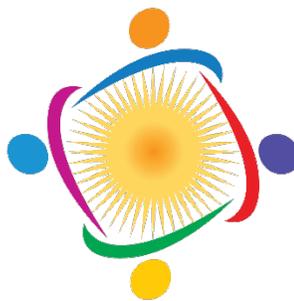


Growth Campaign

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Grace is not a one-time gift; the Lord continues to give us this blessing every day so that we can live by grace in all aspects of our lives. We believers are recipients of divine favor to transform our lives, to strengthen our service, to endure adversity with joy and contentment, for God's grace is sufficient for our weakness.

Persevering in God's grace is the way to live in full dependence on Him. Every time the Lord meets our needs, guides our steps, forgives our sins or consoles us and strengthens us in our difficulties, He lavishes divine favor on us in this life and in the life to come.

The purpose of this seven Saturday or Sunday campaign is to help in the development of NDI (Nazarene Discipleship International) in the local church. You can use it as many times as needed during the year and you can do it outside of the church: in a park, a sports field, in the street, etc. "By His Grace" leads us to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19, in love, unity and service. How will I live like Jesus in my own life? How will my witness influence me as I disciple children, youth, and adults? How will I embody Jesus and His Word in fervent prayer, outreach to the lost, biblical learning, intentional training and in authentic relationships? By His Grace.

1st SUNDAY. Commitment Sunday

Help believers make commitments to membership, maturity, ministry, and mission in the power of the Holy Spirit. "Don't begin telling others yet—stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." (Luke 24:49 TLB.)

Activities:

- Share the theme in writing and communicate the emphases for each Sunday, in presentations, announcements, on the church website and on social media.
- Hand out cards for participants to write down the names of the people they want to invite.
- Pray a prayer of consecration and commitment.
- During the first week: pray for the people on the card. Do acts of kindness or service for the people you want to invite. Invite co-workers, students, neighbors, relatives, etc., to attend starting on the 3rd Sunday of the campaign.

2nd SUNDAY. Sunday of Fervent Prayer and Fasting

Seek God through fasting and fervent prayer, humbling yourselves before the Lord and denying yourselves, depend on the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Activities:

- In advance, call the whole church to fast and end the fast at the completion of a special worship service.
- Have a special service with this emphasis: “The Discipline of Fasting and Fervent Prayer”. Include a time of fervent prayer and pray for the fire of God to burn within the church and for contrite hearts of the lost to come to Him.
- During the second week: schedule a prayer walk through the community or neighborhood where the church is located identifying its needs. Each night have a small group meet and pray for the people who will be contacted and invited and who will attend the Campaign. Fast throughout the week, investing the mealtime in prayer for the people on your card and for the Campaign. Pray that the Spirit will mold our motivations and intentions and give us His grace.

3rd SUNDAY. Expansion Sunday

Engage people through Christ-like actions, attitudes and words, influencing your family, church and community.

Activities:

- Have a party and deliberately invite people whose names were written on the cards.
- Plan a breakfast where you introduce the discipleship teachers, briefly giving information about their class, and also introduce the different ministries of the church. You can play a game or have an activity and give small prizes to the winners. Don't forget to have sign-up sheets: name, address, phone number, email.
- After the party, have an evangelistic service where testimonies of transformed lives are shared and/or have people share their testimonies of how they live by His grace at work, school, family and in the community. Preach an evangelistic theme and have a time of fervent prayer for the needs of the people.
- Develop authentic relationships with visitors: fellowship, brotherhood and unity through godly actions, attitudes, and words.
- During the third week: Pray fervently for the new people and their needs and for the opportunity to share with them the gospel and develop authentic relationships. Contact the visitors personally by WhatsApp, phone, email, Messenger, to tell them how important they are to you. Re-invite them and offer to have a Bible study with them in their home. Personally visit those who have stopped attending church and encourage them. Show compassion or do a service project that helps a person or family that visited on Expansion Sunday.

4th SUNDAY. Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of Service.

Have a special day of service to express, in a concrete way, the grace of God that dwells in our hearts, by serving individuals and the community.

Activities:

- Free car wash by the teen and youth classes.
- Share or donate your time and talents (for example: one hour), to provide a service according to your profession or skill, or "I give you one hour of _____ and you give me one hour to listen to the Bible".
- Babysit for free two or three days a week, for 3 hours, for single mothers in the community and in the church (for the adult and teen classes).
- Help senior adults with minor home maintenance (for the adult and youth class).
- During the fourth week: Contact the people benefited by your service, invite them to class or worship or to have a Bible study in their home and pray for their needs. Offer tutoring or homework workshops for children. Distribute invitations from house to house in the community or neighborhood, for next Sunday's rally. Continue with the prayer walk.

5th SUNDAY. Rally Sunday.

Invite the whole church and their guests to attend this special service. Continue to talk about the love of Jesus and aim for the largest attendance of the year.

Activities:

- Make this an evangelism service where a play about the love of Jesus is presented.
- Have ushers in the parking lot and/or at the entrance warmly greet and welcome people.
- Hand out registration cards: name, address, phone number, WhatsApp, email, etc.
- Hand out informative brochures that include: What is the Church of the Nazarene; A list of your ministries; A schedule of church events; The church address and contact information; The name of the pastor(s).
- Invite people to attend the next Sunday – Fellowship Sunday.
- During the fifth week: Follow-up and give words of encouragement. On Monday visit the people who attended and give them a copy of the first discipleship study. Phone those who came, thank them for their visit and pray for them. Send an email, message, or WhatsApp, to greet them, invite them and offer them a discipleship study, pray for their needs. Offer to accompany them or take them to the next Sunday meeting.

6th SUNDAY. Fellowship Sunday.

Develop authentic relationships, fellowship, brotherhood, interests, and unity with the people who attended during the Campaign.

Activities:

- Conduct discipleship outside the church, outdoors.
- Invite the community to join the church in a time together, walking or riding bicycles.
- Invite the congregation to bring and share food. Take a souvenir photo.
- Have a board game and movie night, make popcorn, provide soda and snacks. Offer to give people who need it a ride home.
- Show the grace of Jesus in your actions, attitudes, and words.
- Make sure the area you meet in is leave the way you found it, or in better shape.
- During the sixth week: contact guests on Monday and offer to pick them up for the next meeting. Invite people to follow the church's presence on Facebook or other social media.

7th SUNDAY. Celebration Sunday.

May Christ's church be the image of Jesus, influencing our families and community to be and grow as disciples of Jesus...by His grace.

Activities:

- Have a celebration and harvest worship service and share the accomplishments.
- Hear testimonies of God's saving grace.
- Introduce those who have accepted Christ and welcome them into the family of faith.
- Give acknowledgments and/or thanks.
- Present a sermon that challenges and encourages the congregation to continue to witness His grace and to live by His grace.
- Thank God in fervent prayer and commit to the Lord and His mission. Pray for the needs of the people.
- End with a time of fellowship.
- During the last week: Visit new people; start small groups in homes for Bible study; appoint a follow-up committee to integrate new believers and intentionally train them to serve in the ministries of the church; continue fervent prayer for people and their journey on the path of grace; intentionally train new people to share the gospel, invite non-believers and disciple new believers. Meet with disciplers regularly to pray, fast, and share life together.

ENJOY THE OUTCOME OF THIS GROWTH CAMPAIGN!!