

the
Message
of
the **Cross**



***Haere Mai ki
Ministry Forum - Prayer***

Prayer Journey at PGC





One of PGC's goals for 2025, is to encourage the church toward more "prayer awareness and to develop a greater awareness as to what God is doing "in us" and "outside our walls".



PGC VISION

God sparks a movement of Jesus' followers through our Church.

His Spirit is....



giving us unity
as we engage
in growing the
kingdom of God



guiding us to
nurture one
another towards
maturity in Christ



breaking down
barriers as we
move beyond
our walls



transforming
lives as we
respond to Jesus'
message and
make disciples



Examples of how PGC has encouraged prayer awareness of what God is doing “in us”

Use of Prayer themes: At our church camp people were invited to select a theme they would like prayer for like Guidance; Forgiveness; Knowing God's peace; Healing etc. Then each person in each of the different groups shared what they would like prayer for with the leader who then prayed for each person in the group.

Prayer partners: We both coordinated and encouraged people to find a person to pray with regularly. This will be reviewed by the the pair after a few months and then they could potentially get a new partner or remain with the one they have.

Weave prayer into different parts of our gatherings - we have opportunities to pray with 2 or 3 in service, use responsive and structured prayers, plus a prayer space at end of the service.

Our intention was to encourage prayer as “the way we do things around here!” When we catch up with anyone formally or informally we look for opportunities to pray together. **"Can I pray for you?"**

Teaching series on prayer - We made it a practical series and not just about the theology of prayer! We identified paper based and online resources people could use and left them for people to take with them.

We encouraged the use of Bible and Prayer Apps - such as **YouVersion Bible and Lectio 365**

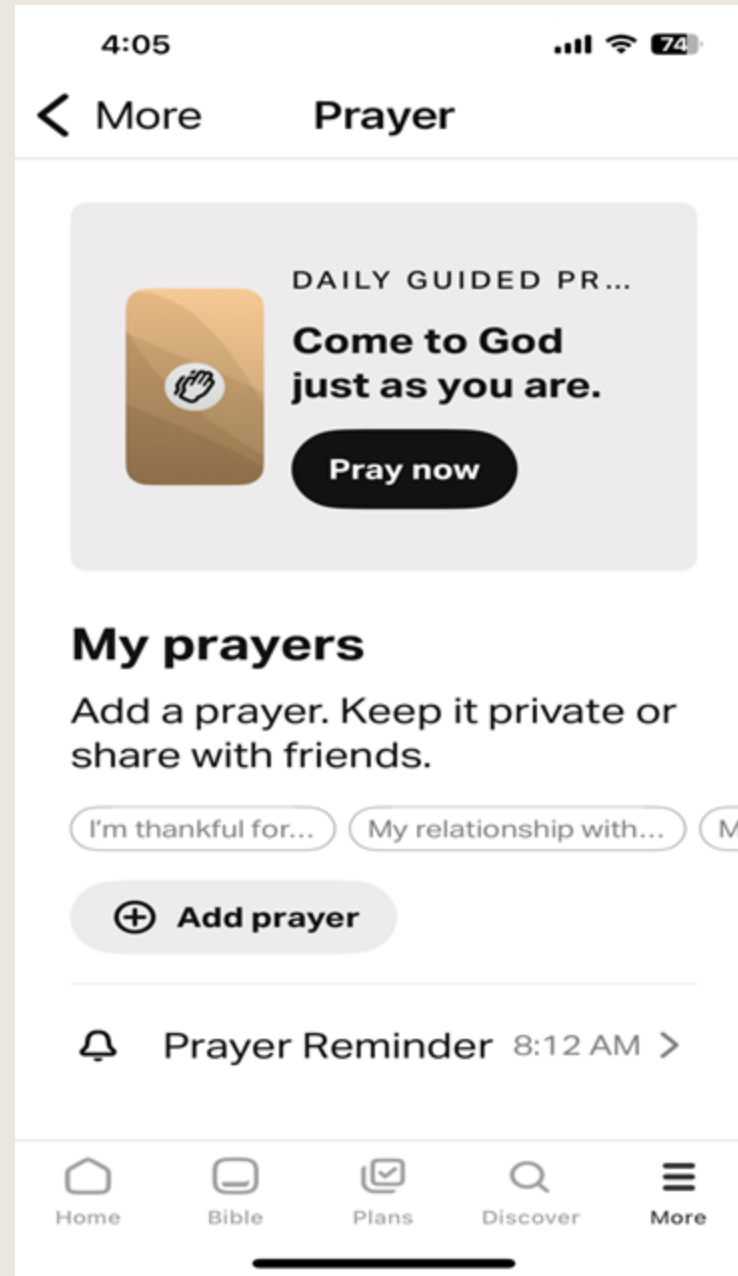


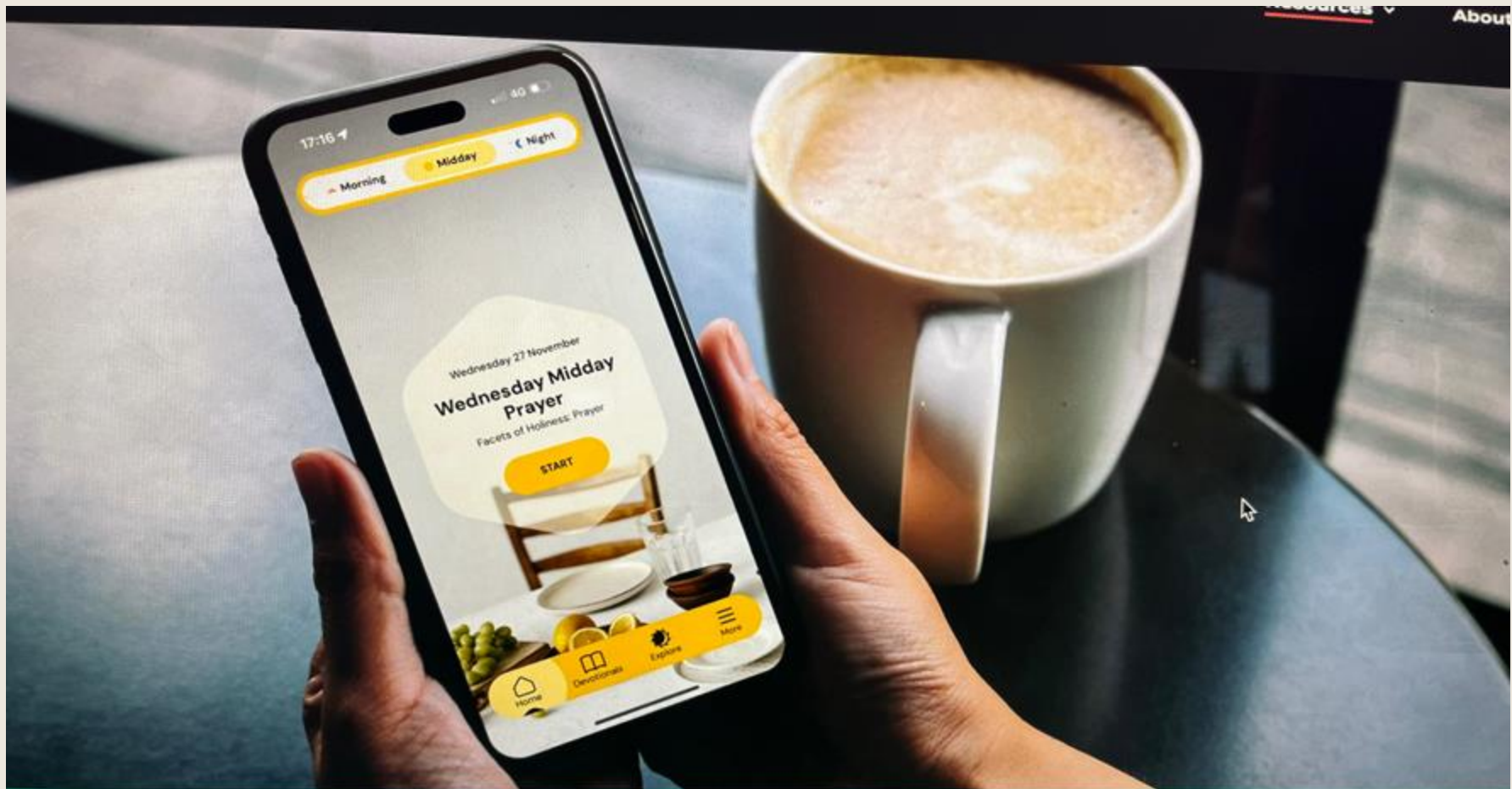
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million unique devices all over the
world, the Bible App offers a free
Bible experience for smartphones,
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Lectio 365

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional app that helps you pray the Bible every day.

For iPhone

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LEAD BEYOND OUR WALLS



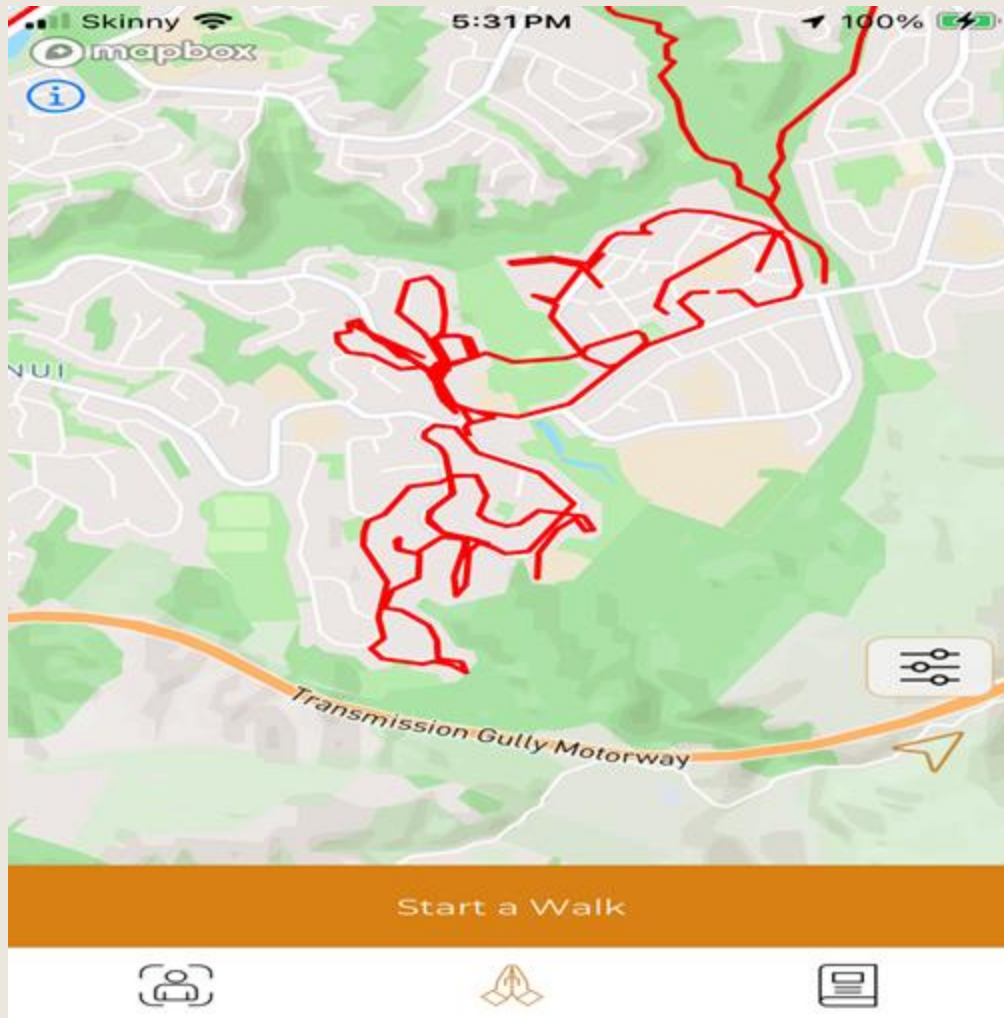
Holy Here is an invitation to city transformation as we follow Jesus and pray

“Thy Kingdom Come” to every space in every place.

What will happen in our cities when every dark corner, alleyway, street, business, home, or person has been covered in prayer? What if the whole earth being filled with the knowledge of God’s glory begins with our sidewalks?

It is time to partner with God in rezoning entire cities as dwelling places for the Lord



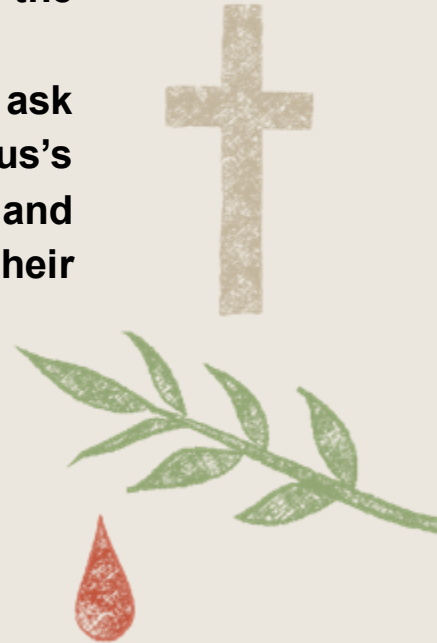


Praying for PORIRUA @ Belmont Regional Park Cannon creek/Waitangirua side



The kids were instructed to...

- Take photos from their window of what they can see through to the outside – views to their communities and neighbours.
- Children were to pray at the dinner table with their family.
- Using the photos they took; ask God how they can share Jesus's love with those around them and what they can see from their windows.





Questions to consider...

- a. What would you expect to see if you had a strong prayer culture?
- a. What are the challenges you are facing?
- a. What would your church need to do to move more towards that strong prayer culture?



Questions to consider...

- d. What are some of the positive things happening in the prayer space at your church? Prayer practices? Culture shifts? Transformation stories?
- e. What support would you value from a group of prayer champions?
- f. What is one thing you can take away from today to try in your local church?





