**St. Paul Baptist Church**

***Vision Statement: Developing Prayer Lives that Produce Good Fruit***

***Vision Scripture: James 5:16-18***

**September 2020 – Forged in the Fire (Blessings)**

**Colossians 1:11-12, Galatians 6:19, Revelation 2:10, Philippians 4:19**

A prayer for our pastor: Heavenly Father, bless Pastor Delaney today. Crown his head with wisdom, discernment, and strength. Keep him healthy, safe, and rested so that he can continue to guide us through these difficult times. Help him to continue to preach the Word faithfully from the pulpit each week as a diligent leader. Empower him this day to boldly proclaim the truth of Your Word. Help Pastor Delaney not to grow weary in well doing or to fall away, but provide grace upon grace. Thank You for a pastor that seeks with his whole heart. Give him Your vision. Grant him Your clarity. Make the complex simple and give him the boldness to step out in faith to accomplish Your plans for the flock You have assigned to him. Let him hear but one voice, and let that voice by Yours. I come today interceding for Pastor Delaney. I know there will be many important decisions that must be made, many words that must be chosen carefully, and many needs that must be answered. He needs Your wisdom and guidance. Only You know what today will bring, and only You know what the demands will be. Meet them, oh Lord, and give Pastor Delaney just what is needed, just when it’s needed. I pray the fruits of the spirit in his life - that love, joy, peace, and patience will guide; that kindness and goodness will be companions, that faithfulness will be the motto and that gentleness and self-control will be evident to all. Help Pastor Delaney to see each person through Your eyes, and help his flock to see You in him. We love You, Lord, and we thank You for Pastor Lauthaught Delaney. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen!

**UNITED PRAYER POINT: Strengthen with All Power Colossians 1:11-12**

**September 1, 2020:** Father God, we thank You and bless Your holy name. In these times of uncertainty we thank You for not leaving us by the wayside, but continuing to meet our every need. Your Word says, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Let this scripture be embedded in my spirit and soul for remembrance, in Jesus’ name, Amen.  Philippians 4:19-20

**September 2, 2020:** Dear Lord, sometimes I can get too focused on wanting blessings just for myself. I am asking You now to prepare me inside and out for every blessing You have for me, so I may be a blessing to others and continue to sow seeds on good and holy ground. Let this scripture be embedded in my mind, spirit, and soul for remembrance, in Jesus’ name, Amen. 2 Corinthians 9:8-10

**September 3, 2020:** Father God, I know You are able to do whatever it is You want to do, so I'm asking right now for healing, not just for myself but for those attached to me and also the land and our country. Lord God, let this scripture be embedded in my mind, spirit, and soul for remembrance, in Jesus’ name, Amen. 3 John 1:2-4

**September 4, 2020:** Dear Lord, help me to remember and practice clean living at all times, in public and in private, when people are all around me and when no one is looking. I believe following Your commands will surely unlock the overflow in my life. Let everyone and everything I touch be blessed in mighty ways. Let this scripture be embedded in my mind, spirit, and soul for remembrance, in Jesus’ name, Amen.  Deuteronomy 28:1-5

**September 5, 2020:** Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for today and everything that You have done for us and allowed to happen in our life. As we know, ALL things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. We pray today just as Paul did in Colossians chapter 1 that we may be filled with the knowledge of Your will for our lives, giving us true spiritual understanding. We want to know You and what You require of us is our first responsibility. Lord, let us never be ignorant to the devil’s devices or distracted to where we cannot discern the things of the spirit. As Your Word says “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits, whether they are of God.” We pray that we may always be soundly taught Your uncompromising great and mighty word. Let us always walk worthy of You, Father God, and be faithful in every good work and increase in the knowledge of You. Help us to cleave to Your Word daily, communing and basking in Your presence. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Colossians 1:11-12

**September 6, 2020:** Dear God, we thank You for today. And we give You all the glory and honor for being God Almighty, for being a faithful and loving God and for always protecting and making a way out of no way. Father God, we praise You for being longsuffering and patient with us. Thank You for giving us the strength to keep on keeping on. God Your Word says for us to not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Strengthen us to hold on and keep pursuing holiness and righteousness. Everyday we want to grow in You so that our names will be written in the book of life. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen. Galatians 6:9

**September 7, 2020:** Dear God, we come to You today with the fear of God in our hearts. For we know having the fear of God in our hearts will keep us from sin and allow us to revere You. We know we will have trials and tribulations in this life, Lord, but they shall not overtake us. Lord, we know it is Your will that we stay faithful to You unto death so that we may receive our crown of life. We surrender our life unto You and commit to serving and worshiping You all the days of our lives with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We thank You in advance, dear Lord, for all the blessings You have in store for us, Your children, who serve, honor and keep Your commandments. Thank You, God. Amen. Revelation 2:10

**UNITED PRAYER POINT:** **Heirs to the kingdom! Galatians 6:9 and Revelation 2:1**

**September 8, 2020:** ﻿ Our God, we come together in agreement that You are wonderful and powerful and Your hands are mighty strong. We revere You, we give Your name all the glory, and we thank You for Your forgiving power. Your Word says if we wait on the You, we will not be put to shame, no matter the condition. We will stand firmly and we shall also be confident of our future. We shall have enough courage to do Your will for as long as we trust in You and stay faithful. We shall do well and we shall be fed as we dwell in the land of blessings of faithfulness. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Proverbs. 28:20

**September 9, 2020:** Our Father, You are awesome in all Your ways.  You are our strength and our hope and we thank You for giving us a clean slate. God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have, and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, Your Son and our redeemer, who has shown us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, one who was sinless and this is why complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self to Christ is a most important part of following him. May the offering of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by his life and death for us, so we can be a blessing to others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.  Malachi 3:8-10

**September 10, 2020:** Our Father, which is in heaven, You are good, You are great and You are a faithful God and we love You. We ask that You bless our family structure, our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and those we love. Bless our homes. Make our homes peaceful and prayerful. Bless everyone with the necessities of life like food, water, clothing, and health. Lord, appoint an angel to each of us around us day and night. Bless every member of the body of Christ and the family structure they represent that is walking in righteousness. In Jesus’ name, Amen.  2 Corinthians 7:13-16

**September 11, 2020:** Father God, we bow down and adore Thee!  We worship and praise You forever!  Lord, You crafted us. For Your Word says in Genesis 2:7, “And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils THE BREATH of LIFE, and man became a living soul.” (Emphasis supplied.) Thank You for that life. You always provide for our wellbeing and therefore we are blessed! Isaiah 54:16 says, “Behold, I have CREATED THE blacksmith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work…” And verse 17 says, NO WEAPON that is formed against thee shall prosper...” (Emphasis supplied.) What a PROMISE we have from You, Lord! That is why we stand on Galatians 6:9, which says, ”And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season WE SHALL REAP, if we faint not.” Verse 8 says, “...he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” (Emphasis supplied.) That is the ultimate blessing and that is why we thank You in Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 12, 2020:**  Father God, we lift our hands in praise to You! We honor You and bless Your name. You are the all powerful “I AM”, who meets our every need. As we go through the trials of this life, we know You as our Creator. Lord, we are Your creation. When I undergo fiery trials, I think of a blacksmith at work. He puts the iron into the fire and “heats” it and “pounds “it into the shape he desires (for instance, a horse shoe). So, when we undergo fiery trials we can remember Revelation 2:10, “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shalt cast some of You into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulations ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a CROWN of LIFE.” (Emphasis supplied.) What a BLESSING! We thank You in Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 13, 2020:** Father God, how You provide for us and BLESS us. (Genesis 22:14) You are Jehovah Jireh and Galatians 13:14 tells of our “great legacy” when it states, “Christ hast redeemed us from the curse of the law...that THE BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.”  Hallelujah!! In 2 Corinthians 11:26-27, Paul said that in his journeying he was often in PERILS and that he endured persecutions BUT in 2 Corinthians 12:9, Paul said, “And he (the Lord) said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for MY STRENGTH is made PERFECT in weakness.” (Emphasis supplied.) So, Lord, the weaker we are the more we realize we are incapable and depend SOLELY on Your PERFECT STRENGTH and that gives us the “upper hand”! Thank You that Your BLESSING (Jesus Christ) “reaches back” in time, and also “rolls forward” in time from generation to generation. The impact it has on humanity and all of creation, Lord, is staggering! We can’t thank and praise You enough. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 14, 2020:**  Most High God, we give Your name the highest praise. All glory goes to You for You have been a blessing to us. Only because we are hearkening diligently unto Your voice, we are observing and following Your commandments, which You have commanded us to do. Only with Your help and guidance, are we able to stay committed for connection in the spirit as we pray every day. We are working to make progress. First, to be a blessing to You, by being obedient to Your Word, not for us but for someone else. We know that just one touch from the master will change that person forever. That's being a blessing to someone else. Lord, we love You and we need You in our lives. We can't do anything without You and we put You first in everything we do. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Deuteronomy 28:1

**UNITED PRAYER POINT: Purged, Purified, and Refined Daniel 12:10**

**September 15, 2020:** Father God, I bless Your holy and righteous name. I praise and glorify You, there is none like You! You and You alone are worthy of all honor. Father, I thank You for Your loving kindness, and for grace and mercy. I pray that You will continue to keep us through every storm that we face in life. For we know that in the end we will come forth as pure gold. I pray, God, that we would not be afraid of what the enemy tries to do to us, that we won't be dismayed by his tricks and schemes but that we will remain steadfast and unmovable. Help us to remain faithful to You and Your Word, and help us to trust the process that we go through. Bless us with power from on high to endure the things that we have been battling. It's in Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

**September 16 2020:** Our Father and our God, I thank You for Jesus. Thank You that He came to this earth to save me from the penalty of sin, which is death. I thank You that we have the gift of eternal life because of His finished work on the cross. Thank You for Your faithfulness toward us. Father, I ask that You would help us to be better people. It is my prayer that the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit would continue to work in us, that we would only yield to Your Spirit. I pray that we truly learn how to crucify our flesh and bring our flesh under the authority of the Holy Spirit. Create in us a clean heart and renew the right spirit within us. Father, help us to hold on to the profession of our faith. Strengthen us were we are weak and torn down. And guide us in every area of our lives. Keep us close to You as we deal with the troubles of this life. I ask that Your favor will rest upon us and that we will receive hundredfold blessings if we faint not. Your Word declares that weeping may endure for the night, but that joy comes in the morning!! Let us hold on until our morning comes. Lead us, guide us, and direct our paths. Be our strength. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

**September 17, 2020:** Father God, I love You and I honor You, for this is the day that You have made and I will be glad and rejoice in it!! Thank You, dear God, for being with us as we go through all of the tests and tribulations we've been dealing with. At times we may feel alone, but we know that You are always with us. This has been a difficult season for some of us, and through it all we still give You glory. Help us all to come out of these difficult seasons stronger than we were before, because of our faith in You. Help us to keep on holding on to hope and never lose focus of who You are to us and for us. Help us to see beyond the physical realm and strengthen our discernment so that we can see things in the spiritual realm. Bless us with wisdom, and a peace of mind to keep running this race. Keep us from falling and failing You, we want to please You in everything we say and do. I pray that we will not let the enemy trip us up with fear any longer. For You have not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. Help us to tear down any strongholds that try to take our minds and thoughts captive. Bless us and enlarge our territory! We will be so careful to give You all the praise, glory, and honor that You so rightly deserve. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 18, 2020:** Heavenly Father, we give You glory and honor for all that You have done in our lives. We realize that apart from You we can do nothing. We thank You for saving us and delivering us from a burning hell. Lord, we hold fast to our faith and we acknowledge You as our King of Kings and Lord of Lords, for You have showed Yourself mighty and strong in our lives. Lord, we have been tried and tested in the furnace of affliction. We have been forged in the fire, melted down, and refined but You kept us in tact, unbroken, all together, and undamaged. We’ve been through many afflictions but You, God, delivered us from them all. We have been refined and made pure as gold. Lord, make us pure human beings with pure hearts, pure intentions, pure motives, and pure actions. Thank You for the fire of God that burns up all impurities, imperfections, and infectious behaviors that contaminate our spirits. Because of Your love we have been made whole and complete. Lord, we thank You for the purification and we thank You for keeping us. Lord, keep the fire burning each day that we will forever remain consecrated and sacred before You. Thank You for the fire of the Holy Spirit within us that tames our flesh and helps us to live a life that is pleasing in Your sight. Malachi 3:3 reminds us that he is like a Refiner, “And He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord **Offerings of Righteousness**.” (Emphasis supplied.) Lord, I commit my life to clean living that I may honor You in all that I do. Thank You that I am justified through the blood of Jesus. I am redeemed and refined. I will forever praise Your Holy Name. Oh, gracious God, I bless You and I exalt Your name above all names. To God be the glory and the honor, forever and ever. In the miraculous name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

**September 19, 2020:** Heavenly Father, I lift You up and I bless You this morning. I thank You for a new day, new grace and new mercy. I exalt Your Holy name and I reverence You as my Lord and Savior. I honor You and I dedicate my life to You. If there is anything in me that opposes the Word of God or grieves the Holy Spirit, I ask that You burn it up. Purify my heart, Lord. Make me over again. Give me knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. Give me insight that I may understand what Your perfect and pleasing will is for my life. Regarding the Word of God in Daniel 12:10, “Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, **but those who have insight will understand**. (Emphasis supplied.) Lord, I want to understand Your plans for my life, my purpose, and my destiny. Show me Your vision and give me clarity that I may perform every assignment that You have predestined for me. Let the power of God be a driving force in my life and Your Word be the fuel that keeps me operating in the spirit. Thank You, Lord, for bringing me through the fiery furnace, undisturbed and unharmed. I am restored and refined. I know that You are on my side regardless of what it looks like; I know that I am coming out victoriously. I am more than a conqueror. I am a warrior and I am fully equipped for war. God has prepared me to run through troops and leap over walls. I have been tried, trained, and transformed and no weapon formed against me shall prosper. I am mighty in Christ and I serve a powerful God and He is mighty in battle. I stand in awe of You, Lord. I will forever praise Your wonderful name. You are worthy of all praise. Lord, I give You all the glory and all of the honor, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**September 20, 2020:** Heavenly Father, You are high and lifted up. You are the author and the finisher of my faith. You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. You are an ever-present help in times of trouble. I look to You for strength and power to overcome every hopeless situation that I encounter. When faced with tough times we often feel alone and hopeless and we find ourselves in a losing battle but in those times You always send a sign of encouragement to let us know that You were there all the time. We may face many difficulties but You always provide a way of escape. You have carried us through the fire time and time again. Your Word tells us in Isaiah 48:10, “Behold, I have refined You, but as silver; I have tested You in the furnace of affliction.” Because of this, I am confident that my sufferings are not in vain. Everything that You have allowed was only for my good. You are the lifter of my head. You have kept me safe from all danger. Even in my toughest, most dreadful situations, You covered me. Everything that I have endured was necessary for my growth and my elevation. I count it all joy because You made me stronger and wiser through the process. You kept me in perfect peace and I am forever grateful for Your unfailing love. When the pressures of life weighed me down, and burdens were too heavy to bear, I cried out to You, Lord, and You brought me through. You didn’t let me fall apart. You made me solid. Everything that was meant to destroy me was destroyed in the fire. Lord, You heard every cry and every prayer. You watched me rise in the morning and You saw when my head touched the pillow at night. You felt everything that I felt and You lifted me up above my situation and kept me in one piece. You didn’t let me fall, slip or stumble. You led the way for me. I am forever grateful. I will forever praise Your glorious name, most powerful God, El Shaddai. I bless You, Lord, in the precious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

**September 21, 2020:** Father God, we exalt You and we glorify You. We worship You in spirit and in truth. You are awesome in all of Your ways. We call upon You today. Lord, we are Your workmanship, Your creation. We are a chosen people. You know everything that concerns us. You are the master builder. You have the power to build and to tear down. You are the master teacher. You give divine instructions and You test our faith. Sometimes we fail the test because we didn’t follow Your instructions. At times You allow us to be tried and tested to shape us, purge us, purify and refine us into Your likeness. 1 Peter 1:7 says, “So that the proof of our faith, being more precious than gold, which is perishable even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” To God be the glory. We are made whole and complete. We have been purified and washed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Thank You for a clean heart and a spirit of righteousness. Thank You for turning my mourning into dancing. My Hallelujah belongs to You. Every praise is to our God. You have given me hope and a future. You are worthy to be praised. I bow before You and worship You in spirit and in truth, all-powerful God. I pray this prayer in the precious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

**UNITED PRAYER POINT: Forged in the Fire (Blessings)**

**September 22, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in Philippians 4:19 that “my God shall supply all Your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Father, I am truly thankful that I do not have to worry about having what I need because You have promised to supply everything that I need. I am grateful that my Father always knows what I need even before I ask but Your Word declares that I have not because I ask not. So Father, this day I ask that You walk with me, guide and direct my steps. I ask that when I am faced with adversity that You give me the fortitude and strength that I need to endure. I ask that You allow me to see Your hand working in my life so that I will know that You hear me when I pray. I ask that You show me great and mighty things that I have never seen and that You help me to stay focused on the promises and not the problems. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 23, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in James 1:12, “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.” Father, I know that You don’t shield Your children from trials but I ask that You walk with me and guide me safely through the trials. You said that when I pass through the waters You will be with me. When I go through the rivers they shall not overtake me. Thank You, Father, that You are a very present help in times of trouble and that if I can make it to the other side of my struggles, You will be right there waiting for me. Thank You, Father, that You have promised that when I have stood the test and endured my trials I shall receive the crown of life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 24, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in Isaiah 48:10, “Behold, I have refined You, but not as silver, I have tested You in the furnace of affliction.” Father, I know that all of Your children must be tested in the furnace of affliction but I am also thankful that You have promised that when I walk through the fire I would not get burned, neither shall the flames kindle upon me because You will be with me. Father, how great are thou that You always sustain and protect Your children even when we are in the midst of testing time. Father, I understand that a faith that cannot be tested is a faith that cannot be trusted. I pray that You will increase my faith because without faith it is impossible to please You. Help me to continue to walk in obedience even during the tests because I know that my blessings will only manifest when I apply Your principles and statutes to my life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 25, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in Galatians 6:9, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Father, help me to continue to press towards the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus and not get distracted or discouraged by the trials of life. Strengthen me to persevere even when I cannot see the benefits of my efforts in the natural. You promised that I would reap a harvest if I keep fighting, keep pushing, and keep enduring to the end, but Father, I ask that You rebuke the devourer on my behalf and abort every demonic and satanic assignment and attack of the enemy against my life, Your plan and purpose for my life and the lives of my family members. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 26, 2020:**  Father God, Your word declares in Romans 5:3-5, “We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance produces character, and character produces hope and hope makes us not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” Father, I know that in order to receive the cup of blessings, I must also accept the cup of sufferings. Father, I also know that in every trial and tribulation that I endure; my perseverance will be tested, which will also shape and mold my character to be more aligned to Your image and Your likeness. My Christ-like character will also produce hope knowing that as long as I continue to seek Your face and be obedient to Your Word and will for my life, I will reap the blessings that You have for me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 27, 2020:** Father God, Your word declares in Matthew 24:13, “The one who endures to the end will be saved.” Father, I know that none of us travel the road to righteousness alone because You shape our paths so that we are able to get through any challenges that may lie ahead. Thank You, Father, that You always go ahead of me making every crooked road straight, every rough road smooth and removing all of the snares, traps, and plots of the enemy. Father, Your Word declares that You will never leave nor forsake me so I will continue to look to the hills from where my help comes knowing that all my help comes from You. Father, You are the good shepherd and where You go I will follow. Father, Your Word declares that Your sheep know Your voice and so I pray that You will give me clarity in hearing and knowing Your voice so that I always receive Your instruction and follow the path that You have provided for me. I know if I stay on the path of righteous and not faint, I will receive Your manifold blessings for my life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 28, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in James 1:2-4, “When troubles of any kind come Your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” Father, I know that even when we are faced with trouble, we may be afflicted in every way but we are not crushed, we may be perplexed, but not driven to despair, we may be persecuted, but not forsaken, and we may even be struck down, but not destroyed, and even when it feels like we cannot push anymore, we must remember that nothing can break us forever because You are always looking out for us. So I consider it a great joy when I am faced with obstacles and adversity because I know when my faith is tested, it only increases my endurance and I will be made perfect and complete in You, needing nothing more. In Jesus’ name, Amen

**September 29, 2020:** Father God, thank You for always promising to supply all our needs from Your glorious riches that has been given to us in Christ. God, we know that You will always take care of us. Thank You for making it clear that if we stay busy taking care of Your business You will always take care of our business and we will not have to worry and can have peace that surpasses all understanding. You are faithful to take care for Your children and supply all our needs and give us our hearts desires that line up with You will. We know Your Word will not and cannot return void. It will do exactly what it says it will do, therefore we can stand on Your promises. Because You are our heavenly father, we do not have to go through this life worried because You will take care of us. God, as You continue to bless us, Holy Spirit help us to be a good steward over all that we receive and be a blessing to others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**September 30, 2020:** Father, I humbly come to You and surrender all that I am. Purify my motives and show me if there is any unforgiveness in my life that will block my prayers. Jesus, You said we have not because we ask not. Today, I am asking that You pour out Your favor and blessing on me. Show me Your goodness and love and position me to be a greater blessing to others in Jesus’ name. Amen.