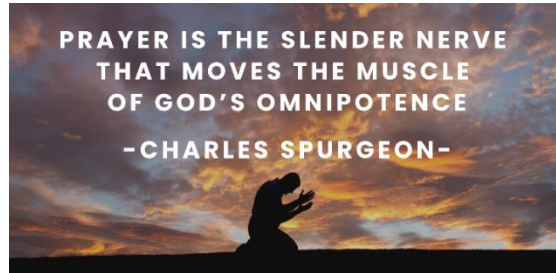


40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Pastoral Search Prayer Initiative

April 13 – May 23, 2026



Pastor Dean Van Farowe is concluding his pastorate with us on May 24. We the elders of Calvary Reformed Church call the church to pray and fast for 40 days as we begin this pastoral transition period on April 13th. We will continue rotating through the list until our new pastor is identified.

- 1. 4/13/26 CHURCH FAMILY DURING TRANSITION:** That God would keep Calvary in his sovereign care and empower us to continue our mission to plant Clevelanders in Christ.
- 2. SPIRITUAL STRENGTH FOR THE CONSISTORY:** That our Elders, Deacons, and Transition Pastor Jay would be given spiritual strength, guidance, and encouragement during the transition period.
- 3. UNITY:** Pray for our church to be united during the pastoral transition.
- 4. TRANSITIONAL PASTOR:** Pray for Pastor Jay & Cora and their family during this spring and summer, that God would give them His support, guidance, and love.
- 5. CHARACTER:** Pray for all those involved in the transition process to have integrity, honesty, and trust in God.
- 6. COURAGE:** Pray for our Consistory/Search Team to have joy in their work, courage to make wise decisions, discipline to uphold standards, and the ability to act without anxiety or fear.
- 7. WISDOM:** Pray for our Consistory/Search Team and future pastor to have wisdom to ask the right questions and discern between better and best.
- 8. PREVIOUS PASTOR'S FAMILY:** Pray for Dean & Christine, that God would give them faith, trust, rest, and guidance as they transition to a new home and new ministry. Pray for Anna as she continues college, and Zack and Elijah as they start life after college.
- 9. AGREEMENT:** Pray that the Consistory/Search Team would be in agreement regarding the spiritual gifts needed by the next pastor.
- 10. SENSITIVITY TO NEEDS:** Pray that the Consistory/Search Team can place the church's needs before their own as they read applications, listen to sermons, and talk with candidates.

- 11. SITUATIONAL WISDOM:** Pray for our future pastor and the Consistory to have the ability to address critical needs and make wise decisions in the short-term and in the future.
- 12. INSIGHT:** Pray the Consistory/Search Team will be led by God's Spirit and know the right questions to ask as they represent the church in the interview process.
- 13. FAITH AND OPTIMISM:** Pray for our church to have unusual faith, patience, and trust that God is leading and guiding this process.
- 14. ROLE CLARIFICATION:** Pray the Consistory/Search Team will have clarity as to the characteristics, goals, and responsibilities that should be included in the position description for the next pastor.
- 15. HONESTY:** Pray that the Consistory/Search Team will represent the church accurately, truthfully, and attractively in our Church Profile.
- 16. TEAM BUILDING:** Pray for our future pastor and the Consistory to have the ability to quickly find, appoint/hire, and delegate tasks to the right people.
- 17. WISDOM TO NETWORK:** Pray that the Consistory/Search Team will be sensitive to and led by the Holy Spirit in seeking assistance for this search, from our local churches, the Classis, and beyond.
- 18. RESOURCES:** Pray for our people to remain faithful in their tithes, offerings, and quarterly mission giving during the pastoral transition.
- 19. SURRENDER:** Pray that the Consistory and Search team will subordinate their personal agendas to do what is best for the church and for God's will.
- 20. STAMINA:** Pray for our Consistory/Search Team and Pastor Jay to have physical and emotional endurance to handle the necessary demands of this process.
- 21. DISCERNMENT:** Pray for our Consistory/Search Team to have discernment in sorting through the various styles, philosophies, and ministry models represented by pastoral candidates.
- 22. AFFECTED MINISTRY:** Pray for the church or ministry that our future pastor will be leaving. Pray for them to have faith, wisdom, and divine leading in their own search. Pray for their search team to have wisdom, clarity, and unity.
- 23. PATIENCE:** Pray for our church to have the ability to trust God and others while investing the necessary time and resources in the pastoral search.
- 24. REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS:** Pray that the Consistory/Search Team would not settle for too little or aim too high thereby setting unreasonable or unattainable expectations.
- 25. SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE:** Pray for our Consistory/Search Team and future pastor to be led by and walk in the Spirit.
- 26. GOD'S WILL:** Pray for God's will to be done. May he give us the pastor that He knows we need, not necessarily what we think we want.

- 27. TEAM CHEMISTRY:** Pray for our future Pastor, Consistory, and Staff to have team chemistry, work well together, and genuinely support our ministry values and our mission.
- 28. PEACE:** Pray for pastoral candidates and their families (if applicable) to have clarity to know whether or not this is the next step of ministry to which God is calling them.
- 29. WISDOM IN EVALUATING NEEDS:** Pray for our Consistory and interim pastor to have discernment in evaluating the needs of Calvary and opportunities for us in this transition.
- 30. NEAR WEST SIDE COMMUNITY:** Pray that God will give our community and our city a desire to know and love God, and to love their neighbor as themselves. Pray that God would place in us a burning passion to introduce them to God and to the church.
- 31. FORWARD VISION:** Pray for our future pastor and the Consistory to receive a divine burden and direction for our ministry, as well as outreach to our community and the city of Cleveland.
- 32. DIVINE CALL:** Pray that our future pastor will sense an irresistible call and mandate from God to lead this church.
- 33. OPENNESS TO CHANGE:** Pray that our leadership and congregation are not resistant to the direction our future pastor & the Consistory receive from the Lord. Pray for God's timing in implementing changes, and for unity as we all strive to move the church forward.
- 34. DISCERNMENT:** Pray the Consistory/Search Team will have clarity as they interview, eliminate, and move forward with candidates in the interview process.
- 35. MULTI-GENERATIONAL and ECLECTIC:** Pray that our future pastor will be able to relate to the various cultures and generations represented in our church.
- 36. SUSTAINABILITY:** Pray that our church will not experience declines in attendance, giving, volunteerism, and morale during this pastoral transition.
- 37. FUTURE PASTOR'S FAMILY:** Pray for our new pastor and her/his family, that God would give them peace as they close doors and open others, and navigate all the transitions they will go through.
- 38. SENSITIVITY:** Pray the Consistory/Search Team will hear God's voice with clarity and have peace concerning who should be interviewed.
- 39. OPTIMISTIC ANTICIPATION:** Pray that the future pastor, spouse, and family would feel the same peace and excitement that the Consistory/Search Team feels about the candidate.
- 40. MUTUAL CONFIRMATION:** Pray the entire congregation would feel a sense of peace and confirmation as the new pastor is confirmed through the vote of the official membership.

No activity can help our church overcome obstacles, find God's will, and be led by the Spirit like prayer. Partner with us to make it a priority throughout the entire transition. Thank you!

--Your Calvary Elders Anna, James, Latrese, and Sherry