

A PRAYERFUL VISION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

 UNIONVILLE
ALLIANCE CHURCH

Prayer Service

Sunday, September 1, 2024

OUR MISSION

Unionville Alliance Church exists to lead people to know Jesus Christ and to follow Him passionately.

OUR VISION

Touching our world through Jesus, one life at a time.



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Part 1: Repentance, Restoration & Revival

Our Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our deep need for Your grace and mercy. You are holy, righteous, and just, and we are reminded of how far we have fallen short of Your glory. As a church, we stand united in repentance, confessing our sins before You. Lord, we repent of the ways we have strayed from Your path, whether through actions, thoughts, or attitudes that do not reflect Your character. Forgive us, Father, for our complacency, for the times we have neglected Your Word, and for when we have allowed pride, selfishness, or fear to guide our decisions instead of Your Spirit.

Father, we ask for Your cleansing power to wash over us. Purify our hearts and renew our minds so that we may be vessels of honor in Your service. We turn to you in humility, brokenness, and hope in your love, grace, and forgiveness. May our repentance not be just words but a true turning away from sin and a sincere return to You. We pray for the courage to confront our own shortcomings and the grace to extend forgiveness to others as we have been forgiven by You.

Lord, we also seek restoration. Where there is brokenness in our lives and relationships, we ask for Your healing touch. Restore the relationships within our church community that have been strained by misunderstanding, hurt, or unforgiveness. Bring healing to families that are struggling, and mend the hearts of those who are wounded. We know that You are the God who makes all things new, and we trust in Your power to restore what has been lost. Revive within us a deep love for one another, that we may truly live out the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Finally, Father, we cry out for revival. We long to see Your Spirit move powerfully in our midst, awakening our hearts to a deeper relationship with You. Stir within us a passion for Your presence, a hunger for Your Word, and a desire to see Your kingdom come in our lives, our church, and our community. Revive our worship, that it may be a fragrant offering to You. Revive our commitment to prayer, that we may be a church that seeks Your face earnestly and persistently. Revive our mission, that we may be bold witnesses for Christ, sharing the gospel with those who are lost and in need of Your saving grace.

Lord, we recognize that revival begins with us. So we open our hearts to You, asking that You do a new work in us. Fill us with Your Spirit, and let Your fire burn brightly in our lives. May our church be a place where Your glory dwells, where lives are transformed, and where Your love is made known to all. We believe that You are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to Your power at work within us. We pray all this in the powerful and precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

Part 2: Families, Children, Youth & Marriages

Dear Lord Jesus,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude, lifting up the children, youth, families, and marriages within our community. Lord, You are the Creator of all life, and we thank You for the precious gift of children. Their laughter and innocence remind us of Your pure love. We ask that You protect them, guarding their hearts and minds from the dangers and influences of this world. Fill them with Your Spirit, so they may grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with You and with others. Help them find their identity and worth in You alone, knowing they are fearfully and wonderfully made. May they come to know you as their Lord and Saviour at an early age.

Lord, we bring before You the youth of our church and community. In this pivotal season of their lives, they face many challenges and pressures. We pray that You give them discernment and courage to make choices that honor You. Surround them with godly mentors and friends that point them towards Your truth. In a world full of distractions and shifting values, may they be rooted in Your Word, finding their purpose in You. Raise up a generation passionate about following You, unashamed to stand for righteousness, and eager to advance Your kingdom. May they love you deeply with their heart, soul, strength, and mind.

Lord, we lift up the families in our church and community. Families are the bedrock of society, and we ask for Your blessing upon each one. Strengthen the bonds of love and unity among parents and children. Grant parents the wisdom to lead their families according to Your ways, modeling Your love, grace, and truth in their homes. May our families be places of refuge and peace, where Your presence is felt, and Your love is shared freely. Help parents raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, teaching them to love and serve You with all their hearts.

We pray, Father, for marriages within our congregation and beyond. Marriage is a sacred covenant, designed by You to

reflect the love and commitment Christ has for His church. Strengthen the marriages in our midst, filling husbands and wives with Your Spirit, enabling them to love one another selflessly and unconditionally. In times of joy, may they celebrate Your goodness together; in times of difficulty, may they lean on Your strength and grow closer to one another. Restore and heal any brokenness, Lord, and renew the passion and commitment within every marriage. May each union be a beacon of hope and a testament to Your faithfulness, shining brightly in a world that often devalues the sacredness of marriage.

Lord, we stand firm on Your promises, believing You are at work in the lives of our children, youth, families, and marriages. Pour out Your blessings upon them, knitting them together with cords of love that cannot be broken. Let Your peace reign in our homes, and may our families and marriages be testimonies of Your grace and power. We pray all these things in the mighty name of Jesus our Saviour.

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Part 3: Community Outreach

Our Heavenly Father,

We come before You with hearts filled with gratitude for the opportunities You have given us to serve our community. You have called us to be Your hands and feet, extending Your love and compassion to those in need. Today, we lift up our outreach efforts through Masters Pantry & Hampers of Hope and the Alpha program. Lord, we ask for Your blessing upon these ministries, that they may be instruments of Your grace, meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those we serve.

Father, we thank You for Masters Pantry & Hampers of Hope, where we can provide food and resources to those who are struggling. We pray for every individual and family that comes through our doors, that they would not only receive physical nourishment but also experience Your love and care. May the food we provide be a tangible expression of Your love, reminding them that You are a God who sees and cares for their needs. We ask that You continue to bless this ministry with the resources, volunteers, and support needed to reach even more people in our community. Let it be a place of hope, where those who are weary and burdened can find rest and encouragement in You.

Lord, we also lift up the Alpha program, our evangelistic outreach. We pray for every person who participates in Alpha, whether they are exploring faith for the first time or seeking to deepen their relationship with You. We ask that You would open hearts and minds to the truth of the gospel, and that lives would be transformed by the power of Your Spirit. Give us boldness and wisdom as we share the good news of Jesus Christ, and let every conversation be seasoned with grace and truth. May Alpha be a catalyst for revival in our community, drawing many into a saving relationship with You. May we be bold to invite our friends, neighbours, co-workers and loved ones to experience you through Alpha.

Father, we pray for the ministry of Toronto Alliance Church, as they serve the poor, needy, and homeless in the downtown core

of Toronto. We pray for Your abundant provision to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those who are struggling. Lord, may this ministry be a beacon of Your love and compassion, offering hope and restoration to those who feel lost and forgotten. Empower the workers and volunteers with wisdom, grace, and perseverance as they reach out to those in desperate need. May lives be transformed through this outreach, and may Your name be glorified in every act of kindness and every word of encouragement. Empower us as we partner with TAC by making food, volunteering to serve, and praying for those in need.

Lord, may our community outreach be a reflection of Your heart for the lost, the hurting, and the vulnerable. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may serve with humility, compassion, and love. Let everything we do be done for Your glory, pointing others to the hope and salvation found in Jesus Christ. We pray that through these efforts, Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done in our community as it is in heaven. We ask all this in the mighty name of Jesus.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

Part 4: Missions

Dear Lord Jesus,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the privilege of participating in Your mission to reach the lost and to be Your hands and feet in a broken world. We thank You for the calling You have placed on Unionville Alliance Church to be a light in the darkness, both locally and globally, as we seek to make Your name known among all nations.

Lord, we lift up to You the unreached people groups around the world—those who have yet to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray for Your Spirit to move mightily in these regions, breaking down barriers of resistance, opening hearts, and preparing the way for Your Word to be received. We ask that You would raise up workers who are willing to go to the ends of the earth, to places where Your name is not yet known. Strengthen and encourage those who are already laboring in these fields, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. May they be filled with Your wisdom, courage, and perseverance as they share the message of salvation with those who have never heard it.

We pray specifically for our international workers, who have left their homes and families to serve You in distant lands. We ask for Your protection over them, that You would shield them from harm and provide for their every need. Grant them favor with the local authorities and communities, that they might build strong relationships and have opportunities to share the gospel in meaningful ways. Lord, we ask that You would give them a deep sense of Your presence, especially in moments of loneliness and discouragement. May they be reminded that they are never alone, for You are with them always. We pray that their ministries would bear much fruit, that many would come to know You through their faithful witness.

Jesus, we also lift up to You the justice and compassion work around the world. We thank You for the opportunities we have to be involved in bringing hope and healing to those who are suffering from injustice, poverty, and oppression. We pray for the victims of human trafficking, for refugees, for those living in

extreme poverty, and for all who are marginalized and vulnerable. Empower us, as a church, to be champions of justice, to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and to act on behalf of those in need. Give us the courage to confront injustice wherever we see it, and the wisdom to know how best to respond.

We pray that You would continue to bless and guide Unionville Alliance Church as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. May our hearts always be aligned with Yours, and may we be faithful in our calling to bring the gospel to all nations. We ask that You would multiply our efforts and that, through our obedience, many would come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. In His precious name we pray.

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Part 5: Unsaved Loved Ones

Our Heavenly Father,

We come before You with hearts burdened for our unsaved loved ones, knowing that You desire all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Lord, we lift up our family members, friends, and those dear to us who have not yet experienced the transforming power of Your love and grace. We pray that You would move mightily in their lives, drawing them to Yourself and opening their hearts to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Father, we ask that You would create divine opportunities for us to share the good news with them. Give us the courage, wisdom, and sensitivity to speak words of life and truth into their hearts. Help us to live out our faith in such a way that they see the light of Jesus in us, and are drawn to the hope and peace that only You can provide. We pray that You would remove any obstacles or barriers that are preventing them from coming to faith, whether it be doubts, fears, or past hurts. Lord, soften their hearts and make them receptive to Your love.

We pray for situations and circumstances in their lives—both good and bad—that would lead them to seek You. Whether through moments of joy, success, and blessing, or through trials, challenges, and pain, we ask that You would use every experience to draw them closer to You. Lord, let them see their need for a Savior and realize that true fulfillment and purpose can only be found in a relationship with Jesus. We trust that in Your perfect timing, You will bring them to a place of surrender, where they acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Father, we also ask that You would work in our hearts, helping us to be faithful witnesses of Your love. May our lives reflect the character of Christ, and may our actions speak along with our words. Give us the grace to love them unconditionally, to be patient and persistent in prayer, and to never lose hope in Your ability to save. Lord, help us to be the hands and feet of Jesus, serving them with humility and compassion, and demonstrating the love of Christ in every interaction.

We also lift up those around our unsaved loved ones—friends, coworkers, neighbors—who know You. We pray that they would also be a positive influence, pointing them to Jesus through their words and actions. Surround our loved ones with believers who will encourage them, speak truth into their lives, and model what it means to follow Christ.

Lord, we know that salvation is Your work, and we entrust our loved ones into Your capable hands. We pray that You would continue to pursue them with Your relentless love, that You would break down every wall and remove every chain that holds them captive. We ask that You would bring them into the freedom, joy, and peace that comes from knowing You. May their lives be transformed by Your grace, and may they become a testimony of Your saving power. In Jesus' name, we pray.

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Part 6: Healing & Wholeness

Dear Lord Jesus,

We come before You today, standing on the promises in Your Word, as we lift up our congregation, families, and individuals who are in need of healing and wholeness. We know that You are Jehovah Rapha, the Lord who heals, and we trust in Your power to restore and make all things new.

Lord, we pray for physical healing for those in our midst who are suffering from illness, pain, or disease. Your Word declares in Exodus 15:26, "I am the Lord who heals you," and we hold fast to this promise. We ask that You would touch every sick body with Your healing hand, restoring health and strength to those who are weak. Whether it be a chronic condition, an acute illness, or any other physical ailment, we ask that Your healing power would flow through their bodies, bringing complete restoration. We believe in Your promise in Isaiah 53:5 that by the stripes of Jesus, we are healed. Let this truth manifest in the lives of those who are in need of physical healing today.

Jesus, we also lift up those who are struggling with emotional and mental burdens. Your Word assures us in Psalm 34:18 that "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." We pray for those who are battling depression, anxiety, fear, and despair. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. We ask that You would bring comfort to those who are hurting, and that You would renew their minds, replacing lies with Your truth, and filling their hearts with hope and joy. Let them experience Your presence in a profound way, knowing that You are their refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Lord, we also pray for relational healing within our congregation and families. Your Word in Colossians 3:13-14 instructs us to bear with each other and forgive one another, as You have forgiven us. We ask that You would bring reconciliation where there has been division, peace where there has been strife, and love where there has been hatred. Heal broken relationships,

restore trust, and bring unity among us. Let Your love bind us together in perfect harmony, and may we reflect Your grace and mercy in all our interactions.

We declare Your promise in Jeremiah 30:17, “But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,” over every area of brokenness in our lives—physical, emotional, mental, and relational. We trust in Your faithfulness to complete the good work You have begun in us. Father, we ask for Your healing touch to bring wholeness and restoration, that we may walk in the fullness of life that You have promised. We thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers and for the healing that is already taking place. We give You all the glory and honor, knowing that You are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. In Jesus’ mighty name, we pray.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

Part 7: Apprenticing with Jesus

Dear Lord Jesus,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the calling You have placed on our lives to be your apprentices. We thank You for the privilege of walking in Your footsteps, learning from You, and growing in Your likeness. Your Word assures us in Matthew 28:19-20 that we are commissioned to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything" You have commanded. We humbly accept this calling and seek Your guidance and strength as we commit to being true disciples of Jesus.

Lord, we pray for every person in our congregation and community to embrace the call to be a disciple of Jesus. May we each have a deep desire to know You more intimately, to follow You more closely, and to live out Your teachings in our daily lives. We ask that You would ignite in us a passion for Your Word, a love for prayer, and a deep desire to follow you in love. Help us to prioritize our time with You, to seek Your presence, and to be transformed by the renewing of our minds as we meditate on Your Word.

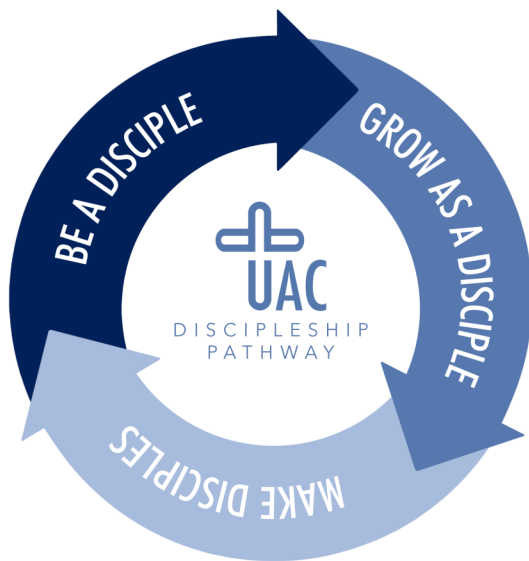
Father, we also pray for growth in our journey as disciples. Your Word in Ephesians 4:15 calls us to "grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ." We desire to mature in our faith, to be rooted and grounded in love, and to bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. We ask that You would shape our character to reflect the character of Jesus, that we may be conformed to His image. Strengthen us in our faith, deepen our understanding of Your truth, and empower us to live out our calling with boldness and humility through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, as we grow as disciples, we also pray that You would use us to make disciples. Just as You have called us to follow You, You have also commissioned us to invite others into this journey of discipleship. We ask for opportunities to share the Gospel with those around us, for the courage to step out in faith, and for the wisdom to disciple others in Your ways. Your Word instructs

us to entrust what we have learned to faithful people who will be able to teach others also. May we be faithful stewards of the truth You have entrusted to us, and may we be diligent in raising up the next generation of disciples who will carry the torch of faith forward.

Father, we know that apart from You, we can do nothing. So, we humbly ask for Your Spirit to fill us, lead us, and empower us as we commit ourselves to being apprentices of Jesus. May our lives reflect His love, His grace, and His truth, and may we bring glory to Your name in all that we do. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray.

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