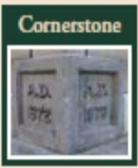


We are so glad you're joining us for our Day at the Dome Prayer Walk! Feel free to start your prayer walk wherever you'd like, but consider rotating in numerical order, so everyone has the same basic traffic flow pattern. If you spent a total of 5 min. praying and moving to the next spot for each of the 11 locations, it would take you about an hour. No problem if you don't make it to all 11 stops today, just continue praying at home-- or come back another day! 😊 There's always more than enough to pray about!

God gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14, *"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* As we humbly and diligently seek Him, our own hearts will be changed... and then we'll see transformation in our families, our communities, our state, and our nation.

1. Capitol Cornerstone - Pray for FAMILIES



Cornerstone

Stop 1 Cornerstone

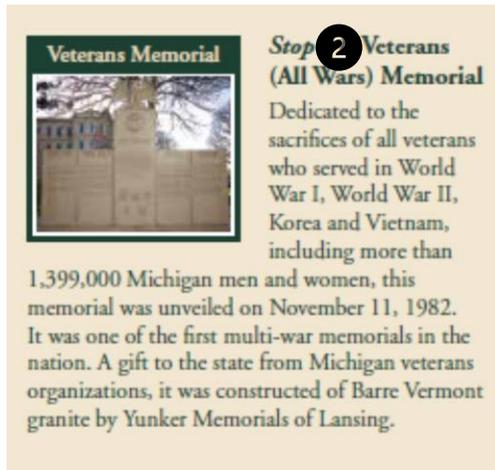
The Capitol's granite cornerstone was quarried at Cape Ann, Massachusetts. The carved dates "1872" and "1878" mark the beginning and end of Capitol construction. It was laid on October 2, 1873. 30,000 people watched as a glass-lined copper box was placed in a cavity in the stone. Inside were 48 items, among them coins, historical documents, and the Capitol's specifications. The cornerstone was opened in 1978. Sadly, the box's glass liner had broken and water had entered, turning its contents to "gunk." A new time capsule was installed in 1979 to mark the Capitol's centennial. It will be opened in 2079: time will tell if the new capsule does better than the old.

"If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."
Mark 3:25

- Pray for a return to traditional, Biblical family values, esteeming the things which God sees as important - especially the values of faith, life, truth, and freedom. (Job 22:21-22)
- Pray for renewed passion and obedience to the Biblical view of marriage. (Gen 1:27)
- Pray for a return to the Biblical mandate for parents to train their own children up in the fear of the Lord, instead of leaving the responsibility to others. (Prov 22:6)
- Pray for the re-establishment of strong, healthy relationships between parents and children, between siblings, and between extended families, and multiple generations. (Mal 4:5-6)
- Pray for unity and love in individual families, causing them to reach out to serve and offer hospitality; (Rom 12:9-13); Pray families will have eyes to see those who need help and encouragement.

2. Veterans Memorial or Engineers & Mechanics Monument - Pray for FREEDOM

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Corinthians 3:17



- Pray that people will understand that true freedom is found in Christ alone; that freedom is walking unchained from the stain and pain of our sin, living fully forgiven and in complete liberty to live as our Creator designed us.
- There are many struggles, injustices, and battles that people are facing today as our freedoms are increasingly being eroded. Thank God for the privilege of growing up where for so long we have enjoyed great liberty and many blessings.
- Pray that God would protect our freedoms, that we would each do our part to stand up for our freedoms, and for all those in our nation and around the world who are not so free -- especially for those who are oppressed, persecuted, in bondage, or slavery.
- Pray that we would hold the things of this world lightly, knowing that our true citizenship and freedom is in heaven; that we would look to God, not the government or any other systems of this fallen world for our hope.

3. Central United Methodist Church (215 N. Capitol Ave) - Pray for THE CHURCH

“His intent was that now, through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 3:10



- Pray there would be **revival** in the Church as individual hearts are changed and renewed with great zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ (Matt 22:37) - resulting in an impact on our culture, including our government.
- Pray for **Unity** within and between churches that reveals God's love to the world. (Jn 17:23)
- Pray for a hunger for **God's Word**- to read it, study it, memorize it, live it, & obey it; that the Church clearly teaches its absolutes. (Ps 1:1-3)
- Pray for **Integrity** - that God's people look and act differently from the world. (1 Pet 2:11, 1 Cor. 13:6)
- Pray a **holy fear of the Lord** is realized in the hearts of God's people (Prov 9:10) and the fear of man would be eradicated from the Church, that we would operate according to God's standards only. (Isaiah 43:1)

4 . Anderson House Office Building (124 N. Capitol Ave)- Pray for GOVERNMENT

Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity. (1 Kings 3:28, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Exodus 18:21, Proverbs 11:3, Romans 13:1-2)



- Pray for the **executive, legislative, and judicial branches** of the government to value one another, respect one another, and work together for the good of our nation, our state, and our communities.
- **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:** Pray for the President, VP, Cabinet Members, Congress Members, Supreme Court Justices.
- **STATE GOVERNMENT:** Pray for the Governor, Executive Cabinet, Legislators, Michigan Supreme Court Justices and other Judges, Department Heads, State School Board and Superintendent.
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Pray for your Mayor, City Council, Judges, County & Township Officials, School Board Members.

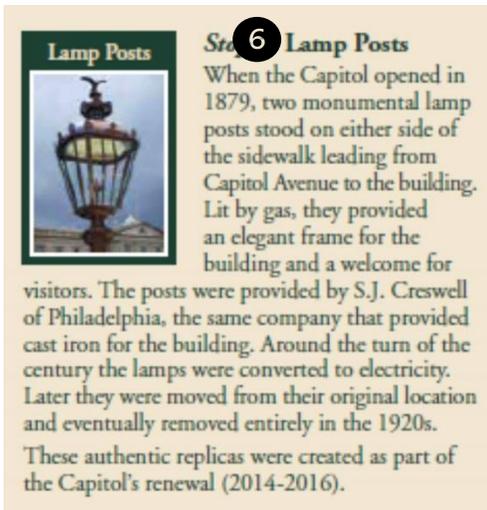
5. Lansing City Hall/LPD-Pray for MILITARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRST RESPONDERS

"He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them...and encouraged them with these words: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him. With him only is the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us & to fight our battles...' 2 Chron. 32:6-8



- Pray for soldiers and officers in all branches of the armed forces, along with our law enforcement officers: police, sheriffs, fire-fighters, Immigration and border patrol, EMTs and paramedics, etc.
- Pray for divine protection from the enemy. (Rom 5:1-5)
- Pray for courage and dependence on God. (Ps 91)
- Pray for perseverance to endure hardship. (Is. 43:2, Deut. 31:6)
- Pray for wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command. (Rom 13:1)
- Pray for confidence and vision to persist in the face of negative publicity. (Ps 18:31-39)
- Pray for chaplains who are divinely appointed to deliver hope and spiritual strength to those who are struggling. (Prov 4:11)
- Pray for courage to share the truth of God's Word with those they come into contact with. (1 Cor. 15:58)

6. Lamp Posts - Pray for MEDIA: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



"...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." Philippians 4:8

- Pray that Christians in the arts and media will be bright lights shining in the darkness, finding favor and being filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages of truth. (Prov 2:1-15)
- Pray that decision makers within media would realize the need for truth-filled, family-friendly projects. (Prov 8:10-11)
- Pray that journalists and reporters would be fair, unbiased, honest and factual in their reporting, and that believers would be discerning of the news, seeking truth, not swayed by emotions.
- Pray that journalists, social media influencers, artists, and celebrities will be provided with repeated opportunities to hear and receive salvation. (Prov 8:35)
- Pray for doors to open for those who are called to bring the truth of God's Word via these avenues. (Deut 1:30)

7. State Historical Marker or "The Hiker" Monument- Pray for EDUCATION



"If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understand." Proverbs 2:3-6

- Pray that parents catch a vision for discipleship, embracing their God-given role and responsibility to pass on their faith and teach their own children the ways of God. (Deut 6:7, Eph 6:4)
- Pray for a return to the teaching of truth and Judeo-Christian ethics, and all subjects from a Biblical worldview. (Ps 1:1-2)
- Pray for a safe, undistracted atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Pray for excellence in educators & students alike. (Ex 18:20-21)
- Pray for opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential. (Phil 1:9)

8. First Michigan Sharpshooters Monument – Pray for a Culture that Values LIFE

First Michigan Sharpshooters



Stop 3 First Michigan Sharpshooters Monument
Recruits for the First Michigan Volunteer Sharpshooters Regiment, one of the most famous of the Civil War, were required to pass a test of marksmanship to join. Company K was made up entirely of Native American volunteers from the Upper Peninsula. On April 3, 1865, after bitter fighting and a nine-month siege, the Sharpshooters were the first Union troops to enter Petersburg and raise their flag over the city. This action paved the way for the capture of Richmond and the end of the war. The state

*“I call heaven and earth as my witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for **He is your life** and the length of your days...” Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

- Pray against a culture of death that seeks to kill and destroy those who aren't seen as valuable, wanted, or who have been deemed a burden.
- Pray for women facing unwanted pregnancies that they would choose life for their babies, experience help and healing, and that their eyes would be opened to see the precious gift God has given them! May the veil of deception be removed, and their hearts be softened to hear and receive the Truth.
- Pray for God to thwart the efforts of abortion workers and industries that seek to take advantage of those in vulnerable positions for their own personal gain.

9. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial - Pray for TRUTH

*“The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the **truth** from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others...” Psalm 15:2-3*

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial



Stop 9 Grand Army of the Republic Memorial
This boulder serves as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a patriotic and service organization for Civil War veterans who fought for the Union. Founded in 1866, the GAR provided assistance for veterans and played a leading role in state and national politics. At its peak in 1890 it claimed over 400,000 members. It disbanded in 1956. This memorial was erected by the Department of Michigan Women's Relief Corps, an auxiliary to the GAR. It was dedicated on June 11, 1924.

- At the heart of every division is a lie- about who we are, who God is and how we ought to live according to His truth. **Pray truth might overcome every falsehood in America today**, from distortions in the media to the lies we accept in our daily lives. *Pray that the Church sees through and combats these lies and stands strong for truth.*
- Ask God for reconciliation where there is conflict and brokenness. Pray for people to **return to the Truth of the Bible** and a restoration of unity and love in the mighty name and power of Jesus.
- Pray against “identity politics” that seek to divide our nation even further. The Biblical reply doesn't deny the reality nor the importance of identities to the human story. It does, however, begin with what unites all humanity—the Imago Dei, we are all created in the image of God. A biblical worldview starts in sameness, not differences. Only the gospel can unite, secure peace, and establish Truth.

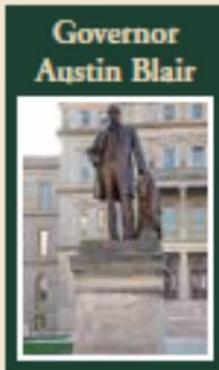
10. “The Rise & Progress of Michigan” Pediment above the steps of the Capitol – Pray for our ECONOMY: BUSINESSES AND TECHNOLOGY *description on last page*

“I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working...” Exodus 31:3-4

- Pray for integrity among Christians in the marketplace – business owners and employees alike, so that they win the right to be heard. (1 Chron. 29:17)
- Pray for impartation of ideas and resources to open principled godly businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost. (Ps 132:15)
- Pray that Christian workers will display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers, customers, and clients. (Phil 2:3)
- Pray for protection and favor over businesses being run according to scriptural principles- that they may be creators of economic blessing and givers to their communities. (Ps 34:7-9)

11. Governor Austin Blair Monument – Pray for our LEADERS in all Areas

(in Families, the Church, Government, Business, Education, Media, Military, etc.)



Stop 11 Governor Austin Blair Monument

Austin Blair (1818-1894) served two terms (1861-1864) as Michigan governor during the turbulent years of the Civil War. Celebrated as one of the nation's finest "War Governors," he took a strong stand on slavery, women's rights and equal suffrage. Excerpts from his speeches reflect Blair's determination to end slavery and preserve the Union, and his great devotion to the Michigan soldiers who fought so valiantly to achieve this. A careful eye may note that his hand rests upon a Civil War Battle flag.

The only statue on Capitol Square to depict a real person, it was sculpted by Edward Clark Potter of Massachusetts, and unveiled in a grand ceremony on October 12, 1898.

"I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people- for kings and all those in authority..." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- **For SALVATION:** Pray for the salvation of leaders who have not yet put their faith in Christ, this should be a top priority. Leaders, like all people, need the forgiveness of sins and new life that comes through putting one's faith in Jesus. (Acts 4:10-12, Jn 14:6, Rom 10:9)
- **For DIVINE WISDOM:** Those in positions of authority and influence are regularly called upon to make very difficult decisions that affect many people. Divine wisdom is available for those who ask God for it (James 1:5). Good decisions will seldom be made without God's wisdom & direction. (Ps. 111:10, Prov 2).
- **For DISCERNMENT:** Sometimes there is a fine line between a right or a wrong decision. Every day leaders are called upon to decide on issues that may or may not be good for the people they lead and represent. They clearly need the Lord's guidance and discernment. (1 Kings 3:9)
- **For COURAGE:** It is only with courage that leaders can stand up for what's right and true, and trust that God is the protector and defender of all right decisions, and that He will honor them for their bravery. (2 Sam 10:12).
- **For PERSEVERANCE:** Leaders need prayer to withstand the pressures, tests, and trials that will surely come their way. Even when it seems their careers or businesses may be at stake, they must persevere, not give up, and continue doing what is right. (James 1:2, 2 Tim 4:7)
- **For HUMILITY:** Leaders often have great power, deal with immense sums of money, and can be put up on pedestals or receive special treatment. This can quickly go to their heads and lead to arrogance and pride. Pray that God keeps them on their knees, dependent upon Him, heading His instruction so they may be led by Him and rightly lead others. (1 Pet 5:5, Is 66:2)
- **For TEACHABILITY:** When leaders are wise and resist the temptation of pride, a teachable spirit will be evident. We must all acknowledge that there is always more to learn, and that God has much still to teach us. (Prov 9:9, Eccl 4:13)
- **For MORAL INTEGRITY:** Leaders often face incredibly strong temptations and may be away from their families for long periods with little or no accountability. Pray for them to have strength to resist these temptations that can destroy not only their lives and families, but severely mar their Christian testimony. (Ps 25:21, Is 33:15-16)
- **For SELF-CONTROL:** Leaders regularly face situations and pressures that can cause them to struggle to control their attitudes, actions, and words. They cannot control their circumstances, but they can control their responses, this is essential for their success. (Prov 25:28, 2 Tim 1:7)



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Rise and Progress of
Michigan



Stop 10 The Rise and Progress
of Michigan

On the pediment high above the Capitol's front steps three figures tell the story of Michigan's progress from earliest times to a modern state. The central figure is Michigan, dressed as a Native American to symbolize the state's wilderness past. As she steps out of that past into the future, she offers a book and a globe, representing the knowledge and opportunities of the modern world.

Michigan is surrounded by symbols of industry and progress. A seated female figure is agriculture, surrounded by a horn of plenty, a laurel wreath, a plow handle, and a sheaf of wheat. Another female figure represents commerce and shipping, surrounded by bales of goods, an anchor, and the ribs of a partly-constructed ship. Mining is represented by ore and mining tools, while lumbering is represented by a log, shingles, and an axe in a stump.

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