

Unify Churches in Boston | Day 22



The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

God, as we look out at the world that you made we see how diverse it is. You made soaring mountain peaks, sandy beaches, lush meadows, and dry deserts. Your people are equally diverse; some loving meat, others lots of vegetables, others want it all spicy, and others enjoy a nice bowl of cereal best. Some are energized being in the crowd, while others want to retreat into a quiet library to get lost in a book. Some enjoy some smooth jazz, others the beat of hip-hop, and still others country music. We learn from your word that the one thing that can unite such different people is Christ Jesus. Through repentance in Christ we are then all filled with the same Holy Spirit that resides in each of us which collectively makes us the church. You make things so diverse and then bring it all back into unity.

Father, it is far too easy to look at other churches as competition, looking to attract the most people, seeking to be the “best” church. Forgive us for any temptation to gain for our behalf, to be thought of well in our community to boost our own self-esteem instead of to bring you glory. Forgive us for any selfish desires individually and as a church. May we only be seeking to make your name great.

Instead, create a unity among the churches in Boston to pursue your kingdom over our own self-interests. While your Spirit is in each one, you have brought each church together uniquely and placed them in unique neighborhoods. May each church work together as one body, using their unique gifts with each seeking to do their own part to see the kingdom as a whole expanded here in the city of Boston. God, may the people and neighborhoods of Boston experience an outpouring of your Spirit and an engagement with the truth of your word that far surpasses any other time in history. May we not be selfish or try to impress others, but instead be humble and think others better than ourselves (Philippians 2:3).

Amen

What are some other churches in the city that you could begin praying for by name? Pray that God would use other churches and other believers in Boston in a mighty way.

A Long Haul Laborer | Day 23



And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. - Luke 10:2

Father, you tell us to pray this which means this must be important. You say to us that there is an abundance of people far from you and no saving relationship—and yet, there are only a few actively pursuing these people and telling them about salvation found in Jesus.

Why is it there are so few laborers? Is it because we haven't yet grasped your extravagant love that came to save us even in our wicked and rebellious state? Is it because we can't let go of our own trivial plans that promote ourselves in this world to pick up your glorious, redeeming plan that makes much of you?

Would you make us into laborers? Help us to see that our calling as followers of Jesus, first and foremost—above everything else including job and family—is to be an ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20). You have called us to be on mission making known your love and your message. Playing it safe is watching others do the work. There's no cost, no sweat, no chance of failure or rejection. But we know we are meant for more. We do not want to be spectators. You have saved us not so that we would be comfortable but so that we could go and tell others about the hope we have in you.

Lord, we pray that you would show us where we can strategically invest our lives for your glory. We're reminded the strongest trees are those with the deepest roots. Show us where we should plant and invest our lives over the long haul. We do not want to go necessarily where a job is offered. We want to go where your kingdom needs to grow. We admit it is easy for us to overestimate what we can do in a couple of years and yet underestimate what we can do in ten. Working in a field (= engaging people far from you) often does not produce fruit (=seeing those people follow you) overnight. Instead, it takes perseverance and endurance. Missionaries in hard places come to mind—some that saw people embrace you only after years and years of sharing the Good News of Christ.

We pray for Boston. This city is scarce with laborers and yet the harvest is plentiful. Would you raise up laborers in churches that will deem Boston as their field to work? Would you put Boston in people's hearts across the US and across the world and move them here to join alongside the other workers already here? In Jesus' name, amen.

Would you ask God where you can strategically plant your life over the long haul for his glory? Would you consider setting your alarm for 10:02 AM & PM and pray Luke 10:2 for Boston?

Build Your Church | Day 24



I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. - Jesus, Matthew 16:18

Father, it is because of and through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we have new churches. We praise you for the work that has already happened in Boston, and across the world. We know that we can't build or start churches in our own strength. Only Jesus can do that, by changing hearts and bringing the dead to life. But we know that you don't build churches despite us. Instead, Jesus goes out with us as we go. Jesus builds churches by His authority and through His presence with his disciples who make disciples.

We pray that you, O God, will raise up disciples who have a heart for the city of Boston. We pray that there will be people raised up within Boston to start new churches, and that you will press in on peoples' hearts throughout the world to see new churches started in Boston. We pray that you will also use the Gospel-believing churches in and around Boston to send out individuals to start new churches. We pray for Boston as we read of the church body throughout Judea and Galilee and Samaria, that *walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied* (Acts 9:31). Multiply the churches that are here, God. Raise up leaders within these churches, and impress upon their hearts neighborhoods and people who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

We pray that as you continue to send your disciples to begin churches in Boston, that you will send partners and laborers to come alongside them to see your name made famous. We love to pray the prayer, **In Boston as it is in Heaven**. We pray for you to build your church here. We pray for your disciples to have a heart and burden for specific people here. We pray for your Kingdom to come here.

Amen.

Would you ask God how He wants to use you in His mission to grow His church in Boston?

Gospel Movement | Day 25



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

Father, Boston needs more than *a* church. It needs hundreds of churches sprouting up all over the city so that the percentage of lostness starts to decline and we begin to see a Gospel movement. We are grateful for the work you have done already at King's Hill Church. We pray for more lives changed, more people coming to faith in Jesus, more baptisms, more Life Groups. But we also know it's not about how big King's Hill gets.

You are in the business of sending. You sent your Son. Jesus commissioned his disciples. The mandate is to "Go!" We ask that King's Hill would not be known for its sitting capacity—how many people come to our gatherings on Sundays—but by its sending capacity—how many people we are equipping and releasing to different parts of the city and the world to share the Gospel.

God, would you grant King's Hill the privilege of helping see new churches started all over Boston, especially in neighborhoods lacking a Gospel witness? There are 23 neighborhoods in the city with plans for adding several more and yet many do not have a life-giving, Bible-believing, Gospel-centered church. Would you use our church to change this?

Help us to be unselfish with our resources and our leaders. Even in the infancy stage we are in as a church, would you burden our hearts for the city and guide us to where we might help plant new churches in the years to come? Give us a spirit of generosity in funding your mission. Raise up ministry leaders from within our church that can be sent out for these purposes. Make your glory shine in Mission Hill and all across Boston. Our plea is this: in Boston as it is in heaven.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Would you begin praying each day for a particular neighborhood in Boston—for Gospel growth and for new churches to start in these communities? Would you ask God how you can help fund his cause for this city? Would you ask God in what ways you can be trained to play apart in seeing God's kingdom grow in Boston?

Guide Us Into Global Partnership | Day 26



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:3

Lord, You are the great God! Many people from around the world are praising you: *May the peoples praise You. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth (Psalms 67:3-4).* Hallelujah! Lord, You are everywhere. You know this world because you created every tree and flower.

Lord, we confess we do not think about other believers around the world. We get absorbed in our own details of life. Lord forgive us.

Thank you for the many ways you have provided for us to see and read of the need for the gospel around the world. The gospel is being shared through radio, magazines, tracts, and stores in so many languages. We read in Revelation 5:9-10, *You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God. and they will reign on the earth.*

Lord, we ask that you guide our church to where and to whom we can partner with around the world. We ask that you open our eyes to where you are working all around the world. We ask that you give us a desire to reach out to those from other cultures and languages so your gospel can be shared around the world!

How often do you find yourself praying for believers across the globe? Or for those who have never heard the Gospel before and need missionaries to go to them? Can you pray for both these believers and the unreached and unengaged now? Can you ask God to show our church leadership where and to whom we should partner around the world?

Strengthen Those Around World | Day 27



God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way. – Matthew 5:10-12

God, we know that you are a just and righteous God. We know that in the end every knee will bow and tongue confess that you are Sovereign. We look forward to the day of your return when you establish your Kingdom Eternal. The Kingdom of Glory, where we will bask in your Majesty forever. How worthy are you of our allegiance? Faith in you ought to supersede all loyalties and all concerns.

We confess that there are times when we do not maintain our loyalty to you. In the face of worldly fear, we hide our citizenship to your Kingdom. And we confess that our fears seem trivial placed next to the persecution endured by many of our brothers and sisters. And even with that perspective, we cannot always find the strength to persevere.

So, God, we ask that you grant us strength. All of us. Every member of your body. Strength to withstand the persecution we experience because of our faith in you. Strength to hold up our heads, look our oppressors in the eye, and declare our allegiance to you. Strength to bear the burden placed upon us with the fruit of your Spirit. And we plead on behalf of our brothers and sisters who live in constant persecution and fear beyond anything that we have experienced. Please strengthen our faith family who face persecution because of their allegiance to you.

We love you, God, and we trust in your perfect way. Amen.

When faced with persecution, do you maintain confidently your allegiance to God? In what ways do you need to grow you in perseverance?

Take Us to the Unreached | Day 28



For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” - Romans 10:13–15

Lord God, we thank you for the grace that has been shown to us in that we have had countless opportunities to hear and read about you and the good news that you are reconciling the world to yourself in Christ. But God, we also know that there are those who do not have the same opportunities and resources that we do when it comes to hearing the gospel. We know that there are even those who, at this moment in time, literally don't have any opportunity to hear about you and your love that is shown in Christ. We understand vividly that no one can *believe in the one of whom they have not heard, and without hearing, they cannot be saved*. We understand that the implications of this have eternal consequences and because of that, they are of the utmost importance.

But Lord, we confess that we brush off the seriousness of the implications of this text with whatever excuse we can grasp. We admit that our heart is cold and hard. We reason in our simple minds that it is easier and less painful to live in a world with thoughts that tickle our sinful ears rather than facing the reality of the situation. We beg for forgiveness and ask for the strength to fight to live in the reality of your Word.

With the seriousness of the situation in mind, God, we ask that you would raise up missionaries in our church that would take the gospel to a people that don't have the opportunity to hear it. We pray that you would raise up specific individuals whom you have given desires and capabilities to give their lives to making the good news known to those in darkness. We also ask that you would provide our church with resources to send off missionaries to bring the gospel to places that are untouched. We pray that you allow us to be a part of seeing the gospel spread. We know that in eternity there will be a countless multitude of people from every nation, tribe, people, and tongue clothed in Christ's righteousness (Rev 7:9), and we know that many will be there because you raised up missionaries to proclaim the good news to the unreached. God, we ask that you would allow us to be a part of those who brought the good news to some in that multitude.

In Jesus' name, amen.

What are some things that keep you away from grasping the reality of the situation? What are some practical steps that you could take to partake in seeing the gospel being taken to places where there is no opportunity to hear it? What are some ways that you can partake in spreading the gospel to those who are around you?