

# GO. SOW. GROW

2022 CALIFORNIA-NEVADA CONFERENCE PRAYER INITIATIVE



## First Week of January

**Theme verse = “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find’ knock, and the door will be opened for you” (Luke 11:9).**

The Epiphany texts reveal God’s intention to draw all people (i.e. “wise men,” “gentiles” and “all nations.”) to Godself. When we pray for growth in our existing churches and for new church starts, we participate in this mystery of the Gospel to include all. Inclusion necessitates growth.

**Sunday - Read Matthew 2:1-12** The Wise Men (Gentiles) come to the Christ child

**Monday - Read Ephesians 3:1-12** The gentiles are fellow heirs

**Tuesday- Read Isaiah 60:1-6** The nations come to God’s light

**Wednesday – Read Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14** The inclusive community that forms under the rule of the Messiah (i.e. the Davidic king) will be one of justice, mercy and salvation.

**Thursday – Read Luke 10:1-9, 17-20** Jesus sends his followers in his name to proclaim his reign and welcome to anyone who would receive it

**Friday – Read Luke 10:25-28** We seek to grow people who act and love all like neighbors

**Saturday – Read Luke 11:1-13** God hears our prayers for growth and the filling of the Spirit

**Go**

Into God’s Presence  
with humility

**Sow**

Prayerfully,  
passionately, fervently

**Grow**

Abundantly,  
in spirit and number

### Common Prayer

“Not by might, nor by power, but by your Spirit, Lord,” we stand united in prayer for the churches of the California-Nevada Annual Conference. Pour out your blessing upon our conference, your fruitfulness to our new churches, and your vitality to every congregation in our connection.

Humbly, we **Go** into your presence, passionately and fervently seeking your face. Prayerfully, we **Sow** our hopes and dreams for the church. Expectantly, we desire that the Body of Christ may **Grow** into your likeness in a world that so desperately needs you.

Bring health and growth -- both spiritually and, by your grace, numerically -- as we spread the love of Jesus to all of God’s children.

In Jesus’ mighty name we pray. Amen.

# Prayer Template for First Week of Prayer

## **Go** humbly

Song or Prayer of Praise and Adoration  
Prayer of Confession

## **Sow** prayerfully

Scripture Reading (See Scripture for the day above)  
Reflection  
Common Prayer (See prayer above)  
Pray for New Church Start (See schedule below)  
Pray for your Church

## **Grow** abundantly

Share (What are your hopes and dreams of what God will do this year?)  
Prayers for individual needs  
Lord's Prayer

### **Pray for our new church starts**

#### **Saturday, January 1**

San Ramon Valley, Korean (Daniel Jong Sik Kim)

#### **Sunday – January 2**

Mountain View: Front Porch (Sam Blewis and Los Altos UMC)

#### **Monday – January 3**

Milpitas: Peace UMC (Charles Tran – Multi-Site)

#### **Tuesday- January 4**

Fresno: Hispanic-Latino (Vicki Flores)

#### **Wednesday – January 5**

Dublin (Chelsea Constant)

#### **Thursday – January 6**

Campbell: West African Ministry (Daniel Gbundema)

#### **Friday – January 7**

Santa Rosa – Open Table College Ministry (Lindsey Kerr)

#### **Saturday – January 8**

Sacramento – Table Farm &. Table Bread (Chloe McElyea)