By 2012, Path 1 seeks to equip 1,000 church planters who enable Annual Conferences to start 650 new congregations that each commits to start a new congregation within their first 10 years. This will begin a process that forms millions of new disciples of Jesus Christ. The real measure of success will not be in those numbers or in membership increases giving but in the lives that will be touched and drawn to Christ because these new churches were able to reach people who might otherwise not be reached.

Suggestions on what to pray for those involved in Path 1:

- Ongoing spiritual grounding
- Balance in life
- Holy Spirit empowered ministry
- · Well being of families
- Protection from harm and needless distraction
- Inspiration and responsiveness to God's leading

Or for Path 1 directly:

- Path 1 team meetings be effective and productive according to God's will
- Team unity, cohesiveness, cooperation, collaboration
- Favor across the denomination
- Adequate Funding
- · God's leading
- · Open doors
- That leaders and planters be raised up
- That "God Things" happening are recognized and celebrated
- Council of Bishops increasing acceptance, support, and facilitation
- Healthy relationships with constituencies such as Plans, Developers, Agencies
- Momentum

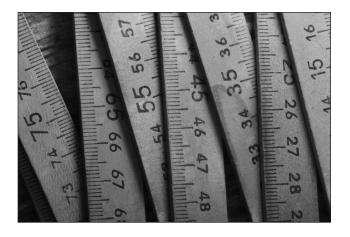
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Prayers for Growth



"We must always give thanks to God for you ... because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing."

- 2 Thessalonians 1:3

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| www.ngumc.org | | | | 1 God, I pray for my own spiritual growth, for the growth of my local church, and for the growth of my denomination. Matthew 17:20 | 2 God, I pray for spiritual growth. Change me so that I am more Christ-like. Hebrews 12:1 | 3 God, show me new and better ways to reach out to others and share my faith so that I might grow and they might grow. Matthew 10:32 |
| 4 God, thank you for giving us the opportunity for growth and the capacity for growth, both as individuals and as a church. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 | 5 God, help me encourage those who want to grow closer to you and let me be inspired by the faith of other Christians. Hebrews 10:25 | 6 God, give me the courage to go where you lead me and to make changes to improve myself spiritually. Joshua 1:7 | 7 God, make me a better child, a better parent, a better caretaker, a better friend, a better church member. John 1:12 | 8 God, renew my mind so that I may discern what is your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 | 9 God, help me to leave what is comfortable in order to follow you. Matthew 8:19 | 10 God, put me in the position to both recognize and receive your grace. John 6:35 |
| 11 God, we thank you for all the mothers who give of themselves so that their children grow mentally, spiritually and physically. Isaiah 66:13 | 12 God, I pray for growth in my local church so that this community may better know and serve you. John 17:23 | 13 God, help my congreation to grow, not only in numbers, but also in love for you and love for one another. Hebrews 10:25 | 14 God, show my church opportunities to open our doors to the community and open our hearts to our neighbors. John 8:7 | 15 God, show my congregation new and deeper ways to worship, to study, to follow you. Colossians 3:2 | 16 God, teach the members of my church to be welcoming to visitors and inviting to outsiders. Luke 9:48 | 17 God, teach us to stand up for justice and rightousness both inside our congregation and outside our walls. Amos 5:24 |
| 18 God, help me to see new opportunites and challenges as chances for growth. Genesis 21:19 | 19 God, give me fresh insight into how my gifts and talents can be used to serve you. Matthew 5:15-16 | 20 God, help our denomination identify, train, and nurture those who are called to be church planters. John 15:5 | 21 God, do not let me be satisfied with excuses for not growing and trying new things. 1 John 1:9 | 22 God, encourage me to face changes with a spirit of adventure, excitement and enthusiasm. Isaiah 43:2 | 23 God, we pray for high school and college graduates. Guide them as they face choices and changes and new responsibilities. 2 Timothy 3:14 | 24 God, I pledge my willingness to work to establish your kingdom in myself and in the world. Colossians 3:16 |
| 25 God, I pray for the spiritual growth of the unchurched, those who have rejected the church and those who have just been away from church. Psalm 118:22 | 26 God, help people struggling with faith to persevere until they find you. 1 Corinthians 3:7 | 27 God, give me a strong sense of who I am and a strong connection to my faith. Matthew 26:39 | 28 God, please show me how to witness to my friends and family who do not know you. Titus 2:7 | 29 God, clear my mind and heart so that I may pray earnestly for the salvation of others. 1 Corinthians 3:6 | 30 God, send me where I can do the most good and the best work. Psalm 1:3 | 31 God, work for good in all of us so that your kingdom grows here on earth. Romans 8:28 |