



Praise the Lord! He allowed us to cross over into another year. As 2025 unfolds, it is time for a fresh start and new beginnings.

On Sunday, January 13, 1985, a church in Chicago, led by a young minister in his twenties looked forward to seeing how God would unfold His plans for the new year. However, this started a series of events that no one could have predicted. The congregation noticed that the pastor had not entered the sanctuary. Little did they know that a group of leaders from the church had decided they no longer wanted this young minister with his vision to pastor the church. As a result, they locked all the doors to keep him from entering.

God's plan unfolded as he led the young pastor to an unlocked door on the side of the church. The pastor entered, humbly announced his departure from the church, and said he would be starting a new one. Immediately after his announcement, various members began putting on their coats; choir members removed their robes, got their belongings, and left with the pastor.

This led to the birth of a new church, and what followed was an incredible ministry that only God could have imagined. That unlocked door led to a vision of faith, resilience, and determination that not only transformed the lives of those present in 1985 but continues to have a profound and lasting effect on thousands worldwide.

I was not a member of that church 40 years ago; however, as a member for 33 years, I see how God took a situation meant for evil and turned it around for good. Today, the mantel has been passed on to another anointed young man of God, who, along with the congregation, continues to move forward with incredible influence and ministry outreach.

As we embark upon this new year, we must remember the importance of patience and trust in God's plan. We may encounter closed doors, adversaries, and adversities. Still, we can be reassured that God provides entry to astonishing possibilities for His glory in His way and in His own time.

Dear Father, we thank You. All it takes is one unlocked door to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.



January 2025

Praise & Prayer

Calendar

Seeing God in Everything

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 55:8-9	I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT			1 Pray we realize God's grace is far beyond human comprehension	2 Pray that we will trust even when we do not comprehend what He is doing	3 Pray we recognize that God's wisdom is far greater than ours	4 Give praises, God's ways are always the best
	5 Give praises, we can trust God's eternal plan for our lives	6 Pray we realize that God works behind the scenes through our tests and trials	7 Give praises, as we see limitations, God sees unlimited blessings	8 Give praises, God always sees the big picture	9 Pray we will submit to God's ways	10 Pray we will seek God's guidance through prayer and God's word	11 Pray we will have peace as we trust in God's ways and timing
Jeremiah 29:11 Romans 8:28	12 Pray we realize God's plans are often beyond our understanding	13 Pray we realize God's plans are always for our good	14 Pray we realize God is in control of our future	15 Give praises, we can have hope for our future	16 Pray we realize God can use our trials for our spiritual growth	17 Pray that our love for God reassures us that He is working in our lives	18 Give praises, God has a purpose for our lives
Proverbs 3:5-6	19 Pray that we realize faith empowers us to trust God's guidance	20 Give praises, we can trust God amid fear and uncertainty	21 Pray we will lean on God's understanding and not ours	22 Give praises, we can trust God even when the outcome is beyond our sight	23 Praise God for the obstacles He removes or guides us through	24 Pray we will seek God in all of our decision-making	25 Pray we will acknowledge God in every area of our lives
Genesis 50:20 Isaiah 43:19	26 Pray we realize God is with us through our unexpected challenges	27 Pray we realize God desires to do new things in our lives	28 Pray we will not always cling to the old way of doing things	29 Pray we will be willing to forgive our adversaries	30 Give praises; no matter what people's intentions are against us, they can never block God's plan and purpose	31 Give praises, no matter how unfair or unjust things may seem, God can turn them around for the good	Until God opens the next Door, Praise Him in the Hallway.