



UN CEASING PRAYER

A local church is not simply a collection of individual lights; it is a furnace that rages against the dark that God uses to create more lights.

- Mark Dever



O God our Father, we smile that your church would be described as a raging furnace. For we often feel more like smoldering candles. Yet by your grace, you make us alive through Christ who is the light of life. And through your purpose and power, you call us to be a city on a hill that shines as the light of the world.

Fifteen years ago, you brought us together to stand as a lighthouse of hope for a culture that is lost and drifting in sin. By your grace we have seen many lives rescued from miserable darkness and transferred into your marvelous light. And now we seek to intensify this radiant beam of witness by strengthening the church from which it shines. Our minds see you leading us to a permanent facility that will strengthen the soul of this church that it might shine with greater effectiveness.

Our motive O God is not a building but rather the building up of your people – and the broadcasting of your gospel. Lord, you alone know what all this will ultimately look like. So we ask you to be a lamp for our feet and a light for our path that we might be led to the facility of your choice. Be pleased O God to reveal your answer through architects, realtors, bankers, and of course, the believers of this church.

Lord Jesus, you said you would build a church that would outlast the power of evil. Therefore, the only plan that matters is yours. The only blueprint we want is yours. We have never needed your guidance more. Use this time to rid our hearts of any darkness that blinds us to your ways. For it is only in your light that we see light. You gave us your Spirit to lead us into all truth. Therefore, we ask you O Holy Spirit, to reveal the location that pleases the heart of God, magnifies the salvation of His Son, deepens the passion of His people, and maximizes their impact for the gospel.

We make our prayer in Jesus' name,

Amen.