1st gate/highway – WASILLA: Knik Goose Bay Road at W. Point MacKenzie Road

When we asked the Lord where does He want us to begin and where were the highways/gates. This highway was clearly the 'Beginning Place', 'An Entry Place', & 'A Place of Thanksgiving'.

The area is Dena'ina Athabascan territory. The point was named on May 4, 1794, for James Stuart MacKenzie. *MacKenzie means 'Radiant One'.

Knik once served as a major supply point for the Alaska interior during pre-Anchorage days. * Knik is a Dena'ina Athabascan Indian name meaning "fire" & Wasilla is said to mean "Breath of Air".

Prayers:

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We say to you Alaska "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

We invite You into the Matanuska Valley as the King of Glory. We give thanks for Your blessings, for Your honor, for Your glory, for Your power and Your strength. We glorify You Lord and we come into Your presence with offerings of worship. The earth trembles and the heavens are glad. We rejoice in You Lord. Let the sea and everything in it shout His praise. Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy. Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise, for the Lord is coming to judge the earth. We give thanks to You and we declare that Your faithful love endures forever. We declare and decree that this is a gateway of beginnings, a gateway to abundance and blessing. Revelation 7:12, 1 Chronicles 16:29-34

Alaska "Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done. Sing to Him; yes, sing His praises. Tell everyone about His wonderful deeds. Exult in His holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord. Search for the Lord and for His strength;" Alaska you shall, "continually seek Him." 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

We consecrate ourselves to You Lord, and bring our sacrifices and thanksgiving to Your Temple. Thank You Father that You listen to Alaska's prayer for mercy, we lift our hands toward Your holy sanctuary. We praise You Lord! You O Lord is our strength and shield. Alaska trusts You with all our heart. You help us, and our hearts are filled with joy. Alaska bursts out in songs of thanksgiving." 2 Chronicles 29:31, Psalm 28:2, 6-7

Alaska "will praise God's name with a song, and honor Him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

Alaska "be baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Matthew 3:11

Alaska "Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come to Him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to Him. For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods. He holds in His hands the depths of the earth

and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to Him, for He made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for He is our God. We are the people He watches over, the flock under His care." Psalm 95:1-7

Alaska "Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Know that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of his pasture. We enter this gateway with thanksgiving and we go into Your courts with praise. We thank You God and we praise Your name, For You are good. Your unfailing love over Alaska will continue forever, and Your faithfulness to us continues to each generation." Hallelujah! Psalm 100:1-5

Alaska "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. Alaska the Lord redeemed you, speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies. For He has gathered the exiles from many lands, from east and west, from north and south." Psalm 107:1-3

Alaska "The Lord is your banner." Exodus 17:15

*Point MacKenzie Road (Radiant One) "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Alaska "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24

2nd gate/highway - WILLOW:

On the corner of Parks hwy and Willow Fishhook Rd. Golden Splendor. Healing.

The highway, which mostly parallels the Alaska Railroad, is one of the most important roads in Alaska. It is the main route between Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley.

Native Americans relied on 'willow' as a staple of their medical treatments.

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Alaska "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

Thank you that Your Splendor is in the North. That the Valley is clothed with your awesome majesty that rivers of gold flow through Your land. We declare that Alaska is a garden planted by you, where your abundance grows. We declare your plans and purposes over her and we agree with your plans of restoration and hope. We declare and decree that the Matanuska Valley will be known for your abundance, that your blessings will clothe her and that your rivers of glory will flow throughout her land. Job 37:22, Genesis 2:8-10

Manifold Wisdom of God is over Alaska like a mantel. We ask You Lord to shake the increase of this land, we ask for 100 fold.

Alaska "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24

3rd gate/highway – HATCHER PASS: N. Palmer-Fishhook Rd. at the Little Su River across from the "Gateway Scenic Overlook" sign Majesty.

Interestingly the 'Gateway Scenic Overlook' sign is on the side of the road heading down the mountain. *Gateway means designated place.

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Alaska "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

Thank you God that you have hidden treasures for us to find that riches are stored for us here in Alaska we declare the treasures of your people will be uncovered in Alaska. The richness of your sons and daughters. So that all may know that You are God and you have summoned us by name. Isaiah 45:3

We enter this gateway with thanksgiving and we go into Your courts with praise. We thank you God and we praise Your Name, for You are good. Your unfailing love over Alaska will continue forever and your faithfulness to us continues to each generation. We declare your blessing and protection over the Valley. Thank you Father that you smile upon us that you grant our valley favor and you bring us peace.

"Out of the north comes golden splendor, God is clothed with terrible majesty." We call unto You God and because You will answer, and we ask You to tell us great and hidden things which we have not known. Job 37:22, Jeremiah 33:3

Alaska "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24

4th gate/highway – GATEWAY:

S. Trunk Road, just north of the park & ride parking lot The designated place. Specific position. Honor.

> Gateway Community is between Palmer and Wasilla just east of the New S. Trunk Road. *Gateway means 'designated place'.

Prayers:

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Alaska "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

We declare that this is the time to celebrate before the Lord. We celebrate you in the place you have chosen. We thank you for the designation of honor in this place and we will celebrate you with our sons and daughters. We will celebrate the Lord our God at the place that You have chosen for Your name to be honored. We declare and decree that this place is a gateway to the blessings that you have to pour out upon the Matanuska Valley, a place that will fill up and spill out with your love. Deuteronomy 12:11, 21

Alaska "honor the Lord your God at this place He has chosen, for it is He who blesses you with bountiful harvests and gives you success in all your work." Deuteronomy 12:15

Father, "For the honor of Your name, O Lord, forgive Alaska's many, many sins." Psalm 25:11

We honor the Lord for the glory of His name. We worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. We bring honor to Your name through this gate with in every generation. Therefore, the nations will praise You forever and ever. Psalm 29:2, 45:17

"God we honor You, Your name is great in Alaska. We stand before You still and know You are our God! You will be honored by every nation. You will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 76:1, 46:10

Alaska "God loves you with an everlasting love; therefore He has continued His faithfulness to you." So "do not become proud, but stand in awe. God's kindness is for you." Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 11:20,22

Alaska you have Jesus, you need nothing else. "Jesus conquered and is worthy." Revelation 5:5

Alaska "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24

5th gate/highway – PALMER Hay Flats:

S. Glenn Hwy toward Palmer, south side pull off just passed Chugiak. The entrance into the valley. New atmosphere. Rainbows. Glory.

Palmer Hay Flats is a prominent landmark in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley

Prominent means 'standing out'.

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We will lift our head o Lord at this gate and we will lift up the ancient doors that Your glory may come in to this Valley. We declare your glory over this place and we declare your will for blessings upon this Valley. We thank you Lord, that you have said that blessed are we when we come into the valley. We declare and decree that this gateway is a place of beauty that mirrors the beauty and grandeur of your Love, and that it will draw many to the understanding of the Creator in the midst of the beauty of the created. Psalm 24:7

Alaska is the entrance of the glory of God to the world therefore "the Lord will arise upon you and His glory will be seen upon you." Isaiah 60:2

Alaska "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Alaska "the Lord is here!" Ezekiel 48:35

The Glory of God comes through the highways that are prepared for our Jewish brothers and sisters to come through Alaska. "Blessed shall you be when you come in (to the valley) and blessed shall you be when you go out." Deuteronomy 28:6

Just as unity is like the dew of Hermon flowing down, like the oil on Aaron's beard, we of the valley are blessed with unity with brothers and sisters of Anchorage and the rest of the state. Psalm 133

Alaska "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24

6th gate/highway – BUTTE: Old Glenn Hwy at the Knik River Bridge Kingdom of God. A Head not a tail.

Knik River, derives from the Inupiaq word igniq ("fire"). Much of its length is paralleled by the paved Old Glenn Highway and the paved Knik River Road, along which can be found the community of Knik River.

Connecting the Anchorage Bowl to the Matanuska Valley

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Alaska "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

Alaska "seek God's face and He will heal this land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

"Fear not Alaska be glad and rejoice for the Lord has done great things." Joel 2:21

Alaska "the grace of God is here for all men, wait for our blessed hope Jesus to return." Titus 2:11

Alaska "rejoice in thy deliverance and praise the Lord." Psalm 9:14

We declare that God has provided Alaska with every blessing in abundance and we declare the goodness of God over her that Alaska would always have enough of everything and that you will provide in abundance for every good work. We receive the promise of joy and gladness in you for Alaska and declare that throughout the land there would be thanksgiving and joyous singing. We declare that you would gather the exiles to the Matanuska Valley and fill them with the knowledge and splendor of Your love. We thank you God for the abundance that flows from your mighty hand and we declare and decree that you are the mighty God of the Matanuska Valley. 2 Corinthians 9:8, Isaiah 51:3

Alaska "fear the Lord, for you are His, He will spare you as His son." "He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." Alaska be "redeemed." Malachi 3:16-17, Colossians 1:13,14

Alaska "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24

7th gate/highway – PALMER: N. Glenn Hwy at Matanuska Glacier. Breath of God. Power.

> The highway originated as the Palmer Road in the 1930s It is named for Captain Edwin Glenn, leader of an 1898 U.S. Army expedition to find an Alaska route to the Klondike gold fields

> > Matanuska glacier is a large persistent body of ice.

- Persistent means continuing firmly or obstinately in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.
- Palmer means "pilgrim", surname "palm branch carried by a Christian pilgrim traveling to a holy temple."

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Alaska "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

Thank you Father that your voice thunders through this gateway and into the Matanuska Valley that rumbling comes from the depth of your being and out of your mouth. We bless and come into agreement with the great things You are doing...even when we cannot comprehend them! By the very breathe of God ice is given and the broad waters are frozen fast. We declare that Alaska will stop and consider the wondrous works of God. We declare and decree that as her people seek her beauty, Alaska's people will begin to understand the depth and wonder of the God who created it all. Job 37:2,5,10,14

"God has breathed the breath of life" in Alaska. Alaska "receive the Holy Spirit." Genesis 2:7, John 20:22

Alaska "be strengthened with all power according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. Give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance." Colossians 1:11-12

"Jesus has come (to Alaska) to give life and (Alaska) will have it abundantly." John 10:10

Alaska "be full of faith with the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Alaska "prepare for war, be stirred up mighty ones and say 'I am a warrior'." Joel 3:9-10

Alaska "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24

September 29, 2011

Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year. Days of Awe! Remembrance of the blowing of the horn.

Leviticus 23:24

"Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. On the first day of the appointed month in early autumn, you are to observe a day of complete rest. It will be an official day for holy assembly, a day commemorated with loud blasts of a trumpet."

"The Holy One said, 'on Rosh Hashanah recite before Me [verses of] Sovereignty, Remembrance, and Shofar blasts (malchuyot, zichronot, shofrot): Sovereignty so that you should make Me your King; Remembrance so that your remembrance should rise up before Me. And through what? Through the Shofar."

Exodus 19:16, 19

"A very loud trumpet blast so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him in thunder."

The sound of the shofar is intended to awaken the listeners from their "slumbers" and alert them to the coming judgment. Even little children come and hear the Shofar being blown. Biblical verses are recited at each point. 10 verses (each) as well as personal prayers are said regarding kingship, remembrance, and the shofar itself, each accompanied by the blowing of the shofar. Though once considered a solemn individual tradition, it has become an increasingly social ceremony practiced in groups.

Prayers are recited near natural flowing water, and one's sins are symbolically cast into the water. Including the prayer "Who is like unto you, O God...And You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea", and Biblical passages including Isaiah 11:9 "for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Psalm 118:5-9 "In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me? Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes."

Psalm 121 "I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever."

Psalm 130 "From the depths of despair, O Lord, I call for your help. Hear my cry, O Lord. Pay attention to my prayer. Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you. I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word. I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn, yes, more than sentries long for the dawn. O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is unfailing love. His redemption overflows. He himself will redeem Israel from every kind of sin."

Nehemiah 8:9 "This day is holy to the Lord."

Deuteronomy 11:12 "a land which the Lord your God cares for, the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year."

God we thank You that you have created Alaska and that You care for her. We are humbled that Your eyes are always upon her. We declare that it will always be so...from the beginning of the year until the end of the year....forever.

Deuteronomy 11:12 "a land which the Lord your God cares for, the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

I especially like this verse in reference to Rosh Hashanah

We declare that this day is holy to the Lord, that your redemption and love overflow her. We look to the mountains and we declare that our help comes only from You O Lord. Alaska will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the water covers the see. Thank you Lord that you are our help, that we can depend on your love and redemption that you look upon Alaska with eyes of love.