

February 2012 Prayer Guide

Oakwood Community Church

Introduction:

Oakwood Community Church is continuing the use of the prayer guide as we launch into 2012 and *fuel* the new vision of **Expanding Our Territory, Together** united with **Love ~ Grow ~ Serve**. In building upon our prayer focus last month of God's attributes, we are making February a time to make that love connection with God and His people based on the vision element of loving God. We will do this through the prayer of Jabez.

Jabez is a man who is mentioned only briefly as a side story out of a Hebrew genealogy list in I Chronicles 4, but the mention is significant. He prays this prayer to God:

The Prayer of Jabez:

"And Jabez called upon the God of Israel saying,
'Oh, that you would bless me indeed,
and expand my territory,
that Your hand would be with me,
and that You would keep me from evil,
that I may not cause pain!'

So God granted him what he requested." (I Chronicles 4:10)

Even with this brief mention of Jabez in a genealogical list, we know that God answers the prayer of Jabez. We can take February to pray this prayer in faith to help us love God, grow in community, and to serve the church and world.

Instructions:

We will open February by kicking off the revealing of the vision with a week dedicated to the different elements of the vision. Then, we will pray the **prayer of Jabez every day for the rest of the month focusing on different people groups** each week:

1. Family
2. Friends,
3. Local church
4. Unsaved/unchurched worldwide

Perhaps the most beneficial option would be **to choose a specific name for that category** for the five day period where we will pray for that group (a blank is supplied for you to fill in that specific name).

To take a deeper look into the prayer of Jabez, see this reference:

Wilkinson, Bruce. *The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life*. Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Publishers, 2000.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 30 LOVE GOD: Pray that God will add new worshipers to Oakwood.	January 31 GROW in COMMUNITY: Pray for increased participation in community groups.	1 SERVE the CHURCH: Pray about God using you on a serve team or in a new way for OCC.	2 SERVE the WORLD: Pray for the smooth implementation of Mission Commission strategies.	3 Prayer of Jabez: Participate in church-wide fast and praying the prayer of Jabez for Oakwood.	4 Prayer of Jabez: Pray the prayer of Jabez and participate in a church-wide breaking fast event
6 Prayer of Jabez for [Family Member]	7 Prayer of Jabez for [Family Member]	8 Prayer of Jabez for [Family Member]	9 Prayer of Jabez for [Family Member]	10 Prayer of Jabez for [Family Member]	11 Prayer of Jabez for [Friend]
13 Prayer of Jabez for [Friend]	14 Prayer of Jabez for [Friend]	15 Prayer of Jabez for [Friend]	16 Prayer of Jabez for [Friend]	17 Prayer of Jabez for [Unsaved local individual]	18 Prayer of Jabez for [Unsaved local individual]
20 Prayer of Jabez for [Unsaved local individual]	21 Prayer of Jabez for [Unsaved local individual]	22 Prayer of Jabez for [Unsaved local individual]	23 Prayer of Jabez for [Unsaved local individual]	24 Prayer of Jabez for [Missionary or an unsaved people group]	25 Prayer of Jabez for [Missionary or an unsaved people group]
27 Prayer of Jabez for [Missionary or an unsaved people group]	28 Prayer of Jabez for [Missionary or an unsaved people group]	29 Prayer of Jabez for [Missionary or an unsaved people group]			