leaders and campaign ambassadors. We prayerfully ask that you fill our hearts with joy at the thought of how this added space will allow us to come together as a family of believers who trust in your wisdom.

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Psalm 127:1

Holy Spirit of God, stir in us a desire to give during our parish campaign. Open our hearts to enrich your earthly kingdom by giving what is necessary to add the wonderful space that is planned for, which is enough space to complete Phase II. Help us to come together in this effort which will allow our parish family to celebrate and grow together outside of the Mass.

As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 'I tell you the truth,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.' Luke 21:1-4

Lord of the Living, we pray for your guidance in being devoted and faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. We want our gifts to be meaningful and purposeful. You taught us how even the widow's two small coins were of great value in your eyes. Help us to make a difference during this campaign. We want to expand your kingdom and gather many souls for eternity!

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

God on High, by the graces received through these daily prayers, we firmly resolve to continue the work of building your Church on earth by contributing to our parish campaign responsibly and according to our means. Give us a spirit of wisdom, generosity, and perseverance as we strive to do your will. Spirit of God be with us and always at work in us so that all our efforts may be directed to praising your name!