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### May 2024 Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer and Fasting Partners,

I want to thank all of you who so faithfully support our church planting ministry through prayer. Prayer is not something I take lightly; I recognize the key part it plays in helping Kingdom enterprises move forward. Last month, we took time each day at 10:02 to Pause to Pray for Planters. We asked God to provide workers for his harvest field here in Chicagoland. While we didn't see any direct answers during the week, I did realize we will host 4 potential church planting couples for assessment in June. The Father is always waiting to answer our prayers in his time and wisdom.

Here are the prayer items I would invite you to focus on during May:

1. **Pentecost is for Planting:** Our annual Pentecost offering will take place on May 19. The focus of the offering this year is the starting of micro churches that will reach specific unreached people groups. One of these groups will be the deaf community. Please be praying for the partners (churches and individuals) who will match the generous \$25,000 gift that has been committed to this effort. For more information: [www.ignitechurchplanting.com/pentecost](http://www.ignitechurchplanting.com/pentecost).
2. **Ignite Thriving Churches:** We launched this new endeavor designed to help churches reach their next level of growth on April 25. This effort, led by Matt Wright and Dave Rudin, is funded by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment. Please pray for them and the first group of churches that will go through the ITC process.
3. **Grant for Nurturing Spiritual Growth in Children:** We received an invitation to submit a proposal designed to accelerate the spiritual growth of children, specifically focused on the areas of prayer and worship. Prayer is one of our core values and we determined helping future leaders of the church grow in these areas would be valuable for any church. Our proposal will be submitted to the committee by May 6 and I would ask you to pray for God's favor.
4. **Chris Wright and his new role:** We have asked Chris to become a half-time staff member of the Ignite team. His main responsibility will be to increase our church planting efforts in Chicago. This has long been a goal for Ignite and Chris will be developing partnerships, potential church planters and discerning receptive locations for future plants. He will also help me with weekend speaking requests and other needed areas.
5. **James and Joy Shahabi traveling to Turkey:** In May, James and Joy will be leaving for 6 weeks to work with the church in Turkey (which is where many disciples from their ministry reside). Please pray for them and for Khemeih Molaghat, as in-person churches emerge. Services will be streamed from Turkey during this time.

Thank you for joining me in prayer for Ignite, your partnership sustains our ministry and greatly encourages me.

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