

# Things to Pray for:

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for Sam who fell and broke his hip, and had to have a partial replacement, and is now in recovery. He also broke his finger. Please continue to pray for Jerry Jamroz, who has bone cancer.

**MISSIONARIES:** This month pray for the Mishkins.

**FAMILY OF THE WEEK:** Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Rollfs.

**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS:** Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

**CURRENT HAPPENINGS:** Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for all of the damage and those affected from the recent storms in the South.

## Numbers

### Attendance

In-person on 3/23/25: 48

Online views (through 3/27): 8

### Giving

Online: (3/17/25-3/23/25): \$80 for general

In-Person on 3/23/25: \$647 for general, \$60 for missions



Give Online

Rather view this information on your phone?  
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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### Matthew 20:33-34

They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.



# Welcome!

March 30th, 2025

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be CONNECTED with Jesus, CHANGED by Jesus, and COMMITTED to the mission of Jesus.

**GUESTS:** Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



**EMAIL LIST:** If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

**SERMON SERIES:** We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about a moment where Jesus teaches us an important lesson on prayer.

## Announcements

**TESTIMONIES:** We would love to hear what God has done and is doing in your life! If you would like to share, we are making short videos (3-5 minutes) to be shown during service on Sunday. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Josh.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** We will be watching *War Room*, a movie about prayer, here at the church on Sunday, April 27th, at 6:30pm. Join us for the evening! Please note the date change from earlier!

**BAPTISM:** Are you interested in getting baptized? We would love to celebrate with you! Please talk to Pastor Josh for more details.

**PRAIRIE CAMP:** Information about our denominational camp can be found at the welcome counter! There are camps for kids throughout the summer, and family camp is happening on July 13th-19th. We hope to see you there!

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** We encourage you to attend and participate in this year's National Day of Prayer event happening at the Battell Center in Mishawaka on Thursday May 1st.

## Opportunities to Help

**TECH:** Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

**PRAYER GUIDE:** Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

**MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

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FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

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3. Realize who \_\_\_\_\_ is  
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4. Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ stop you  
Matt. 20:31, 18:20, 19:14
5. Be \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 20:32-33, James 5:16, 1 John 5:15, Josh. 10:12-14
6. Understand how God \_\_\_\_\_ you  
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- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- What thoughts might have been going through Jesus' disciples' minds when they heard Jesus' reaction to the blind men?
- Have you ever been through a season of your life where it was difficult to pray? How is your prayer life during this season of your life?

## Diving In

1. The two blind men in this story could have made up several excuses that could have stopped them from crying out to Jesus, but they didn't. What are some common excuses that keep you from praying? Are there any distractions in your life that keep you from praying that you can easily eliminate?

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## Applying the Scripture

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