

# PRAYER RALLY

## For The Encouragement & Hope of The Church

Bergfeld Park, Tyler, TX - January 24, 2010 - 1pm

Toward the end of the service, Pastor Joe Canal, of Tyler Christian Fellowship, led the 300 plus participants at the Prayer Rally in a period of silent prayer. After closing the silent prayer with a plea to God for His Church to be unified, Pastor Canal asked all in attendance to write a hope or prayer for the church on the post-it note they had been handed.

Then Troy Kriechbaum, President of Encouragement FM (KVNE & KGLY), came forward to thank everyone; he closed with a heartfelt prayer. After the final prayer, members of over 30 different Anglo, African-American, and Hispanic churches & Christian organizations in the Tyler & East Texas community came forward to add their hope and prayer to a banner declaring our ultimate hope, JESUS.

The banner simply declared, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever should believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

### Hopes & Prayers:

"I hope my church will become stronger and closer to the LORD! I hope the devil will get the message that we (the church – Christians) CANNOT be defeated."

"That all of Tyler, Texas would hear of the hope we have in Jesus Christ."

"My prayer is that the church would be awake, real, and unified. No more walls. Live the love of Jesus."

"The church will come back bigger and stronger."

"Keep the faith."



“Salvation”

“That everyone should come to know Christ. God bless us everyone, especially Tyland Baptist.”

“My hope is for the church to be able to meet the ministry need of the people in our community.”

“May God build his church in Jesus Christ.”

“I hope that the church will be safe and that [it] will stand firm forever.”

“Strength and unity.”

“I hope that these group of people will be caught before another church fire.”

“Racial harmony and community without suspicion or hostility.  
To the praise of Jesus Christ and God almighty.”

“Lord, that you would continue to unify your Body. That your love would be revealed through us to the world.”

“May the walls be torn down and the community be built up in Christ.”

“Effectiveness.”

“Thank you, Jesus. You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Cause us each to hunger and thirst after you, Lord. You are the One who is worthy, the one we adore.”

“Less focus on buildings. More focus on Jesus and lost people.”

“You burned our church. You have brought us closer together. You have increased our strength and our faith, not only in what God can do, but more faith in our friends and loved ones. My hope for the church is happening now. You did this for us. Amen. Are we grateful for burning the church (Tyland Baptist)? No. Are we grateful for the ashes you left? Yes. Our faith is not in the building, but in the aftermath, a stronger love for how the people responded - our love for God, Jesus, and brothers and sisters.”

“I pray Tyler will be known as a loving and Christian city. Amen.”

“Reach out and disciple young believers and give prayer on a weekly, if not daily, basis for others.”

“My prayer is that the LORD will unite and strengthen his body and that we would represent him more urgently than ever.”

“That these temporal tragedies bring unity to your church and draw others to you.”

“Love.”

“That the joy of the Lord would be our true strength.”

“I pray for the hearts of the arsonists.”

“Because God is with us like a mighty giant (Jeremiah 20:11, Isaiah 54:17) y su pueblo no sera destruido (and the people will not be destroyed). Iglesia Refugio Al Sediento.”

“The church will become stronger through community and not denomination or structure.”

“I pray that we, the church, will come back to the true meaning of worship.”

“Pray for hope, strength, endurance. We serve a mighty God.”

“Peace in Jerusalem and wisdom for our government leaders on every level. That God’s people everywhere would wake up and do the work of God and no longer be complacent.”

“Church is not a tabernacle made with hands. I am so grateful for the loving Christian fellowship and support and unity with other denominations.” - member of the Christian Science Church

“Love. Strength. Peace.”

“Stronger Christian spirit will rise from the ashes!”

"Thank you Father for your love and salvation. Please forgive those who have burned these buildings."

"May God cover your church body and bless your finances and your church rebuilding abundantly. God bless each of you." - Sincerely, Brother and Sister in Christ

"Pray for al our churches. May God's glory shine through this tragedy.  
Pray that your will be done."

"I give thanks for the outpouring of love from one denomination to another as the unified Body of Christ. And I hope for the Christian community's continued solidarity as we focus on "Church" as the people of God and not a building."

"That the church would be united and walk in the Spirit of God in boldness, authority, power, and love."

"Thank you! God's love is being felt more, all over, stronger and stronger."

"With Love: You are in our prayers every day. May the God of all comfort surround you and keep your hearts in peace during this difficult time."

"Superficial strongholds will be BROKEN! The sleeping giant that is the church in East Texas will WAKE UP!!"

"I pray that the churches that were affected would receive an abundance of God's provision, that people would be saved through this, our churches brought together, and most of all that God would be glorified."

"Hope that your love for God will grow even deeper and will be fruitful and multiply - blessing you and your dear community."

"That we shall love our neighbor as ourselves."

"My hope is in Christ Jesus. Still praising Him - even while we are in the middle of the storm. We are excited to see what God has in store for us." - Tyland Baptist

"The church in Tyler would come together as one in Christ like never before - in prayer, love, and reaching out to the community - working together - going up higher and higher."

"To stay strong in the LORD!"

"To be real."

"I pray all of us will come to know who our church is."

"Our hope is in nothing less than Jesus and His righteousness. Romans 8:38"

"I hope for healing and reconciliation and a greater love for God."

"Fully visible. One accord. Totally surrendered."

"That the walls will stay down and we would be unified as one body."

"Dear Lord - I pray that you would grow BIG in this city of Tyler. Thank you for your love."

"The unity of Christ would be evident in the midst of the churches in Tyler."

"That we would gather in unity to worship our Lord and Savior."

"I hope that we are unified in spreading God's love through our community. I hope that the arsonists are caught, saved, and forgiven so they can experience God's love also."

"That church would love, live, and work as though we really believe that Jesus is coming soon."

"May they be blessed and continue to give to the people."

"To rebuild building and continue to worship Christ. To better the community and go forth and help all the children." - Tyland Baptist Church

"Become one church - united for His Kingdom purposes - let the walls come down - let go of our divisions. Psalms 133 - blessings where unity is."

"I hope that the Body of Christ (church) will begin to cooperate, communicate, and work together in an ever increasing manner to accomplish the work of the Kingdom of God in East Texas."

"That all churches would continue the church of Acts - teach, pray, and act upon the truth."

"I pray that the veil of deception that keeps us from the truth of Jesus will be lifted and all would come to know the peace, joy, and love of knowing Him."

"Through Christ we will grow as Christians. Our faith will sustain us and we as a faith community will be strengthened. Our prayers are for the arsonists to be found and justice be served. Our prayers are that your church will be stronger."

"God, strengthen the people and restore the places of worship."

"My hope for the church is that we allow God to fill our hearts, our spirits, and our soul with His love for each other. My hope for the church is that we would exemplify what God meant for Christians to live like, look like, and love like. Be unified."

"A unified body living for the glory of our Lord. Seeing His Kingdom come."

"God is love. We are so grateful for this community of love and good will."

"My name is Donnie Thedford. Keep the faith alive. God bless Jesus Christ!"

"My hope is that each congregation of a burned church feels the divine Love - God that blesses in countless ways."

"I hope and pray for everyone who lost their church. May we be stronger and love each other more. Pray for the leaders of the churches."

"We are praying for you all Jesus."

"Unity and comfort for the congregations of the burned churches. Errors and mistakes on the part of the arsonists or a simple confession so this will stop."

"My name is Dereck. I pray for forgiveness of Tyland Baptist Church. I will keep you in my prayer. God bless in Jesus Christ."

"Forgive the arsonists, that and pray God will have His way with them, both."

"For unity, love, and understanding. Peace to our city."

"To rally for Go(o)d as a Body of Christ."

"That the church may increase in numbers, in unity, in purity, in the knowledge of God in this time of difficulty."

"That our churches would come together in unity to further the cause of Christ."

"Nothing shall separate us from your love."

"I hope that the church find peace and prayer for the person that did this. Pray that God will show him the way. Join together, prayer for the pastor. The Lord knew this was going to happen and to who."

"Dear heavenly Father, we pray for your spirit to go forth and help us to be who we are in Christ and bring repentance unto salvation to the perpetrators and this city in Jesus' name."

"To exalt God!"

"Pray that justice is brought, but more than that - whoever is committing these acts finds his Lord and Savior. Thank you for bringing me closer to the Lord through this event."

"I pray that we would see greater unity and love in Jesus Christ among the churches (the Body of Christ)!"

"In God we trust."

"That rebuilding happens."

"Calvary Commission is praying for you."

"In this time of trial, may we all know, believe, and LIVE! I Corinthians 13. Tyler Seventh Day Adventist Church and [www.changeministry.org](http://www.changeministry.org)"

"Love and prayers for our area churches."

"May your name be glorified through it all. Amen."

"Father - change the hearts of those who set the fires - that your Holy fire take over their lives."

"Lord, I pray to be ever vigilant, watchful, and always know our church is ever within our hearts.  
No burned building will ever stop our love for Him."

"Always standing strong."

"Unity through Christ. Recovery from loss. Strengthening of the body of Christ."

"I pray for the direction of the churches that were impacted by these fires as they plan their  
rebuilding process or other directions."

"We pray for safety for all our churches and this people. We pray for justice be done in your  
time and at your will. Amen. - Murphees."

"My prayer for the church is that we live with open hearts, hearts and hands to the church - the  
body of Christ and to all the community."

"Rebuilding and strengthening of church."

"For the people of this city to work together to be your church, your children. The person who  
is doing this to be convicted by the Lord of His love for him."

"That the church would grow together in the Word and be strengthened by our Lord's  
promises. That thru this we would gain a better understanding of what the persecuted church  
faces daily."

"Iglesia Cristiana Integral CPC Inc (Nehemias 4) Oramos para que Dios fortalezca el corazón de  
todos pastores líderes congregados. Porque Dios es un Dios de pactos. Y el pacto que hizo con  
usted y sus generaciones, se cumpla. En el nombre de Jesús. Y los bendicimos. - Pastor Emilio  
Torres and church"

"God will not give you more than you can bear. Put everything in His hands. God bless each of  
you. - Jerry and Sharyn Wrinkle, Cross Spoke Riders."

"For in the name that is ABOVE ALL NAMES, JESUS - no weapon formed against us can prosper."

"I pray that God will rebuild the church as He rebuilt me! In Jesus' name, Amen!"

"I pray that as these prayers go up that your blessing be that the members grow in faith."

"The gate of Hell will not prevail against the church."

"I pray that the spirit of apathy both in my own heart and in the East Texas area would be annihilated and that our hearts would be on fire with the Spirit of God."

"Conviction of sin. Salvation. Restoration."

"Lord, let your people be united in You throughout this distraction. Let others see your people through this and be led to you. Amen."

"What man meant for evil, transform into great good."

"My hope and prayer for the church is that we cross denominational walls and become the one true Bride of Christ, that we'll pray together, worship together, relate to one another, and stand strong that the world would know that Jesus is the answer. That they would know because we love one another."

"That our hearts would be united and set on fire for Christ."

"Love others more than self."

"Faith. Hope. Love. Unity."

"May our most gracious God surround all the churches and church builders to thy Glory.  
We thank thee for thy precious Son, Christ Jesus."

"Continue to unify all the churches of Tyler and East Texas."

"Hope for racial reconciliation and the arsonist would be caught and saved."

"Bro. Ram Quevedo - I am in support in prayer of the buildings that been destroy. Am a member from Christ Central Church, Lindale. God bless the family."

"I pray for the love of God to be seen and grow forever more.  
May He bless all churches. Amen."

"Revival. Rebuilding of church."

"I pray that the Lord will be glorified by strengthening not only the churches that were affected, but all the churches throughout East Texas, Texas, and the Nation, and the world despite persecution, just as the early church was. I also pray for the hearts of the arsonists to know the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus."

"It is my hope that the history of a faith that shows triumph and suffering can rise up again and make a statement here in this world. We will not be defeated. Amen."

"What the devil meant for evil, God will turn for good. Bring churches together. I live a few blocks from 2 churches. I am a 'night owl.' I will drive around the churches several times way late at night. Call 911 if I see anything/person not look ok. Call or write churches so know I'm not the arsonist. Jeannette Brewster."

"I would love to see our city meet for joint prayer every seventh Sunday."

"My hope is for the church to be encouraged in time of loss and suffering and for the arsonists to be caught and experience salvation as the church has forgiveness toward them and witnesses to them."

"That we would realize that our HOPE is in the Lord Jesus only and that we would fulfill our calling, individually and collectively."