

City Church Prayer Strategy

- Aligned with SCO District Urban ministry prayer strategy

“Lord, as we join Your work in the I-270 Window, we submit ourselves to Your guidance for the South Side of Columbus”

	DISTRICT PRAYER	SOUTH SIDE PRAYER	CITY CHURCH PRAYER THEMES
PRAY FOR THE CITY	Pray for our current urban ministries, pastors, and congregations. Ask God to send more workers into the harvest and to raise up new churches in our neighborhoods.	Lord, open our eyes to truly see the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs on the South Side. Bring us Your Masterpieces who will lead with grace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give us divine connections with residents, leaders, and organizations. • Help us listen before acting so we serve with humility. • Prepare the hearts of those You are drawing so our future church reflects the community's diversity. • Lead us to the right gathering place and open the doors only You can open.
STRENGTHEN URBAN CHURCHES	Provide resources, services, and encouragement so our city churches don't just survive but truly thrive.	Lord, strengthen the churches that are already faithfully serving the South Side.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help us honor the ministry work already happening here. • Give us a spirit of partnership that encourages and uplifts. • Show us opportunities for shared ministry and community impact. • Use our presence to strengthen unity among all churches.
EQUIP URBAN LEADERS	Urban ministry is complex. We must train and mentor leaders who understand the unique challenges and opportunities of serving in the city.	Lord, develop within us the spiritual resilience, wisdom, and cultural humility needed for urban ministry as we serve as the South Side launch team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equip our leaders with clarity, courage, and a strong foundation in prayer. • Raise up leaders from within the South Side community. • Provide mentors and partners who will walk with us on this journey. • Shape us into a team that lives as people You have sent.
PLANT NEW CHURCHES	As a district, let's be intentional in launching new, life-giving churches across Columbus	Lord, make us a life-giving presence on the South Side where hope is restored, families are strengthened, and disciples are formed by Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead us to people of peace who will help anchor this congregation. • Clarify our vision, mission, values, and name in alignment with Your heart. • Bless our assessment process, coaching, and preparation. Keep us Spirit-led. • Make this church a beacon of hope, reconciliation, and a community of grace where lives are transformed. • Place a burden on our hearts for the next church plant before this one begins.