

RENEWED with a passion for God's people! RENEWED by growth in your faith! RENEWED in commitment to embrace the future!



Every month we are encouraging members of the congregation to take these prayers and bible verses and focus on asking that God's will be done for our congregation and community.

## September 2024

## Prayer focus: Accomplishing the Work With the Help of Our God

**Scripture Reading: Read Nehemiah 6:1 – 7:3** – In summary, Nehemiah 6 depicts Nehemiah's perseverance in the face of various external threats and internal betrayals while overseeing the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem. Nehemiah faced challenges, and his story teaches us an essential truth: our adversary, the devil, is crafty. Let us not allow the devil to distract us from our mission. We should, rather, lean on God's grace and strength, and surround ourselves with a community, like Epiphany, that uplifts and supports us. By understanding and implementing Nehemiah's wisdom, we equip ourselves to face the challenges with our sanctuary construction activities. Remember, every challenge is an opportunity for growth, and with God by our side, victory is not just a possibility; it's a guarantee.

**Reflections of the Heart** – Nehemiah 6:16 "... They realized this work had been done with the help of our God."

**Scriptural Prayer –** Dear Lord, as we continue to focus our efforts on completing the construction activities in the sanctuary, please help instill in us perseverance, as Nehemiah was filled with long ago. May you guide us and protect us against any enemies' schemes. Continue to provide the project team with discernment and wisdom to recognize and avoid any traps which could lead to harm. Please continue to put your hedge of protection on the workers that come into and leave the church each day to complete this project. We praise your name, every day, Oh Lord, for providing us with the funding to achieve the successful completion of the upgrades to your sanctuary. May the project resolve successfully and may your people find joy in Epiphany's church soon again, just as Nehemiah and his peers enjoyed the successful completion of the wall. It is in your name we pray, Amen.