



# **TAKING BACK THE 815**

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## **Introduction to Taking Back The 815**

Taking Back The 815 is a community-driven initiative dedicated to fostering unity, hope, and positive transformation within the Rockford, IL area and its surroundings. Our mission is to inspire and mobilize residents to come together in prayer, support, and action, to address the challenges facing our community and to build a brighter future for all.

## **Importance of Praying for Our Community**

Prayer is a powerful tool that can bring about profound change, both in individuals and in the community as a whole. By lifting up our city and its people in prayer, we acknowledge our dependence on God and invite His guidance, peace, and blessing into every aspect of our lives. Here are a few reasons why praying for our community is crucial:

**Unity and Healing:** Prayer brings people together, bridging divides and fostering a sense of unity and belonging. It helps to heal wounds, both seen and unseen, within the community.

**Guidance and Wisdom:** Through prayer, we seek God's wisdom and guidance for our leaders, educators, business owners, and families. We pray for decisions that reflect justice, compassion, and integrity.

**Protection and Safety:** Praying for protection and safety covers our schools, neighborhoods, and public spaces, asking God to safeguard us from harm and to provide peace and security.

**Hope and Encouragement:** In times of struggle and hardship, prayer offers hope and encouragement. It reminds us that we are not alone and that there is a higher power working for our good.

**Community Prosperity:** Praying for the economic and social prosperity of our community encourages growth, development, and opportunities for all residents, ensuring that no one is left behind.

## **About the Prayer Guides**

Our prayer guides are designed to lead you through specific areas of our community, highlighting key locations and suggesting focused prayers at

each stop. Whether you are participating in a physical prayer walk or praying from home, these guides will help you to systematically pray for the various facets of our community life.

## **Conclusion**

As we embark on these prayer journeys together, let us be reminded of the power of prayer. By committing to pray for our community, we are taking a vital step in "Taking Back The 815" and making our region a place where everyone can thrive. Join us in this important endeavor, and let us watch together as God moves powerfully in response to our prayers.



## PRAYER GUIDE

Through Rockford, IL

**Purpose:** To unite the community in prayer, seeking spiritual renewal and transformation.

**Opening prayer:** ask for guidance, protection, and open hearts.

### 1. Sinnissippi Park

**Landmark:** Sinnissippi Park Music Shell

**Scripture:** Psalm 19:1 - "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

**Prayer Focus:** Praise for the beauty of creation and the opportunity to gather in fellowship.

### 2. Rock River Recreation Path

**Landmark:** Rock River

**Scripture:** John 7:38 - "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the spiritual renewal and revitalization of the community, for living waters to flow through the city.

### 3. Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens

**Landmark:** Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens

**Scripture:** Isaiah 35:1-2 - "The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for growth, beauty, and joy to flourish in the lives of the residents.

### 4. Downtown Rockford

**Landmark:** Coronado Performing Arts Center

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:17 - "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the arts, culture, and businesses in the downtown area, for creativity and integrity in all endeavors.

## 5. Rockford City Hall

**Landmark:** Rockford City Hall

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 2:1-2 - "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the city's leaders, wisdom in governance, and peace in the community.

## 6. Rockford Public Library

**Landmark:** Rockford Public Library

**Scripture:** Proverbs 2:6 - "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for education, wisdom, and the pursuit of knowledge among all residents.

## 7. SwedishAmerican Hospital

**Landmark:** SwedishAmerican Hospital

**Scripture:** James 5:14-15 - "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for health, healing, and strength for patients, healthcare workers, and families.

## 8. Rock Valley College

**Landmark:** Rock Valley College

**Scripture:** Proverbs 1:7 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the students, faculty, and administration, for growth in knowledge and character.

## 9. Midway Village Museum

**Landmark:** Midway Village Museum

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 32:7 - "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for a sense of community heritage, understanding of history, and unity among diverse cultures.

#### **10. Ending Point: Anderson Japanese Gardens**

**Landmark:** Anderson Japanese Gardens

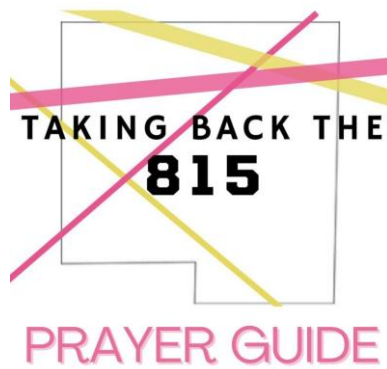
**Scripture:** Psalm 23:2-3 - "He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."

**Prayer Focus:** Conclude with prayers for peace, rest, and spiritual rejuvenation for all participants and the city as a whole.

#### **Conclusion:**

Gather for a final group prayer.

Closing prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to continue praying for the city.



**For RPS 205**

**Purpose:** Praying for schools invites God's presence, protection, and peace into the lives of students, teachers, and staff. It's a way to seek wisdom, safety, and a nurturing environment where learning and growth can flourish under God's guidance.

**Opening prayer:** ask for guidance, protection, and open hearts.

### **1. Rockford Public Schools District 205**

**Scripture:** Proverbs 1:7 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the district's leadership, including the superintendent, school board, administrators, and staff. Ask for wisdom, vision, and unity as they make decisions impacting students and the community.

### **2. Auburn High School**

**Scripture:** Proverbs 2:6 - "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the students to seek knowledge and wisdom. Ask for guidance for teachers and administrators to foster a supportive and enriching environment.

### **3. East High School**

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for students to have hope and a vision for their future. Pray for encouragement and inspiration for both students and staff.

### **4. Guilford High School**

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for guidance and clarity for students in their academic and personal lives. Pray for the staff to be a source of light and direction.

## **5. Jefferson High School**

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for strength and resilience for students facing challenges. Pray for teachers and staff to be supportive and empowering figures.

## **6. Roosevelt Community Education Center**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for renewal and perseverance for students and staff. Pray for opportunities for growth and success.

## **7. Rockford Environmental Science Academy**

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:31 - "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for an appreciation and stewardship of the environment. Pray for students to be inspired to care for God's creation.

## **8. Thurgood Marshall School**

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 4:12 - "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for students to be leaders and examples of integrity. Pray for staff to nurture these qualities.

## **9. Rockford Lutheran School**

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:23 - "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for students and staff to pursue excellence in all they do. Pray for a strong sense of purpose and dedication.

## **10. Boylan Catholic High School**

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:16 - "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for students and staff to be a shining light in the community. Pray for acts of kindness and service to be a testament to their faith.

## **11. Keith Country Day School**

**Scripture:** Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for trust in God's guidance and direction. Pray for the school's leadership, students, and staff to follow God's path.

## **12. Rockford Charter Schools (CICS Patriot, Galapagos Rockford Charter School)**

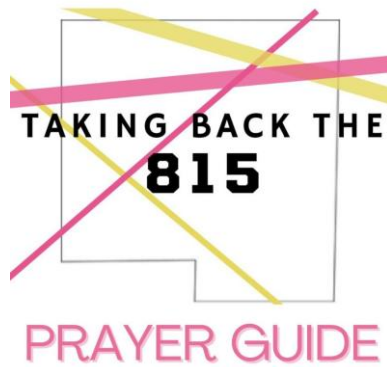
**Scripture:** Psalm 32:8 - "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for God's instruction and teaching to be evident. Pray for innovation, creativity, and dedication among the staff and students.

### **Conclusion:**

Gather for a final group prayer, either in person or virtually.

Closing prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to continue praying for all the schools in Rockford, IL.



## **Social Service Programs Serving Rockford, IL**

**Purpose:** To intercede for the social service programs in Rockford, IL, and their staff who are dedicated to serving the needy. Recognizing their critical role in the community, we seek God's guidance, provision, and blessing for these organizations and the individuals they serve.

**Opening prayer:** ask for guidance, protection, and open hearts.

### **1. Rockford Rescue Mission**

**Location:** 715 West State Street, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:35 - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Provision and Resources:** Pray for abundant resources to meet the needs of the homeless and hungry. Ask for continued support from donors and volunteers.
- **Healing and Restoration:** Pray for those who come to the mission seeking help, that they find not only physical aid but also emotional and spiritual healing.
- **Strength for Staff:** Pray for the staff and volunteers, that they are strengthened and encouraged in their work, and that they see the fruits of their labor.

### **2. The Salvation Army Rockford**

**Location:** 500 South Rockford Avenue, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** James 2:15-16 - "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Compassionate Service:** Pray that the staff and volunteers serve with Christ-like compassion and love.
- **Effective Programs:** Pray for the effectiveness of their programs in addressing homelessness, hunger, addiction, and other needs.
- **Spiritual Guidance:** Pray for the spiritual guidance and growth of those receiving services, that they may find hope and new beginnings.

### 3. Carpenters Place

**Location:** 1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Isaiah 58:10 - "If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Empowerment and Independence:** Pray that clients gain the skills and resources needed to become self-sufficient and independent.
- **Collaboration and Support:** Pray for strong partnerships with other community organizations to enhance their impact.
- **Encouragement for Staff:** Pray for encouragement and resilience for the staff as they work with individuals facing challenging situations.

### 4. Shelter Care Ministries

**Location:** 412 North Church Street, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Psalm 82:3 - "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Safe Housing:** Pray for the provision of safe and stable housing for those in need.
- **Holistic Support:** Pray for holistic support services that address physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- **Guidance for Staff:** Pray for wisdom and guidance for the staff as they navigate complex issues and provide care.

### 5. Rockford MELD

**Location:** 620 Kishwaukee Street, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Proverbs 22:6 - "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Support for Young Families:** Pray for young parents and their children, that they receive the support and guidance needed to thrive.
- **Educational Programs:** Pray for the success of educational programs aimed at empowering young parents.
- **Community Support:** Pray for community awareness and support for the needs of young families.

### 6. Northern Illinois Food Bank (Rockford Branch)

**Location:** 765 Research Parkway, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Proverbs 22:9 - "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Abundant Donations:** Pray for generous donations of food and resources to meet the needs of the hungry.
- **Efficient Distribution:** Pray for efficient distribution systems to ensure that food reaches those who need it most.
- **Blessing for Volunteers:** Pray for blessings on the volunteers who give their time to serve others.

**7. Rosecrance Health Network**

**Location:** 1021 North Mulford Road, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Psalm 147:3 - "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Healing and Recovery:** Pray for those struggling with addiction and mental health issues to find healing and recovery.
- **Compassionate Care:** Pray for staff to provide compassionate and effective care to their clients.
- **Community Support:** Pray for community support and understanding of mental health and addiction issues.

**8. Remedies Renewing Lives**

**Location:** 220 Easton Parkway, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:18 - "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Protection and Safety:** Pray for the protection and safety of individuals escaping domestic violence.
- **Healing and Empowerment:** Pray for healing and empowerment for victims of abuse.
- **Strength for Advocates:** Pray for strength and resilience for advocates and staff working with victims.

**9. Prairie State Legal Services**

**Location:** 303 North Main Street, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Isaiah 1:17 - "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Justice and Advocacy:** Pray for justice and advocacy for the low-income and vulnerable populations they serve.
- **Wisdom and Integrity:** Pray for wisdom and integrity for the legal staff and volunteers.

- **Fair Outcomes:** Pray for fair and favorable outcomes for clients navigating the legal system.

## 10. Rock River Valley Pantry

**Location:** 421 South Rockton Avenue, Rockford, IL

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:40 - "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

### **Prayer Focus:**

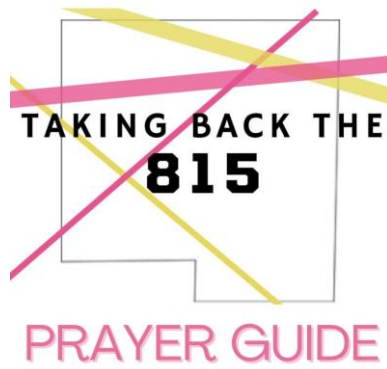
- **Provision and Generosity:** Pray for continuous provision and generosity from the community to sustain the pantry.
- **Nourishment and Care:** Pray for the physical and emotional nourishment of those receiving assistance.
- **Volunteer Support:** Pray for an abundance of dedicated volunteers to support the pantry's operations.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Gather for a final group prayer, either in person or virtually.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Thank God for the social service programs and their tireless efforts to serve the needy in Rockford. Ask for His continued provision, protection, and blessings over these organizations.

**Commitment to Ongoing Prayer:** Encourage ongoing prayer and support for all social service programs, recognizing their critical role in building a compassionate and just community.



For Police, Firefighters, & EMT

**Purpose:** To lift up in prayer the dedicated individuals who serve and protect the Rockford community through their roles in law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical services. Recognizing the sacrifices they make and the challenges they face, we seek God's guidance, protection, and blessing for them.

**Opening prayer:** ask for guidance, protection, and open hearts.

## 1. Police Department

**Location:** Rockford Police Department Headquarters **Scripture:** Romans 13:1 - "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." **Prayer Focus:**

- **Safety and Protection:** Pray for the physical safety of police officers as they carry out their duties. Ask for God's protection over them in every situation they encounter.
- **Wisdom and Discernment:** Pray for wisdom and discernment for officers as they make split-second decisions that impact lives.
- **Integrity and Justice:** Pray for officers to act with integrity, fairness, and justice. Ask God to help them uphold the law with righteousness and compassion.
- **Support and Encouragement:** Pray for emotional and mental support for officers dealing with the stress and trauma of their job. Pray for their families and the strength to balance their demanding work with personal life.

## 2. Fire Department

**Location:** Rockford Fire Department Headquarters **Scripture:** Isaiah 43:2 - "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." **Prayer Focus:**

- **Protection and Strength:** Pray for the protection and physical strength of firefighters as they face dangerous situations. Ask God to guard them against harm and injury.
- **Courage and Resolve:** Pray for courage and resolve for firefighters as they confront life-threatening emergencies. Pray for their ability to remain calm and effective under pressure.
- **Skill and Teamwork:** Pray for skill and precision in their work, and for effective teamwork among the crew. Pray that they can rely on each other and work seamlessly to save lives and property.

- **Healing and Comfort:** Pray for firefighters who have been injured or traumatized in the line of duty. Ask for God's healing and comfort for them and their families.

### 3. EMTs and Paramedics

**Location:** Rockford Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services **Scripture:** Luke 10:34 - "He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him." **Prayer Focus:**

- **Quick Response and Effectiveness:** Pray for the quick response times and effectiveness of EMTs and paramedics as they provide critical care. Ask for God's guidance in their assessments and treatments.
- **Compassion and Patience:** Pray for compassion and patience for EMTs as they deal with patients in distress. Pray for their ability to provide not only medical care but also emotional support.
- **Endurance and Resilience:** Pray for endurance and resilience as they work long hours and face high-stress situations. Pray for their mental and emotional well-being.
- **Support for Families:** Pray for the families of EMTs and paramedics, that they would be supported and cared for, recognizing the unique pressures that come with their loved ones' roles.

### 4. Community Relations and Support

**Location:** Various Community Outreach Programs **Scripture:** Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." **Prayer Focus:**

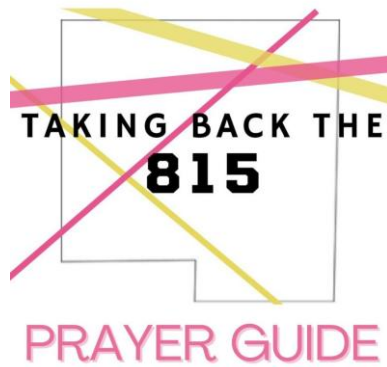
- **Building Trust:** Pray for efforts to build trust and positive relationships between first responders and the community. Pray for mutual respect and understanding to grow.
- **Community Support:** Pray for the community to support and appreciate their first responders. Pray for initiatives that foster cooperation and partnership in public safety.
- **Healing and Reconciliation:** Pray for healing and reconciliation where there has been mistrust or conflict. Ask God to bring peace and unity to the community through the efforts of first responders.

### Closing Prayer:

Gather for a final group prayer, either in person or virtually.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Thank God for the dedication and service of police officers, firefighters, and EMTs. Ask for continued protection, guidance, and blessings for them and their families.

**Commitment to Ongoing Prayer:** Encourage ongoing prayer and support for all first responders in Rockford, recognizing their vital role in the community.



## Through Winnebago County, IL

**Purpose:** Praying for the county is a way to lift up local leaders, communities, and services to God, asking for wisdom, justice, and unity. It reflects a desire for peace, provision, and the well-being of every neighborhood and family within the county's borders.

**Opening prayer:** ask for guidance, protection, and open hearts.

### 1. Starting Point: Winnebago County Courthouse (Rockford, IL)

**Landmark:** Winnebago County Courthouse

**Scripture:** Micah 6:8 - "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for justice, wisdom, and integrity for judges, lawyers, and all who work within the legal system.

### 2. Rock Cut State Park (Loves Park, IL)

**Landmark:** Rock Cut State Park

**Scripture:** Psalm 19:1 - "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

**Prayer Focus:** Praise for the beauty of creation and the recreational opportunities it provides. Pray for the preservation of natural spaces.

### 3. Cherry Valley Village Hall (Cherry Valley, IL)

**Landmark:** Cherry Valley Village Hall

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:7 - "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the local government, community leaders, and the prosperity of the village and its residents.

### 4. Harlem High School (Machesney Park, IL)

**Landmark:** Harlem High School

**Scripture:** Proverbs 22:6 - "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for students, teachers, and staff. Pray for a safe, supportive, and enriching educational environment.

#### **5. Mercyhealth Hospital Rockton Avenue (Rockford, IL)**

**Landmark:** Mercyhealth Hospital Rockton Avenue

**Scripture:** James 5:14-15 - "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the health and healing of patients, strength for healthcare workers, and comfort for families.

#### **6. Winnebago High School (Winnebago, IL)**

**Landmark:** Winnebago High School

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for guidance, wisdom, and protection for the students and staff. Pray for the nurturing of character and academic excellence.

#### **7. Pecatonica Wetlands Forest Preserve (Pecatonica, IL)**

**Landmark:** Pecatonica Wetlands Forest Preserve

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:31 - "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

**Prayer Focus:** Praise for the diverse ecosystems and wildlife. Pray for conservation efforts and the enjoyment of natural beauty by all.

#### **8. Rockford Airport (Chicago Rockford International Airport)**

**Landmark:** Chicago Rockford International Airport

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:9-10 - "If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the safety of travelers, the efficiency of airport operations, and the economic impact on the community.

#### **9. Severson Dells Nature Center (Rockford, IL)**

**Landmark:** Severson Dells Nature Center

**Scripture:** Job 12:7-9 - "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for environmental education, appreciation of nature, and stewardship of natural resources.

## **10. Downtown Rockford City Market**

**Landmark:** Rockford City Market

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:11 - "Give us today our daily bread."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for local farmers, artisans, and small businesses. Pray for the provision of daily needs and the prosperity of the community.

### **Conclusion:**

Gathering for a final group prayer.

Closing prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to continue praying for Winnebago County.



## PRAYER GUIDE

### Through the State-line

**Purpose:** Praying through the stateline symbolizes covering both sides with God's presence, seeking unity, protection, and blessing for the people, communities, and leaders on either side. It acknowledges that God's power transcends human boundaries and invites His will to be done across regions, bringing harmony and hope where division or challenges may exist.

**Opening prayer:** ask for guidance, protection, and open hearts.

#### 1. Starting Point: Beloit College (Beloit, WI)

**Landmark:** Beloit College Campus

**Scripture:** Proverbs 2:6 - "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the students, faculty, and administration, for growth in knowledge and wisdom, and for the nurturing of future leaders.

#### 2. Riverside Park (Beloit, WI)

**Landmark:** Riverside Park

**Scripture:** Psalm 23:2-3 - "He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for peace, rest, and spiritual rejuvenation for the community. Praise for the beauty of creation.

#### 3. Downtown Beloit

**Landmark:** Beloit Riverwalk

**Scripture:** Isaiah 60:1 - "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for economic vitality, the prosperity of local businesses, and the overall well-being of the community.

#### 4. Rock River (State-line Area)

**Landmark:** Rock River

**Scripture:** John 4:14 - "But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for spiritual renewal and the flow of God's blessings throughout the region.

## **5. Pearl Lake (South Beloit, IL)**

**Landmark:** Pearl Lake

**Scripture:** Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for moments of stillness and reflection, and for the community to recognize and exalt God.

## **6. Rockton Historic District (Rockton, IL)**

**Landmark:** Rockton Historic District

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 32:7 - "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the preservation of history, the appreciation of heritage, and unity among diverse generations and cultures.

## **7. Macktown Forest Preserve (Rockton, IL)**

**Landmark:** Macktown Forest Preserve

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:15 - "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for environmental stewardship, the protection of natural resources, and the enjoyment of God's creation.

## **8. Roscoe Main Street (Roscoe, IL)**

**Landmark:** Main Street, Roscoe

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:7 - "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for community prosperity, strong local businesses, and the overall welfare of the residents.

## **9. Stateline Family YMCA (Beloit, WI)**

**Landmark:** Stateline Family YMCA

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 4:8 - "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for health, fitness, and holistic well-being of the community members. Pray for programs that promote physical and spiritual health.

#### **10. Beckman Mill County Park (Beloit, WI)**

**Landmark:** Beckman Mill County Park

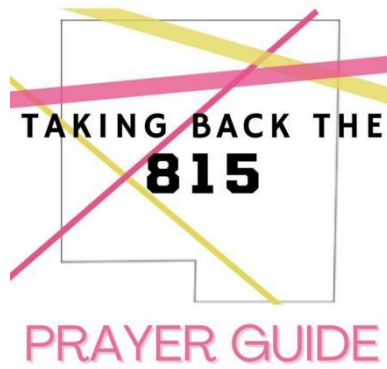
**Scripture:** Psalm 104:24 - "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."

**Prayer Focus:** Conclude with prayers of gratitude for God's creation, and for wisdom in taking care of the environment. Pray for the community to come together in appreciation of nature's beauty.

#### **Conclusion:**

Gathering for a final group prayer.

Closing prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to continue praying for the State-line area.



### **Through Rockford, IL (Alternative Route)**

**Purpose:** To unite the community in prayer, seeking spiritual renewal and transformation.

**Opening prayer:** ask for guidance, protection, and open hearts.

#### **1. Starting Point: Rockford Art Museum**

**Landmark:** Rockford Art Museum

**Scripture:** Exodus 35:35 - "He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers."

**Prayer Focus:** Praise for creativity and the expression of beauty through art. Pray for artists and the cultural enrichment of the community.

#### **2. Burpee Museum of Natural History**

**Landmark:** Burpee Museum of Natural History

**Scripture:** Job 12:7-10 - "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for a deeper understanding and respect for God's creation, and for educational institutions that foster this knowledge.

#### **3. Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens**

**Landmark:** Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens

**Scripture:** Proverbs 24:3-4 - "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the preservation of history and heritage, and for the families and homes within the community.

#### **4. CherryVale Mall**

**Landmark:** CherryVale Mall

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:31-33 - "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for businesses, economic growth, and the provision of needs for all residents.

## **5. Rockford Police Department**

**Landmark:** Rockford Police Department

**Scripture:** Romans 13:1 - "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for safety, wisdom, and integrity for law enforcement officers, and for justice and peace in the community.

## **6. Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden**

**Landmark:** Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:9 - "The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food."

**Prayer Focus:** Praise for the natural beauty and diversity of plant life. Pray for environmental stewardship and appreciation of nature.

## **7. Rockford University**

**Landmark:** Rockford University

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:66 - "Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for students, faculty, and staff, for the pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and ethical leadership.

## **8. Rockford Rescue Mission**

**Landmark:** Rockford Rescue Mission

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:35-36 - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for the homeless, the hungry, and those in need. Pray for the mission's staff and volunteers, and for the transformation of lives.

## **9. Veterans Memorial Hall**

**Landmark:** Veterans Memorial Hall

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:18 - "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for veterans, their families, and those currently serving in the military. Pray for healing, support, and recognition of their sacrifices.

## 10. Alpine Park

**Landmark:** Alpine Park

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:12 - "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

**Prayer Focus:** Conclude with prayers for joy, peace, and community well-being. Pray for recreational spaces that bring people together and promote health and happiness.

## Conclusion:

Gathering for a final group prayer.

Closing prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to continue praying for the city.