



2025 Prayer Tour

“Sowing Seeds for the Kingdom Harvest”



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Overarching Scripture

Luke 8: 5-8

“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

1. Pavilion

Matthew 9:37-38

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

The Lord can provide a lavish and abundant harvest. Our harvest is only accomplished with the help of thousands of volunteers each season. The pavilion is where we gather with volunteers before harvest activities, drawing everyone in to pray before the work of the day begins. Reflecting the light of Jesus, we explain why we do what we do and thank the volunteers for serving and spreading the light with us. We give glory to God and proclaim Christ with every volunteer group. May we be bold in this proclamation in every opportunity this season, sowing seeds of faith liberally and impartially. Thousands will gather in the pavilion this year, and many will bring hurts and brokenness, confusion and loneliness, sorrows and disappointments. But they also bring a willingness to serve. May we come alongside to listen and encourage. May God make Himself known in a new and personal way to each person, and may they have ears to hear Him call them by name.

Let us pray: Almighty God and Father, thank you for all those you will call to serve with us this season. Thank you for their hearts for others and for their generosity of time and spirit spent with us harvesting vegetables, sorting or packing food, or in many other ways to support the ministry of First Fruits Farm as we share fresh food and the love of Christ with people in need. Help us to be a welcoming place, where visitors and volunteers find safety and community in their service here. Guide and strengthen us, so that our hearts, our minds and our words are used to bless, encourage and edify one another. Lord, protect all the volunteers from injury and help us to be attentive to any areas of danger or risk. May all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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2. Distribution Center

Hosea 10:12

“Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.”

God’s unfailing love is displayed at the Distribution Center, a major hub of activity at the farm. Produce harvested here as well as food from many other providers, such as bread from H&S Bakery or fruit from Farm Link Project, is made available to scores of partners who help distribute throughout the community and region to people in need. The First Fruits Farm logistics team is very faithful, dedicated, and joyful in serving together. May they continue to faithfully demonstrate the love of Christ to all who come to pick up food. We pray blessings of God’s extravagant love upon these distribution partners who serve so many in their communities and may each person who receives food from First Fruits Farm somehow come to know and understand that God loves them, sees their need and cares for them. Our goal is to offer a variety of fresh, nutritious food to people in need, and also to feed them spiritually with the love of Christ.

Let us pray: Father God, what a delight it is to be able to serve alongside so many wonderful community partners, most of whom know you and love you and love your children. Thank you for the blessing of working together with these ministries. Show us Lord how to build bridges of love and support to the communities we serve. As the bags and boxes of food from the farm move through these communities with Your Word imprinted on the packaging, we pray that the name of Jesus is lifted high, and that the recipients of the food are reminded of Your love for them. You go before us Lord, building Your Kingdom through many channels and relationships. May we be instruments of Your Kingdom building.

Thank you for all the skills and expertise and desire to learn that you have brought to this building through staff and volunteers who work on equipment maintenance and repair. Thank you for the many donors who have lovingly given funds to purchase needed equipment and supplies. May all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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3. Greenhouses

Galatians 6:7-8

“Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked; A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”

Just as the Holy Spirit provides, protects, and guides in the ways of life in order that we may bear spiritual fruit, the greenhouses offer a distinct and special environment to provide, protect and guide the planting and nourishing of specific crops, namely tomatoes, peppers and lettuces. Our volunteers here, known affectionately as Team Tomato, go to great lengths to care for the long 200' rows of sometimes fragile plants. The tomato plants are wrapped with twine as they grow to support the weight of the fruits. These plants can grow up to 7 ft tall. The soil is examined and nourished as needed, and each greenhouse itself is equipped to monitor and control temperature and humidity at all times. All this attention to detail produces an excellent yield of high-quality produce. We give thanks for the technology and for the benefactors who funded construction of these greenhouses, as well as for the team of volunteers who invest their time and energy serving here. May all the conversations, meditations and prayers which will take place here this season be pleasing to the Lord, edifying and encouraging to one another, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father and Most High God, we sense the presence of your Holy Spirit throughout these greenhouses. In the quiet stillness, we can practically hear the plants grow. Bless each person who works diligently to support this special part of the farm operation. We are grateful for the unity of the Spirit the volunteers experience here as they toil together to maximize the benefits of this controlled environment and marvel at the outstanding yield that is produced. Thank you for their faithfulness and commitment. Father, we pray for the core team of volunteers at the farm, that they grow in love for one another, and that they experience joy and peace in your presence here and as they serve. May all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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4. Offices

1 Corinthians 3:5-7

“What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”

Almighty God is growing the Farm’s ministry, and He has done so for 27 years by His faithfulness. The rooms and gathering places in these buildings are where the Lord’s wisdom is sought, and where plans are discerned and put into action. The crucial tasks of administration, including Board and staff meetings are undertaken here. Regular prayer and study times are also shared within these walls. We thank the Lord for those he has called to invest in His work here and ask for the Holy Spirit to manifest joy in their hearts. May they find your pleasure, Father, as they commit their efforts, from the routine to the weighty, to your service. We pray for your protection against the pressures, distractions and divisions which may arise naturally from working the land. May they keep their focus on You and may they experience unity working as one body, with continued marvel and thanksgiving for partnering in your work as they recognize, respect and seek to highlight the unique gifts and talents each possesses, in harmony and true collaboration.

Let us pray: Thank you dear Lord, for every person who serves in a staff capacity at the farm. We pray that their gifts and graces are used mightily for this ministry, and that each staff member feels appreciated and valued for their contributions. May your grace be evident here, even as the team demonstrates grace to one another, believing the best about one another, and serving in humility and kindness toward one another. Holy Spirit, show us the way you would have us go to realize Your vision for this ministry of feeding people who are in need, physically and spiritually. Help us to walk in obedience and faith, trusting you, the Good Shepherd, to lead us and guide us. May all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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4. *Discovery Garden*

Matthew 13:31-32

“He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in the field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.”

The Discovery Garden is a defined space to experience the wonder of God’s creation and the miracle of growing food, maybe for the first time. May the Lord bless the plans to invite our various program partners to each take a part of it and make it their own. May those who visit this garden witness God as the Gardener and the One who does the work of cultivation in the lives of His children. We also ask you to bless the various groups who will come here, including those who face mental and physical challenges. May they experience a taste of the Kingdom of Heaven, as they feel God’s presence. May we work together to create a place where each person is valued and comes to understand that God loves them.

Let us pray: Most Holy Father, it is the sincere desire of our hearts to minister to each person who comes to serve with us. May we show love to all and see each person through the eyes and with the mind of Christ, as Your beloved child. Bless this space and may it be fruitful as an opportunity to teach others about your goodness, which knows no bounds, and your endless creativity and beauty. May the food grown in this space inspire your children to want to know you more and sing praises for the awesome delights of color, smell, texture, and taste you lavish on us. May it please you, and may all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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4. *Red Barn/Livestock*

2 Corinthians 9:10

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

Our Creator God entrusts us with his beautiful creations of land, plants and animals. The cows, chickens and honeybees can teach us much about God and our call to stewardship. May we faithfully tend to them and be thankful for them. The barn is a place where visitors and volunteers can encounter animals and learn from them too. It is also a location that holds promise for other events, such as community meals, to bring folks together and listen to their hearts. God has placed a vision on the hearts of First Fruits Farm to be open to new opportunities to minister to the local community as well as to the larger community of people who struggle against food insecurity. We pray for the inspiration and resources for how to use the barn to bring glory to God and to love our neighbors. The barn is also an important part of the farm's Christmas outreach, "Journey to Joy." It is a beautiful reminder of Christ's birthplace and his life of servanthood. Father, please bless the preparation for this year's Journey to Joy and may it draw many to experience the awesome truth of the Gospel.

Let us pray: Loving God and Father, thank you for the blessing of caring for animals. May we show tenderness in our care, and proper reverence for all life, which you have ordained to help us learn and grow in our knowledge of You and Your Sovereignty over all things visible and invisible. In your perfect timing and power, make the way for us to utilize this barn to bless the community, offering a place to enjoy a meal with neighbors and hear the truth of the gospel shared. May this space come alive with food, music and worship, and especially the people who yearn for a place of acceptance and belonging, a place to be fed and embraced, a place of life and love. Thank you for the opportunity to share the Journey to Joy drive through live nativity again this year. Empower and provide for us to make this presentation of Emmanuel, God with us, impactful, beautiful to behold, and inspiring. May all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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5. Woods/Meadow

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

This verse is a doxology, a hymn of praise emphasizing God’s limitless power and ability to far surpass our own expectations and visions. We recognize that these woods and meadow can serve as conduits for His praise – perhaps through music, gatherings, picnics, or other extended experiences that allow people to immerse themselves in His beautiful creation for generations to come. We are humbled to steward this beautiful part of the farm. May God help us in understanding His vision which extends beyond our own. Help us to lean into His perfect timing with open arms and hospitable invitations. We trust in His guidance to fulfill His purposes here.

Let us pray: Beautiful Savior, you have given us more than we could ask or imagine when you made the way for First Fruits Farm to move to this property. You know how these woods and this meadow and the rest of the land you have entrusted to us can be integrated into the farm ministry. Open our minds and our hearts to the possibilities for visitors and volunteers to find you here and rejoice in your mystery and majesty. Thank you that while we can easily see the destruction caused by powerful winds last week, in your grace and mercy the path of the storm stopped short of the farm’s greenhouses and other structures, and nobody was hurt. Thank you for the birds who sing so joyfully in these woods and for all the habitats herein. Let them be used to sing praises to you and may all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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6. Miller Property

Ecclesiastes 11:6

“Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.”

The acquisition of the Miller property stands as a testament to God’s boundless goodness and generosity, reminding us that no matter how liberally we sow—be it in the morning or evening—we can never outgive the Lord. This divine provision of additional, unexpected property instantly expanded our production and has brought unforeseen growth and blessings for the farm, displaying His abundant grace.

As the Development team transitions into the Miller farmhouse for their new offices, we trust in God’s continued guidance to expand opportunities aligned with His purposes. We rely on His perfect timing and limitless power to fulfill our needs, as He moves through the hearts of our supporters and other believers. May He grant our team wisdom and perseverance in cultivating relationships with donors, ensuring the farm’s needs are met and hope is extended to those we serve. Recognizing that God controls the outcomes, let us remain diligent and faithful, trusting that He will bring growth in due season, even when immediate results are not visible.

Let us pray: Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who Provides, we are continually surprised by your goodness and extravagant love for us. Who could have imagined when we established a new headquarters here that within a few short years you would expand our territory and our vision for the ministry of farming fresh food for your children in need. Over the many years we have endeavored to walk in obedience and faith through First Fruits Farm, we have witnessed countless examples of your provision of resources, people, equipment, and yes, land, that we didn’t know we needed. May your Name be praised, and may we always point to you as the source of every good and perfect blessing. Thank you that your ways are not our ways, and your thoughts are much higher than our thoughts. Help us to offer each blessing back to you, for your glory to be manifest through them. May all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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7. *Fields*

Mark 4:26-29

“He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain — first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Year after year, God enables the fields to produce an abundance of food. The Lord provides the warmth and the rain, the soil and the life for the plants to thrive. We acknowledge the mystery in God’s ways and workings, as well as His grace and mercy which often accompany the harvest we are blessed to share, especially when rainfall has seemed inadequate or deer damage excessive. We pray that as volunteers drink in the majesty and glory of God’s creation all around them on this farm, they will be moved to worship. We thank God for these beautiful fields with their neatly planted rows and rich earth; we also offer praise and thanks for the days to come when the fields will be filled with volunteers of all ages, who have come to serve others by helping in the harvest. May we be a tender, encouraging and listening presence to these farmhands, and may this ground be utilized to build community, and love for one another, as much as it produces crops of nutritious vegetables.

Let us pray: Sovereign God of the universe, creator of all life, thank you for the miracle of food and for the challenges that working the land offers. Thank you for soil and living water, and microorganisms and human ingenuity in fashioning tools and equipment. Thank you especially for the people who will come to serve in these fields. May they be blessed in their service and experience joy and wonder at who you are and how you love them. May this farm be a place of rest and rejuvenation, a place of problem-solving and teamwork, a place where the name of Jesus is proclaimed and testimonies of Your love shared. May it be a place of shalom and fellowship, and a place of new life and discipleship. May all we do bring honor and glory to you, Lord.

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8. Crosses

John 12:24

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Jesus uses a grain of wheat to illustrate a profound spiritual truth. This metaphor signifies that through His death and resurrection, Jesus would bring forth abundant spiritual fruit, leading many to salvation. Just as a seed must be buried and "die" to produce a fruitful harvest, Christ's sacrificial death made the way for the redemption of humanity.

This spiritual truth is mirrored in the Farm's mission of Kingdom building. As we sow physical seeds into the ground, anticipating a bountiful harvest to nourish those in need, we are reminded of the greater spiritual harvest. Our efforts in planting and harvesting serve as tangible expressions of sharing the good news of Christ's sacrificial love and resurrection power. Through acts of service, generosity, and community engagement, we aim to point others to the hope and new life found in Jesus. By embracing and sharing this truth, we participate in the ongoing harvest fulfilling our calling to make Christ known, and to "make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

Open Prayer

Closing

Pray the Lord's Prayer together

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Sing Together on Return Ride

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside

Great is Thy faithfulness
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