



## MAY 2025 PRAYER LETTER

Dear praying friends and faithful supporters,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and generous support. We are truly grateful for your faithfulness, your sacrifices, and your heart for missions. Your partnership allows us to shine the light of Christ here in the Bronx, and we do not take that for granted. We want to sincerely apologize for not staying consistent with our prayer letters and updates. This season has been full, with both ministry responsibilities and the busyness of family life. And in the midst of it all, we've unfortunately let some things slip through the cracks. Thank you for your patience and grace toward us.

### Church Update:

Despite the challenges of a long and difficult winter and spring, we've seen God's hand at work. One encouraging development is that another young woman has recently begun discipleship and has shown a deep hunger for the Word of God. Even more exciting is that one of our ladies who completed discipleship and now serves faithfully in the children's ministry has stepped up to lead this new study. With Amber recovering from childbirth, it's a huge blessing to see a church member take on this responsibility. It marks the first time someone in our church has begun discipling another, and we're thrilled to see this fruit! We are currently preaching through the book of Acts on Sunday mornings, praying that God will use it to inspire our people to grow in faith, generosity, and service. Financial giving continues to be a struggle—understandably so, with the high cost of living here—and it's still one of the hardest steps for many. Please pray with us for hearts to be stirred toward greater commitment. Easter was an incredible encouragement. We had over 80 people attend across our three services that week! Our children's ministry continues to grow, so much so that our small classroom can barely contain all the kids! We're excited to see new young families coming and ask for your prayers as we navigate this season of growth.

### Family Update:

On March 10, we welcomed our fourth daughter, Amelia Rose. While we rejoice in her arrival, it's also been a difficult journey. She spent five days in the NICU and continues to face some ongoing breathing/choking challenges that have caused us many anxious moments. We would appreciate your prayers for her health and development. When we moved here three and a half years ago, we had just one little girl and another on the way. Today, our family has grown to six—still in the same small apartment. We're thankful for how God has blessed us, especially after walking through years when we weren't sure if we'd ever be able to have children. That said, raising four young daughters in the heart of the city is no small task. Just recently, our neighbor angrily confronted my wife and children over the smell of our outdoor trash bin. Tensions often run high in our neighborhood, and crime continues to rise. This month alone, I've officiated two funerals, one for a grieving mother whose young adult son was murdered. The darkness here is heavy, and Satan's strongholds are real. We covet your prayers—for our family's safety, for spiritual strength, and for God's power to break through in this city. Your intercession is vital to this work, and we cannot thank you enough for standing with us.



**His for New York City,  
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Jon - March 9  
Amber - July 3  
Ellyanna - August 22  
Makayela - November 20  
Johanna - September 10  
Amelia - March 10  
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