

My 2024 COMMITMENT

1. **Pray at least twice a week using the Life Support Prayer Calendar.** We encourage at least once in the hearing of other Christians.
2. **Encourage other individuals in your congregation to join in the Life Support Prayer ministry.** Notify PPL of those who are interested in making the commitment.
3. **Encourage public prayers by the church for the efforts to protect preborn children** and for the care of their mothers and families.
4. As you are led, **renew your commitment** annually.

PPL is so grateful for your prayers!

We know that the seasons of your life change. If you are unable to continue your commitment to PPL's prayer team, please contact us and we will remove you from these mailings. *Please note our new address!*



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LIFE SUPPORT PRAYER CALENDAR

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ISAIAH 60:19-20

"The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end."

IMMANUEL, THE GOD OF FRESH STARTS

By Carla van Eyk, PPL Executive Director

As we reflect upon the milestones of previous years, such as the overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, may we prayerfully "consider our ways" and rejoice in the fresh starts of 2024. Moreover, God mercifully provides us with the Hope of His Promise, "I am with you" (Haggai 1:7-14). Some of the most motivating words to hear in any changing situation are, "You are not alone, and I am with you." How much more encouraging when the Lord himself promises this!

The Prophet Haggai reminded God's remnant people, who had returned from Babylonian exile years earlier, to resume building the Lord's Temple with the Hope and Promise of His presence by the Holy Spirit in their midst. Despite the seemingly insurmountable roadblocks, post-Roe, the Lord is re-awakening the Church to remember His covenant faithfulness and stay focused on His sovereign plan unfolding.

Haggai was the book of prophecy that the Holy Spirit gently used to awaken my heart to actively serve our Christian community with renewed dedication. I pray that you, too, will hear afresh from Almighty God's unchanging Word in the coming year. May you pursue the call that He places on your heart to be the Church presently at work in His service, while expectantly awaiting the coming Kingdom where the Temple exists in all its glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we fix our eyes on the future glory of the Kingdom to come, may we humbly trust the Lord for His Spirit enabling our ministry this year. Please join Presbyterians Protecting Life in praying for new chapters to emerge for Life Teams. We pray that innumerable churches across our nation will catch the vision to champion a culture of life in their own church bodies and local communities. Reflecting the Lord's glory, may the Church help others in darkness realize the Hope of the Lord's presence to redeem and lovingly provide a fresh start.

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JAN/FEB

Dec 31 - Jan 6:

Pray for God's establishment of our labors. What is our purpose? Our doctrinal standards offer guidance: "... glorify God, and ... enjoy Him forever."

Psalm 90:12 explores wisdom and the fear of God. "Who understands the power of Thine anger?" asks Moses. This realization leads to a simple duty: "So teach us to number our days."

Jan 7-13:

Thank God for His determination to build His everlasting kingdom in the hearts of men, even in the face of disappointments and setbacks. His holy, redemptive purposes cannot be thwarted, even by our own sinful indolence. **Haggai 1:1-2**

Pray for a powerfully renewed stirring of the Holy Spirit in this new year, so the church can shake off remaining sluggishness and boldly testify to Christ's grace and fullness of life.

Jan 14-20:

Thank God for His love and tender correction, prodding us awake from satisfaction with the status quo and reminding us that the world needs us to champion human life. **Haggai 1:3-4**

Pray for the church to shed its "business as usual" mentality and awaken with new vigor for the cause of life, stepping out boldly to advance it in a culture still walking in darkness.

Jan 21-27:

Thank God for His fatherly redirection, reminding us to "consider our ways" and exit the broad, smooth path leading to destruction. **Haggai 1:5, 7**

Pray for a resurgence of preaching that challenges the careless and unthinking, calling believers to full obedience to our ascended and reigning King Jesus.

Jan 28-Feb 3:

Thank God even for His hard corrective providences, like poverty and famine, which ultimately lead us towards genuine repentance and life. **Haggai 1:6, 9-11**

Pray for submission to the Lord's chastening hand, so that hardships can sweeten our disposition and strengthen our Christian testimony. **Psalm 119:71**

FEB/MAR

Feb 4-10:

Thank God for the resources He provides. He equips us with everything needed to champion life, just as He provided for the Temple's materials. **Haggai 1:8**

Pray for a contented spirit as we work for life. Let joy in Christ fuel our efforts, knowing our work has eternal value. **1 Cor. 15:58**

Feb 11-17:

Thank God for His Holy Spirit's power to change hearts. Haggai's preaching only succeeded because the Spirit opened hearts to receive it. Praise God who prepares both the preacher and the hearer. **Haggai 1:12, 14-15**

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May He powerfully testify of Jesus, apply God's Word, break hearts, and lead to genuine repentance.

Feb 18-24:

Thank God for the swiftness of the Holy Spirit's work. Don't underestimate what He can achieve in a short time. Haggai's message led to the resumption of Temple work within just 24 days. **Haggai 1:1, 15**

Pray for renewed faith in God's power and grace. Remember the unexpected reversal of U.S. abortion policy in 2022. Expect great things from Him! **Luke 1:37**

Feb 25-Mar 2:

Thank God for His presence with His Church. Haggai's message to the humbled returnees was simple yet powerful: "'I am with you,' declares the LORD." Jesus Christ, *Immanuel*, is God with us!

Haggai 1:13

Pray for contentment in Jesus Christ, finding rest in Him even when facing seemingly impossible tasks like championing life in a culture of death.

Mar 3-9:

Thank God for the gift of reflecting on our spiritual heritage. Though the second temple seemed insignificant compared to Solomon's, it still held immense value as a symbol of God's presence and faithfulness. **Haggai 2:1-3** (see over for Prayer prompt)

MAR/APR

Mar 3-9: (cont.)

Pray for a growing sense of connection between generations in the church. May the hearts of fathers be turned to their children and vice versa, ensuring the Gospel's faithful transmission until Christ's glorious return.

Mar 10-16:

Thank God for the encouragement of Christ-centered preaching. Haggai's message of "Take courage, and work, for I am with you" provides a powerful antidote to discouragement. **Haggai 2:4**

Pray for your pastor's encouragement, study, and prayer time. May his sermons be pointed, helpful, and empowered by God's presence to impart spiritual courage.

Mar 17-23:

Thank God for His covenant faithfulness and mercy. Though centuries have passed since Israel's exodus, the lessons of history still hold power for shaping our thinking today. **Haggai 2:5**

Pray for opportunities to reflect on God's faithfulness with like-minded others. Together, let us strengthen one another for the work ahead. **Hebrews 12:12, 13:8**

Mar 24-30:

Thank God for His power to fulfill His purposes. He equips us for the task of rebuilding His glorious house. He not only promises to be with us by His Spirit but also previews the coming glory, where He will shake the nations and their wealth will fill His house. **Haggai 2:6-8**

Pray for a renewed faith in God's promises. He is faithful and will complete what He starts!

Mar 31-Apr 6:

Thank God for Jesus Christ, the "latter glory" of the temple and the source of true peace. The wealth of all nations refers not to material possessions but to their people, who will find Jesus and peace in the New Jerusalem. **Haggai 2:9**

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that people of every background may surrender their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

APR/MAY

Apr 7-13:

Thank God for His redemptive intervention in our culture of death. Like the Levitical laws illustrate, humans cannot find acceptance with God on their own. Only through Christ's sacrifice are we cleansed and made righteous. **Haggai 2:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21**

Pray for the grace to abandon self-reliance and trust solely in Jesus for our salvation.

Apr 14-20:

Thank God for the opportunity to re-evaluate our fruitless ways. The Israelites' neglect of the Lord's house led to their lack of prosperity, demonstrating that neglecting spiritual duties hinders blessings.

Haggai 2:15-17

Pray for the grace to honestly assess our stewardship towards the Lord and its consequences. Have we neglected giving tithes or supporting His kingdom?

Apr 21-27:

Thank God for His persevering kindness. Despite our failures, He remains faithful and provides for us. He multiplies our efforts and blesses us according to His goodness. **Haggai 2:18-19**

Pray for a grateful heart to recognize God's faithfulness and provision, remembering that He cares for us. **Psalm 37:25, 145:16**

Apr 28-May 4:

Thank God for His sovereign determination to redeem His people. Zerubbabel, governor of Judah during the temple's rebuilding, is not just a political figure but a bridge between the Testaments. His name appears in Jesus' genealogy, He symbolizes the ongoing process of redemption initiated in Genesis 3 and fulfilled in Christ. **Haggai 2:20-23, Matthew 1:1-17**

Pray for a heart filled with gratitude for God's enduring plan of redemption. This powerful Gospel message continues to save even after countless generations. *Sola Christo Gloria!*