

**MILLION  
DOLLAR  
MIRACLE**



*What can I give to the LORD for  
all he has done for me? Psalm 116:12*

# Prayer Guide

## for a Million Dollar Miracle



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**Special Saturdays of Prayer for a Million Dollar Miracle:**

**March 26th at 7:00 P.M.**

**April 30th at 7:00 P.M.**

**May 28th at 7:00 P.M.**

*Please plan to join us!*

**Here are some foci for your times of prayer, as you seek the Lord's blessing in praying for a Million Dollar Miracle:**

- that God would receive all the honour and glory in our giving and the completion of the building
- that our hearts would be touched with the same generosity that Christ exhibited in His purchase on the cross of our salvation
- that we would centre on the new building as a venue to forward the spread of the Gospel in our parish
- that our wants would take second place to God's wants for us and the lost around us
- that we will learn the lessons of truly sacrificial giving
- that we consider our own responsibilities rather than focussing on what others are doing or not doing
- that joy will flood our hearts as we learn the opportunities of giving to the Lord
- that our children will learn from our desire to go "all out" in our devotion to the Lord
- that we will realise that all that we think is ours is truly God's and give it up to Him with thanks that He allows us to be His stewards
- that our tendency to consume and hold on to things will be replaced by a love for the lost
- that, as Martin Luther taught, "there are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, the mind, and the purse."

*“Lord, teach us to pray.” Luke 11:1*

O God my Creator and Redeemer, I may not go forth except Thou accompany me with Thy blessing. Let not the glow of good health, or the present prosperity of my undertakings, deceive me into a false reliance upon my own strength. All good gifts have come from Thee. They were Thine to give and Thine also to curtail. They are not mine to keep; I do but hold them in trust and only in continued dependence upon Thee, the Giver, can they be worthily enjoyed.

Let me then put back into Thy hand all that Thou hast given me, rededicating to Thy service all the powers of my mind and body, all my worldly goods, all my influence with other men. All these, O Father are Thine to use as Thou wilt. Amen.

*John Baillie*

*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer,  
believe that you have received it,  
and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24*

Precious Jesus, I need a miracle! In my strength and will, this need of a million dollars by the end of October is completely overwhelming! Instead of being lost in your wonder and goodness, I'm lost in the fear of an uncertain outcome. I need your help. Help me to call on you in constant prayer. Please remind me that the silver and the gold in the hills are yours, but so is the money in my bank account and pocket. Give me a taste of Your glory, Your wonder. It's so easy for me to doubt, and to hold back from you when you prompt me to give sacrificially. Please help me! Amen.

*“If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask whatever you wish.  
And it will be given you.” John 15:7*

Gracious Father, I lay all that I am and all that I possess at your feet. I firmly believe that you have chosen West Highland to be a Gospel Lighthouse in this city, and that you have directed your church to “enlarge its tent” to better witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ. And I also believe that you have gifted your people with all the resources necessary, and more, to complete the task in such a way that ministries will not be restricted by concern over a heavy debt.

We are asking for a miracle – not simply for money – we are asking that you will so work on our hearts that we will exceed the amount of money required to procure a workable mortgage. Help us to give to the work of your church in the light of eternity. Amen.

*“We constantly pray for you, that our God may  
count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power  
he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and  
every act prompted by your faith.” 2 Thessalonians 1:11*

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you with a heart overflowing with gratitude to you for the salvation you have provided for me in Christ Jesus. I thank you that I heard the Gospel message and that your Holy Spirit softened my heart and will to respond to your gracious love. And I thank you for the favourable circumstances in which I live. When I compare my lot in life to that of millions around the globe, I can only wonder at your goodness extended to me.

I enjoy good housing, adequate food and clothing, and enough other things to make my life comfortable. Help me to see that all of this comes from your good hand, and help me to hold it all lightly as a responsible steward.

I acknowledge that you have chosen the church as your instrument to convey the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community. As West Highland is seeking to provide a facility that will more adequately reach our community, I pray that you will warm my heart and stretch my faith-giving so that the church's ministry will not be hampered or restricted in any way by oppressive debt.

So, I offer myself – all that I am, and all that I possess – to forward your work at West Highland. May you be glorified in all my giving to you. Amen.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.”*

**Philippians 4:6**

Dear Lord, look down upon thy servants, even as thou sendest sun and rain; look down, call upon the dry bones, quicken, enliven; recreate in us the soul of service; touch us with fire from the altar, that we may be up and doing to rebuild our church, by the method of him in whose name we now pray. Amen. *(from the prayers of Robert Louis Stevenson)*

*“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

**Matthew 6:21**

*“No one can serve two masters. Either that person will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve both God and mammon.”*

**Matthew 6:24**

Grant, O Lord, to your people when they offer their gifts to you in this place, that they may feel and know that it is more blessed to give than to receive, that they may give cheerfully for the work of the gospel through this church, and that with such sacrifices you are well-pleased; and may all our gifts offered to you for the building bring glory to you and ultimately extend your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)*



Father in Heaven, I am poor, but you possess all things. My resource is limited, but yours is infinite. All that I have and enjoy comes from your gracious hand.

Lord Jesus, thank you that though you were rich, for my sake you became poor that I, through your poverty, might become rich.

I confess, Lord, that I am fearful to ask you sincerely what you would have me contribute to this great cause. I am afraid that you will compel me to give what my heart does not want to give. I am afraid that there is something you may want me to sell or some planned purchase that you may want me to postpone. I pray that you bring me into the joy and freedom of having my treasure in your great work in the local church.

Forgive me for looking to the present state of my financial situation to see if there is anything that I can give toward the Million Dollar Miracle. Help me instead to look to the vastness of your glorious riches which are in Christ Jesus. Enable me to excel in the grace of giving and to be like the Macedonians who gave even beyond what they were able to give.

Rescue me, Lord, from the bonds of being concerned about what others have given, will give or should be giving. Bring me into the freedom that comes when I simply ask you what I should give.

Spirit of the Living God; strengthen my faith in this exercise and cause all my brothers and sisters in our West Highland family to give you glory throughout this year as we see the bounty of your supply.

I ask this in the name of the One who is able to bless me abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that I need, I will abound in every good work. Amen.

*“But though I appreciate your gifts,  
what makes me happiest  
is the well-earned reward you will have...”*

*Philippians 4:17 (The Living Bible)*

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen. Matthew 6:9-13*

### **Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name**

- Acknowledge the Father-like character of our God to provide for his children all of our needs
- “In heaven” means that all of the Father’s resource in heaven is available for his children
- “Hallowed be your name” – pray that God’s name will be always hallowed through and in our expanded facilities, that the West Highland Ministry and Worship Centre will be a place wholly dedicated to the exaltation of God the Father Almighty, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

### **Your Kingdom Come**

- Pray our facilities will be an instrument to advance Christ’s cause in our city and beyond
- Pray many will enter the kingdom of God through the ministry of the gospel that happens weekly in our building
- Pray that in this campaign we will seek first the kingdom of God

### **Your Will Be Done, On Earth as it is in Heaven**

- Pray the Word of God will be made Fully Known in all the ministries so that everyone who comes will discover and do the will of God
- Pray “Your will be done” for the million dollar miracle and the ongoing financial challenges related to mortgage payments
- Pray the will of God will always be done at West Highland through our Ministry Team, Elders, Deacons and all members

### **Give us This Day our Daily Bread**

- Acknowledge God’s generosity to us in providing for all of our daily needs
- Praise God for all of the past experiences of provision from his gracious hand



- Pray we will all continue to experience abundant provision for our needs so that “having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”

**Forgive Us our Trespasses as We Also Have Forgiven Those Who Trespass Against Us**

- Let us confess our sin of not trusting God for the provision to give and looking merely to our own abilities to see this miracle realized
- Let us confess the problems of our hearts in that our treasure is so often not where it should be
- Let us confess that we have not always put the kingdom of God first
- Pray that in our new and enlarged facilities many will find the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ
- Pray that our Ministry and Worship Centre will be a place where people forgive and are reconciled to one another
- Pray West Highland will be a place where even our enemies are forgiven by God and experience our forgiveness

**And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From the Evil One**

- Pray that during the Capital Campaign and building expansion no one in the West Highland family will be influenced by the devil’s schemes
- Pray that we will not be tempted to grasp our material things too closely, but yield all of our resources to God's work
- Pray our facilities will be protected by God’s power
- Pray all of the plans of the enemy against us to scuttle the success of the Capital Campaign and building expansion will be thwarted by God
- Pray our Ministry and Worship Centre will be a place where people are set free from Satan’s power and experience deliverance and healing through our Saviour

**For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory Forever. Amen**

- Praise God for his power – his ability to do more than we can ask or imagine
- Pray that God’s glory will fill our facilities and us
- Pray that the Triune God – The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – will be glorified by us in this Capital Campaign and in the provision of a million dollar miracle

Almighty God, who led your servants, former leaders of West Highland to expand and relocate the work to this site, give your grace, we humbly ask, to us their “spiritual children,” that we too may be a people of spiritual vision, always mindful of your past favour upon this church and ready to do your will.

As we enter into another phase of enhancing the capacity of your church for expanded kingdom work, fill with the Spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust, in your name, with the authority of project leadership.

Grant us as a church an attitude of unconditional thankfulness for your generosity to us as individuals and as a church. Preserve our unity. Save us from selfishness, pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Should challenges arise, let not our trust in you waver, but rather let it be strengthened, that in the end, together we may see you do your work to fashion into one godly people, the multitude out of many nationalities, languages and backgrounds that you will bring to this place. Amen.

*(Inspired by “Prayer for Country” from the 1892 Book of Common Prayer)*

*“We give Thee but Thine own, whate’r the gift may be:  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,  
And gladly as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give.”*

W. W. How

*“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.”*

Psalm 37:7