

Week Four: Foundation

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Day 22

Gracious Lord, By your grace you have called us out of darkness into your light. You have provided a firm foundation for us in your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our faith has a resting place in him. Forgive us when we tend to trust other sources on which to build our lives and guide us back to your power and strength. Help us to remember that faith in you alone is what pleases you. May all that we do be a response to what you have done for us in Jesus. As we worship in your house and walk through the hallways of our campus, we are thankful for how you have provided for St. John in the past and will continue to provide in the future. Bless the efforts and generosity of all those who give of their time and resources. We realize, Lord, that all good things come from you and we are committed to using these gifts to further your reach. May we build this structure on the strong foundation of your Word and our commitment to Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Lord, this week we pray for...

- Day 23:** Grateful hearts for our firm foundation in Christ
- Day 24:** Wisdom to hear God’s Word and put it into practice
- Day 25:** The beginning of the Lenten season as our hearts reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus for our sins
- Day 26:** The planning of the Biggest Event Ever on March 11
- Day 27:** The strength of families of St. John to grow in faith and love towards God
- Day 28:** The success of St. John’s School Auction

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Matthew 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

1 Corinthians 3:10 “By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

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