



JANUARY 2024 **PRAYER GUIDE**

5PM JANUARY 19 – 5PM JANUARY 20

WELCOME | 24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Thank you for joining together to pray with your church family for 24 hours. I have no doubt that the next hour or so of your life will be a great joy and blessing. This year we are directing our prayer on the Gospel and each of the short prayer guides that follow will lead you in that direction. I want to offer a few helpful instructions and suggestions as you begin your time:

1. Plan to stay at least an hour, but stay as long as you want. Don't limit yourself to one hour of time.
2. We have several areas for prayer. Rooms 205, 206, 101, 102, and the Sanctuary are all available. You may travel from room to room or stay in one place the entire time. Room 205 does have some prayer lists to focus your prayer time for our local and national leaders and our community. If you prefer privacy during your prayer time, simply shut the door while you are in the room and open it again when you are finished. Please be mindful of others who may be praying while the door is shut.
3. Consider spending time in the Sanctuary for corporate worship at 6:30 pm on Friday, noon on Saturday, and at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.
4. You are welcome to use this Prayer Guide, but you are also encouraged to pray freely during this time. This time is designed to strengthen your prayer life and cultivate a regular rhythm of prayer in your life.
5. Journaling or writing your prayers can be helpful. We have some extra paper and pens available if you would like to take some with you.

Before you begin, I encourage you to turn your phone off and prepare your heart. Remove any distractions before you begin. You are about to converse with our Heavenly Father, so prepare to enjoy Him.

Prayerfully,

Pastor Seth

GOSPEL PROMISE

PRAYING TOWARDS THE PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 130

- [1] Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
[2] O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
[3] If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
[4] But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.
[5] I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
[6] my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
[7] O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
[8] And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities. (ESV)

1 John 1:5–10 [5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (ESV)

PRAY SCRIPTURE

As you slowly read and mediate on the Scripture above (or a passage of your choosing), pray it aloud to God.

PRAYER FOCUS

The gospel is the good news that you are saved in Christ. Sealed by the Holy Spirit. Accepted by God. There is nothing in creation that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. This is good news! Spend time thanking God for the gospel and His promises. Confess sin freely and receive forgiveness freely (see 1 John 1). Thank God for His grace.

REFLECTION

If you are journaling, take a few minutes to write some of your prayers. Reflect on the Gospel Promise that we have in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL HOPE

PRAYING TOWARDS THE HEALING AND HOPE THAT THE GOSPEL PROVIDES

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:18–22 (read all of Psalm 33 if you have a Bible with you)

- [18] Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
[19] that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
[20] Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
[21] For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
[22] Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. (ESV)

Romans 8:18–25 [18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. [20] For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. [23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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PRAYER FOCUS

Creation is not as it should be. People hurt and people die. Right now you may be dealing with a number of struggles, temptations, or hurts and you certainly know many who are as well. The gospel gives us hope that all wrongs will be made right and all hurting will be healed...one day. Pray for those around you who need healing and hope. Pray for Christian brothers and sisters, family members, and friends. Pray with Gospel Hope.

REFLECTION

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GOSPEL COMMUNITY

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH FORMED BY THE GOSPEL

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133

When Brothers Dwell in Unity
A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- [1] Behold, how good and pleasant it is
 when brothers dwell in unity!
[2] It is like the precious oil on the head,
 running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
 running down on the collar of his robes!
[3] It is like the dew of Hermon,
 which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
 life forevermore. (ESV)

1 Corinthians 1:4–9

[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5] that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— [6] even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— [7] so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8] who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (ESV)

PRAY SCRIPTURE

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PRAYER FOCUS

Through the Gospel, Jesus has brought us together and is forming us as one body with one gospel. Our unity as a church is built on the gospel and the gospel alone. Pray for our church family, both as a whole and by name for those you know by name. Pray that the Lord would continue to make us one as we pray for one another, serve one another, care for one another, and spur each other to good works. We are one body on mission together for the gospel.

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GOSPEL NEED

PRAYING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND THE NATIONS

READ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- [1] May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- [2] that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- [3] Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- [4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- [5] Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- [6] The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
- [7] God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him! (ESV)

Matthew 28:16–20

The Great Commission

[16] Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17] And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. [18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (ESV)

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PRAYER FOCUS

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest need in our world. From your next door neighbors to the most distant nations, lostness is the *only* eternal problem. Pray for those closest to you who still reject the gospel. Pray for the church's global efforts to reach people with the gospel and to make disciples who make disciples. Pray for this work locally and globally. Pray for your own commission and empowerment of the Holy Spirit for the good work. Pray for our leaders and those in powerful positions to receive the gospel (room 205 has several lists to help you in this prayer).

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