

Protection, Direction, Revelation

We are drawing near to the end of our denomination-wide prayer initiative, Half-Million Mobilization: 36 days to pray for God's Protection, Direction and Revelation for the Church of the Nazarene. When word of this prayer initiative came to me, I have to be honest, my internal response was, "What do I need to be protected from? My life is pretty secure." But, being diligent, I began to pray for Protection, Direction and Revelation.

I never made it past Protection. Since beginning to pray in those directions I now understand that it is not me that needs protecting, it is the church. Not only the Church of the Nazarene, but "The Church" in its many interpretations. It has been minor inconveniences in my own existence that have made me acutely aware of attacks on the church as an institution.

Imperfect she might be, but the church is the vehicle used by God to Protect His Holy Word and to Dispense His Holy Truth. It was the church, imperfect as she is, that told me about Jesus. It was the church, imperfect as she is, that told me about sin and salvation. It was the church, imperfect as she is, that gave me a community to connect with. It has been the church that has been there in every important moment in my life, and the lives of most of us. From birth to death to marriage. From struggle to victory to disappointment. It will be the church that will gather around my family and support them when I breathe my last.

Jesus once said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hades will not overcome it." I am aware that something out of the gates of hades is trying very hard right now to overcome the precious church of God.

"Father, protect your church. Strengthen her so that she can better share the Good News of the gospel. I thank you for the church that told me about your son, Jesus."

Pastor Mark

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Keo Fisher 1st Mikaela Frazier 2nd **leremiah Stoker** 5th 6th 8th

Harper Reynolds Elizabeth Stoker 11th **Scott Reynolds**

12th **Pam Malden Tanner Mason** 16th

Kimberly Gallegos 17th

18th Shaelynn Yochum 19th **Dani Graves-Hand**

20th **Charlie Cruzan**

20th **Donna Berg**

Gary Waits 22nd

25th Isaiah Peralta

28th **Clav Havens**

29th **Mendi Krueger**

> Happy **Birthday!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>June 5th</u> **Pentecost Children's Day**

<u>June 17 -19</u> **Youth Retreat Golden Bell**

<u>June 23 - 25</u> **District Assembly Springs First Church Colorado Springs**

<u> August 1 - 3</u> **Sport's Camp** "Confidence in God" 5:30 -8:00 pm



Tithes & Offerings

Children's Day June 5th

Worship Special

Celebration in Children's Church

May Giving \$19,871.43 (4 weeks) **May Expenses** \$19,561.00

THANK YOU for giving!

Sunday Services

Sunday School

9:15 am **Nursery & Classes for** all ages **Cafe Fellowship** 10:15 am

> Worship 10:30 am

Kinder & **Children's Church** (Age 3 - 5th grade) **Nursery is available**

> **Youth Group** 6:30 pm

Watch the **Worship Service** Live Stream on **Facebook** or YouTube @ LaJunta Nazarene

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June 19th

The Importance of Prayer



A - Adoration Tell God how wonderful He is. Worship Him.

C-Confession Admit your sins. Ask forgiveness.

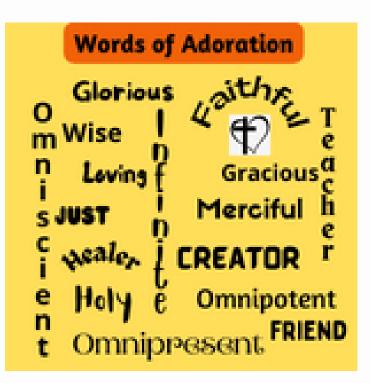
T-Thanksgiving Say "thank you" for all

God has done in your life.

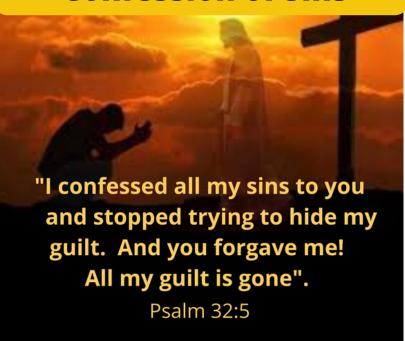
S-Supplication Make your requests to

God for yourself and

others.







The Half-Million Mobilization Prayer Emphasis

We are coming to the end of our prayer initiative on June 5th.

We hope you will continue to pray for the Lord's Protection,

Direction and Revelation for the church and it's people.

Devote yourselves to prayer."

Colossians 4:2