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The Love of God

The nature of God cannot be fully understood apart from His love. The God who loves gives Himself to others in order to bless them.¹ Because He is God, He acts with goodness and for the good of all His creatures.² God does not remain in icy isolation from those who are perishing.³ God gave His one and only Son to be a missionary to people perishing in their sin.⁴

Adoration

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth. (Exodus 34:6)

Take time to think about His goodness, mercy, kindness, faithfulness, patience, compassion, and grace supremely through Jesus Christ and praise Him.⁵

Response

I love the Lord, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. (Psalm 116:1-2)

Because God is active in His love for us, because He has displayed His love in the public forum of history and humanity, we declare resoundingly our love to Him.

Renewal

The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

God gives us peace and rest.⁶ In the embrace of God's self-giving love, we find the fullest measure of pleasure.⁷ Commit to depend upon God's rescuing love, being clothed in His love-song over us so that we might live for His fame.

Thanksgiving

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." (Psalm 89:1-2)

Thank God for the ways in which He has loved you.

Supplication

Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. (1 Thessalonians 3:11-13)

Ask God to make you to grow and overflow in love toward those within the church (to one another) and toward those who are not connected to Christ or His church (to all). Ask God to make His love an abounding characteristic of our church.



Tremble Before God

God is sovereign and supreme, yet He delights in making Himself available to His people in powerful and intimate ways.⁸ His delight is not in religious duties performed to curry favor with Him.⁹ To taste God's intimate presence is to be humble and broken before Him and to obey His Word.¹⁰ The key to our intimacy with God is through a heart that is humble and obedient toward Him.¹¹

Adoration

For I proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He. (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)

We are undeniably imperfect in our relationships with others, but God is holy and His holiness demands perfection in His relationships with others.¹² What He does is always right, and where He leads us is always right. Praise God today according to His righteous work. He works according to His goodness and greatness, and He moves with mercy toward those who are unable to know Him (Psalm 145:17).¹³

Response

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. (Psalm 95:1-2)

Singing is for believers. The question is not "Do you have a voice?" The question is "Do you have a song?" Let us respond to God's goodness and greatness with the song of joy to the Father, Son, and Spirit.

Renewal

Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word." (Isaiah 66:1-2)

God draws near to those who are humble and contrite.¹⁴ He sets His gaze upon those who see themselves properly in the light of God's holiness.¹⁵ Pray that God would lead you to humility and brokenness.

Thanksgiving

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. (Isaiah 61:10)

Rejoice and celebrate the glorious provision of God's grace through Christ that dispels the darkness of our sin and clothes us in rescue and righteousness.

Supplication

Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

Pray that Christ would be glorified in you, and that you might find your greatest pleasure in Christ.



Praise Our Rescuing God

The world is not a safe place. The vortex of despair so easily grips the searching souls of this world. What causes our souls to sink? We have a land filled with Eeyore's, mourning and weeping over very real struggles. It could be a season of mourning for us, but we have hope that leads the heavens in a cacophony of praise. Why? Because God is a rescuing God. He has sent the Servant, Jesus Christ, to set us free and to give us hope!

Adoration

Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:21-22)

Praise God for His glorious, rescuing love through Christ. He is a just God, faithful and perfect in His work.

Response

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations. (Psalm 100:1-5)

In response to God's rescuing love, join the psalmist and submit to God in a lifestyle of praise. Raise a shout,¹⁶ serve the Lord God who is the source of power,¹⁷ and enter God's presence with a continuous song of joy.¹⁸

Renewal

Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. (Psalm 37:3-5)

Today, commit yourself to trust God and live according to His pleasure. Ask God to mold your heart so that He is your deepest delight.

Thanksgiving

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. (Psalm 139:14)

God is powerful to create us and make our lives intricately beautiful. As the One who created me, He knows precisely how to weave my life together for the greatest beauty.¹⁹ We must therefore praise the King and Creator.

Supplication

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. (Ephesians 5:8-11)

Ask God to show you what is acceptable to Him. Ask God to empower you today by His Spirit to exhibit the fruit of goodness, righteousness, and truth. Ask God to give you the faithfulness needed to refrain from fellowship with the sin.



Holy, Holy, Holy!

In 1807, Reginald Heber, the pastor of the Anglican church in Hodnet, England, sat at his table to pen a hymn for his congregation to sing for Trinity Sunday.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

As we understand and celebrate His perfections, we connect with His excellence in dealing with us.²⁰ “God is holy” describes the essence of who He is.²¹ It is a description of His grandeur and greatness, His purity and perfection.²² He is incomprehensible and awesome, and yet He is personally involved in our lives.²³

Adoration

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

God is not the super-sized version of an individual. He is God, and He is holy! God is the greatest, highest good and measure of truth and value.²⁴ We are not His equal. He is the Holy One, and we are His servants.²⁵ Praise Him for His perfections.

Response

The Lord reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved! The Lord is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name— He is holy. (Psalm 99:1-3)

As we have considered the character and nature of God, we must be found doing our duty before Him. The psalmist calls us to meet holy God with trembling praise.²⁶

Renewal

And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.” (Isaiah 6:3-5)

We need Isaiah’s heart of woe today in light of God’s holiness. When Isaiah encountered the Lord God, he saw himself through the lens of God’s holiness. No longer content to live as he had been living, he mourned over his sin and sought a change in his heart. He cried out for forgiveness.

Thanksgiving

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-7)

In the midst of the dark tones of death’s despair, Christ enters the picture. He looks from heaven and sees our “death-walk” along the chain-gang. He invades this world and crushes the power of Satan and sin at the Cross.²⁷ He takes the penalty and judgment that we deserved because of our sin. Thank Christ for His glorious work of God’s grace in our lives.

Supplication

Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. (Proverbs 4:14)

Pray that God would guard your heart and mind so that you would walk in the path of obedience to Him. Pray that your family might be guarded from the path of the wicked and the way of evil today. Pray that your church family might also live according to God’s pleasure in all things.



God is Near

I stood next to my grandfather as he was praying, and I was overwhelmed as he knelt before the throne of God and he took me there. Here was a man who felt the favor of the Lord and helped me to sense it as well. Favor is a picture of God stooping and bending toward someone.²⁸ God is near and He is here! God has removed the distance between Himself and sinners through Christ. Because of Christ's death on the cross, those who are far off have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ (Eph 2:13).²⁹

Adoration

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. (Psalm 139:7-10)

God is with us wherever we go.³⁰ He is not limited by space and transcends time.³¹ Yet, He is near to those whose hearts are humble before Him. Praise God for His nearness today.

Response

He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

What does God require from His people?³² God longs for us to have more than outward forms of a religion divorced from a heart broken for Him. Pray that you might pursue obedience to Him, to love others tirelessly and sacrificially, and to live each day in humble submission to Him.

Renewal

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. (1 John 1:8-2:2)

We deal with our sin when we see ourselves the way God sees us. We recognize that what He calls sin is really sin and an affront to His holiness. We see our sin today and come to God with a humbled heart, confessing our sins to Him.

Thanksgiving

"All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." (Luke 10:22)

Without Christ, we cannot know God. Thank Christ that He has made God known to you.

Supplication

Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25:16-18)

Ask God to shower you and others with His steadfast love as they encounter various struggles and despairing troubles.



Great is Our God!

Many mornings we awake to the great distress of a nagging problem that won't go away. When you eat and go to sleep, the problem is there. It must have been something like what Jesus felt every minute of His life. Always the burden of the Cross stood before Him. He couldn't escape it.

We feel burdens like that, don't we? We cry out to God. We seek Him for help. We stretch out our hands in the night, hoping for some comfort from the Lord, but we still have the weight of the burden upon our hearts. Today, I pray that we would see God's greatness in the face of our persistent problems.

Adoration

"Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name."
(1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

David led the leaders of the nation to praise God. To exalt the King who is great and majestic in power. To praise the King who alone has given life to His people through Christ.³³ Praise Him, for He is great and greatly to be praised!

Response

As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
(1 Peter 1:14-16)

God is holy in all His ways and works, and we must follow His commands and do what He calls us to do.³⁴ Pray for His Spirit to melt the impurities of your heart today so that you come before God in humility and obedience.³⁵

Renewal

I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You." (Psalm 41:4)

Confess your sin and pray for God to heal your soul.

Thanksgiving

I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds. Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples. You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. (Psalm 77:11-15)

God's love sustains us in difficult times and has been at work sustaining us from time immemorial. Today, set your focus on God, His mercy and grace. Reflect on His help, His rescuing love, all the good that He has brought to your world as a gift from His throne. Thank Him for His glorious work of grace in your life.

Supplication

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

To fulfill God's mission, we need to pray.³⁶ Prayer is the power to face the challenges of the day and remain strong to gossip the good news of God's great grace.³⁷ Paul asked the Ephesians to pray for God's message to be given to him.³⁸ He prayed that he would have this message from God whenever he opened his mouth.³⁹ Ask God to open your mouth with His message. Pray that you and our church might have boldness today to share Christ with others.



Our Refuge

My daughter, Mallory, was just learning to walk and talk. She and I spent the day together, and she had been following me around the house for hours. All my efforts to interest her in playing with blocks or books were unsuccessful. She just wanted me to hold her. To be close to her. To pay attention to her. Like a 30-pound shadow, she toddled after me, never letting me out of her sight. Our thirst for God must have that same kind of commitment and passion.

Adoration

The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. (Nahum 1:7)

Take time to acknowledge the goodness of God. He is a refuge, a place of safety and strength, in the troubling moments of our day.

Response

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the Lord, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him." (Exodus 15:1-2)

Rejoice in the triumphant victory of Christ over sin and death. Sing a song of celebration because of God's amazing, rescuing love. He is our strength. He is our song. He is our salvation!

Renewal

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? (Psalm 42:1-2)

Pray that your passionate pursuit today is God. Pray that you might recognize that your very life depends upon Him. That's what Jesus meant when He told His followers to hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt 5:6). The promise from Jesus is that when we passionately pursue God's will, we will be satisfied through intimate connection with Him.⁴⁰

Thanksgiving

David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord." (1 Chronicles 28:20)

Thank God for His intimate, powerful, persistent presence in your life today. When He is with you, He makes you strong. Because He is with you, you don't need to be afraid. His Spirit indwells you today so that you might accomplish His purpose in this world.

Supplication

Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. (1 Peter 2:17)

We must show proper respect for all people and for the earthly authorities.⁴¹ We must love one another in the church, seeking to give ourselves selflessly and sacrificially in order to bless them.⁴² Ultimately, as God's people in the world that is not our home, we must fear God. He is the ultimate and universal Judge of all humanity, and He deserves nothing less than our absolute obedience.⁴³



The Faithful One

What kind of father would I be if I determined to help my girls only when it was convenient or not too challenging? What kind of love is that? It's certainly not God's love. God is faithful forever.⁴⁴ As Peter wrote, "The Lord is not slack in His promises" (2 Pet 3:9). God tells the truth.⁴⁵ He comes through on His promises perfectly.⁴⁶

Through the faithfulness of the Lord, we will find ultimate deliverance. We will experience deliverance from the sin that confronts us (1 Cor 10:13). We will find deliverance from the evil one who attacks our life (2 Th 3:3). When we trust the Father, He will give us deliverance rather than destruction.⁴⁷

Adoration

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

Praise God for His faithful love that is patient toward you. Praise Him for His dogged determination to fulfill His promises to you, ultimately realized through Jesus Christ.

Response

Stand up and bless the Lord your God Forever and ever! "Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!" (Nehemiah 9:5)

Declare to God: "Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise!"

Renewal

When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. (Psalm 32:3-5)

Confess your sin before the Lord, and do not keep silent. We can either remain in our sin, or we can confess our sin and find fellowship with God through His forgiveness.⁴⁸ Open your heart to the Father and confess your sin so that His forgiveness might wash over you.⁴⁹

Thanksgiving

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

When we are in the "Groan Zone" of life, we need a helping hand. When we are helpless in prayer because we don't know what to pray, we can depend upon the Spirit to speak for us to the Father.⁵⁰ Thank God for the help His Spirit gives in our weaknesses.

Supplication

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. (John 17:14-15)

Pray that you and our church might not be isolated from the world, but that we would be protected from sin's snares as we shine the light of His grace in the darkness of our world.



God's Purpose

Today, let us journey together in prayer with the clarity of a faith built upon the foundation of God's Word that leads to hope. Pray especially with our church in mind, that we would move forward together with the confident expectation that God will accomplish His purpose through His people devoted to Him.

Adoration

And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. (Joshua 2:11)

Rahab, the woman of Jericho who hid the spies sent into the land, shared that the people of Jericho had heard of God's amazing power. They had heard the stories of God drying up the Red Sea and empowering Israel to defeat the Amorites. In response, her heart melted and declared that God is the great God of glory. Today, praise the One who has accomplished great and mighty things, the God of heaven and earth.

Response

Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come. (Psalm 71:18)

Today, pray that God would give you opportunities to declare His righteousness, salvation, wondrous works, and power to others.

Renewal

Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. (Psalm 90:16)

Ask God to unveil His purposes for you and for our church. We find joy when we are connected to God's purpose. We see His glorious works and activity in our lives and in our world. When we see His handiwork of grace and love all around us, we begin to envision something more for our own lives. Pray that God would renew you and our church according to His glorious work.

Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

God's indescribable gift is Jesus Christ. Thank God today for the amazing gift of Jesus who rescues us from sin's chain and shame.

Supplication

God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us, Selah That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. (Psalm 67:1-2)

Pray for God to be merciful to you and to our church. God's mercy is God's favor in imparting the gift of Himself to us.⁵¹ Ask that He would bless us and empower us for His pleasure.



Rejoice in Hope

Without hope, people simply fade. Hope, however, belongs to every follower of Christ. It is the hope of the inheritance that Jesus Christ brings to all who by faith trust Him. We unite in praise to Christ for the inheritance we have obtained in Him. Today, let us join our hearts together in prayer, acknowledging and celebrating the hope that we have through the glorious work of God's purposeful grace.

Adoration

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will. (Ephesians 1:11)

We praise the Living God who works all things perfectly according to the counsel of His will. What God plans, He does. It is the counsel of His will that purposed Jesus Christ to be crucified.⁵² The goal of this outworking of God's will is that His children, those who have received His inheritance, might receive the blessings from His hand and be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ (Rom 8:28-29).⁵³

Response

Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore! Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth. (1 Chronicles 16:10-12,)

In prayer, commit yourself to seek the Lord and His strength. Pray that our church might be united with one supreme passion to give God glory, to honor Him with everything we are and everything we do.

Renewal

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties. (Psalm 139:23)

With David, we must open our hearts to God's holy gaze. We pray for the purity of God to become our standard for living.⁵⁴

Thanksgiving

But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 45:5-8)

We thank the Lord God who is working and moving in our lives according to His sovereign purposes.

Supplication

[I] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 1:16-20)

Pray that you and our church might be saturated with God's Spirit so that we might gain wisdom and understanding.⁵⁵

Pray that you and our church might grow in relationship with God, understanding who He is, how He works, and what He wants.⁵⁶

Pray that you and our church might know and live according to the magnificent greatness of God's power fully displayed through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.⁵⁷



The Hiding Place

Chaotic chords bring anxiety to rest in our heart. Perhaps you are hearing the anxious tune of circumstances out of your control. Maybe you find yourself in the grip of fearful situations for which you have no answer. The chorus of chaos rings loudly in your heart, and today you need some answers to your anxiety.

When we trust God and commit our way to Him and dwell in the hiding place of His love, we will find security in a world filled with uncertainty. Through our prayer journey today, let us set our focus on the God who rescues.

Adoration

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. (2 Samuel 22:2-4)

Praise Jesus, our Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, Strength, Shield, Refuge, and Rescuer!

Response

The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. (Psalm 116:3-6)

Cry out to God for His grace, righteousness, and mercy to bring rescue your way.⁵⁸ God's wonderful, bountiful works of blessing on our behalf set our hearts at ease. We no longer need to be filled with the anxious dread of the unknown. Even if the world collapses around us, this one thing is certain: God will bless us extravagantly.⁵⁹

Renewal

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. (Romans 12:10)

The headwater of proper conduct in the world is genuine love.⁶⁰ This genuine love will hate evil⁶¹ and hold fast to good.⁶² This love will flow into practical, tender affection for others (Phil 2:1-3). Pray that you might grow in love.

Thanksgiving

The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you." (Jeremiah 31:3)

Thank God for His everlasting love by which He has drawn us to Himself.

Supplication

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are." (John 17:9-11)

Our church brings God glory as we unite together as His people consumed by His love for God and for others. Pray that we might glorify Christ in our lives, through the church, and in our world. Pray that our church might grow in unity as God's possession.



Saturated and Satisfied

When we saturate our souls with Christ through His Word, we will experience a life that is satisfied. Our hopes will be fulfilled and our fears will be allayed by Jesus Christ, our reigning King.

Adoration

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. (Psalm 72:18-19)

As the rain gives life to the soil, Christ's reign gives life to you and me. Praise the King, today, focusing on His wondrous works and His glorious rule in your life.

Response

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them. (Psalm 103:17-18)

In response to Christ's glorious reign, commit yourself to fear Him. The fear of the Lord is our reverence and awe of Him that produces obedience.⁶³ In prayer, acknowledge your frailty and pray that God would constantly spark in your heart the desire is to please Him.⁶⁴

Renewal

For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives. (Hebrews 12:6)

In prayer, ask God if you have demonstrated humility and have walked a path in line with God's design, demands, and character? Ask Him to bring the correction you need.

Thanksgiving

I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

Thank God for the gentle cords of love with which He has bound Himself to you. Thank Him for the daily provisions that He makes in your life and in our church.

Supplication

"It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping." (Mark 13:34-36)

Pray that you and our church would be found faithful to share the gospel with others. Pray for your neighbors and family to be transformed by Christ through your witness.



Shaken and Awakened

On October 17, 1989, the World Series was being held in San Francisco. At that moment, it was considered one of the most important events taking place on the planet. Millions were prepared to watch the game by television. After all, it was the World Series. But at 5:04 pm there was a remarkable and visible change. An earthquake struck the Bay Area with a powerful crash. By 5:05pm all priorities were suddenly different.

Today in prayer, may we be shaken and awakened to God's glory so that our priorities change to match God's wondrous work and purpose.

Adoration

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

Praise Jesus, who is the starting point of all history and life. Praise Jesus, who is the goal toward which history and humanity move. Praise Jesus, who is coming again and to whom all creation is accountable.

Response

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:1-6)

When we are in the presence of God, we need to celebrate, and right now we are in the presence of the Lord. This is the place where heaven touches earth.⁶⁵ The sanctuary of the Lord touches the great halls of heaven, and we are in a cosmic cacophony of creation's chorus of praise to Christ. Today, join in celebration and praise to God for Christ who has given us life!

Renewal

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:13)

Living in hope means that we will live a holy life. God calls us to move forward on the highway of holiness, constantly and persistently conforming our lives to His will. Ask God to give you grace to gather up all the loose-ends of your thinking and to discipline us so that they might have a clear vision God's will.

Thanksgiving

"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments." (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Thank God for His faithfulness in your life. Thank Him for His consistent, persistent love that He has for those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Supplication

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go." (Joshua 1:7)

Pray that you and our church would be strong and courageous, fulfilling His will in our lives and His mission in the world. Pray that you and our church would not be distracted by lesser things, but that we would be constant in our passionate pursuit of His glory.



One Supreme Affection

We live today in a world of pluralism that declares whatever religious preference one possesses is sufficient. That's not what Scripture teaches us. Without bowing before the One True God through Jesus Christ the King, all peoples stand judged and convicted.⁶⁶ We must have no affection in our lives greater than our affection for God. On our journey of prayer today, let us give ourselves fully to God in absolute devotion and unfaltering affection.

Adoration

For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Give to the Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. (Psalm 96:4-9)

We make ready to meet God when we join the chorus of creation in declaration of His greatness and in the expectation and hope that He is coming soon.⁶⁷ Acknowledge the greatness of God in prayer from a humbled, urgent heart.

Response

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. (Proverbs 3:5-7)

In prayer, abandon yourself completely to God's care.⁶⁸ Trust God and feel the safety that only He can provide. Place your past, present, and future into the hands of the One who knows best. Give Him control of your hopes and dreams, entrusting them to His heart of love.⁶⁹

Renewal

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)

Confess any aspect in your life in which you have walked the path littered by the wisdom of the ungodly, the loitering of sinners, and the stubborn refusals of the scornful men. Commit with humble heart to adjust your every aspect of your life to the will of God revealed in His Word.⁷⁰

Thanksgiving

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord And the praises of the Lord, According to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. (Isaiah 63:7)

Declare in prayer the praises of the Lord with a heart of gratitude for His multi-dimensional, steadfast, always abounding, never failing love toward you.

Supplication

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

Pray that you and our church might be characterized by the joy and peace in believing God. Pray that you and our church might grow and overflow in hope as the Holy Spirit empowers us.



Hope for the Future

We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries because they represent special days in our journey through life. For the children of Israel, there was a very special day that they celebrated each year. It was the Passover. The people of God would gather each year to celebrate the deliverance and salvation of God “which began in Egypt and will spread to all nations.”⁷¹ It celebrates the hope of the future through the remembrance of God’s work in the past.⁷²

Today, in prayer, let us celebrate our hope for the future through our remembrance of God’s work in the past.

Adoration

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord’s name is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high, Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth? (Psalm 113:1-6)

Join the chorus of God’s people today, and praise the name of the Lord.⁷³ The praise of His name should be the continual feast of His people.⁷⁴ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the servants of the Lord are called to consider and confess the power and presence of the Lord God Almighty.⁷⁵ Praise Him, for no power is greater and no glory shines brighter than God.

Response

Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways. (Psalm 128:1)

God’s blessing comes to those who fear Him and walk in His ways.⁷⁶ Commit to fix your heart upon God’s glorious pleasure and His life-giving commands.

Renewal

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. (Psalm 51:1-4)

Cry out to God for mercy.⁷⁷ This is a cry for God to shower favor upon us in the form of forgiveness and cleansing.⁷⁸

Thanksgiving

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Thank Christ for the grace that He has brought to sinners. Thank Him that He became poor so that through His poverty, you might become enriched by His very presence in our lives.

Supplication

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy. (Colossians 1:9-11)

Pray that you and our church would be saturated with the full knowledge of God’s will.⁷⁹ Pray that you and our church would submit to the Spirit each day so that we might know what God wants (wisdom),⁸⁰ and apply what God wants to the details of our day (understanding).⁸¹ Pray that you and our church would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him in all things.



Awestruck!

Recently, my family and I spent a few days in New York City. On our list of things to do was a visit to the Empire State Building. We had high expectations. In some ways, we weren't disappointed. The view from the top of the building was breath-taking. But as Eydie and I talked, we agreed that there was something missing. We expected to be left in absolute, jaw-dropping awe.

Very few things in life can leave us awestruck. But we can always count on God leaving us filled with awe. It is this awe that inspires us in our daily worship of the One who loves us so miraculously.

Adoration

Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. (Psalm 111:1-3)

Join your heart with the chorus of God's people in praise to the Lord. Immerse yourself in the glorious works of the Living God, celebrating what God is doing in your life as well as remembering His great works of days past.⁸²

Response

But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You (Psalm 5:11)

Rejoice today! Rejoice for God has given us hope and holiness. Rejoice in confident hope as you consider God's protection for those who trust the King of Glory. Through prayer and worship, move beyond this world into eternity with a song of joy.⁸³

Renewal

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5)

In prayer fix your focus on God's love that brings healing for the sin-sick soul.⁸⁴ Consider God's glorious mercy brought to you through Christ, who entered the pit of our life, pulling us out of a destiny toward a devastated life.⁸⁵ Meditate on God's hand lifting to your lips the goodness that He has prepared for you through Christ.⁸⁶

Thanksgiving

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Thank Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, who has given you the light of life.

Supplication

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Pray that you and our church might comfort those around us who are in any kind of trouble.



Joyful Celebration

As we sit and sift through the rubble of troubling times, there is joy to be found. It can't be found in our abilities or will-power, for those things can fade. It can't be found merely in the good times, for we know that the clouds of struggle will move in. Our soul celebrates with joy when we focus our heart and life upon God's greatness and our dependence upon Him.

Adoration

I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145:1-3)

Celebration for the soul begins with praise to God.⁸⁷ Joy fills our soul when we confess the absolute royalty of God and our absolute dependence upon the King. Today, for our soul to sing with joy, we must begin with our boast in the Lord.⁸⁸ When we declare God's greatness, then trust oozes from our soul in acknowledging our dependence upon Him in the details of our life.⁸⁹

Response

Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord In the land of the living. (Psalm 116:7-9)

In prayer, rest in the powerful presence of the Living God and take comfort in His constant goodness. We can live a vibrant life through dependence upon Him.

Renewal

"For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps. There is no darkness nor shadow of death Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. For He need not further consider a man, That he should go before God in judgment." (Job 34:21-23)

In prayer acknowledge that you cannot hide from God. There are no shadows that can hide our sin from Him. So, as we pray, let us come clean about our sin.

Thanksgiving

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Psalm 90:1-2)

Thank God for being your dwelling place. Thank God for His help and protection from eternity to eternity.⁹⁰ He is our place of safety and rejuvenation.⁹¹

Supplication

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Pray that God would make you and our church more like Jesus today.



Restoring the Compass

The story is told that a woman bought a new car that was loaded with high-tech options. The first time she drove the car in the rain, she turned a knob she thought would start the windshield wipers. Instead a message flashed across the dash: "Drive car in 360 degrees." Later, she learned that while trying to turn on the windshield wipers she had inadvertently turned off the internal compass, and the car had lost its sense of direction. To correct the problem, the car had to be driven in a full circle, pointed north, and then the compass had to be reset.

Even though we often (and easily) lose our sense of direction, God speaks to us through prayer and His Word. Today, I pray that the Spirit would reset our internal compass to live for God's glory.

Adoration

"Lord God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts." (1 Kings 8:23)

Praise God who is faithful in His love toward His people. Everything that comes to us in this life is purposed by God's benevolence for our good.⁹² Praise Him for He is the faithful One who squeezes the good even out of our sufferings.

Response

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David... To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life." (Luke 1:68-69, 74-75)

Lift up your praise to God for the amazing rescue He brings through Jesus Christ.⁹³ The wondrous rescue from Christ means that we might serve God fearlessly.⁹⁴ In prayer, commit this day in service to Him.

Renewal

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock." (Luke 6:46-48)

Through prayer acknowledge any disobedience to Christ and commit yourself to live according to His Word.

Thanksgiving

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Thank Christ for His constancy.⁹⁵ He is constant in His mercy, love, holiness, justice, compassion, comfort, and power.

Supplication

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Pray that the pattern of your life and our church is to share the gospel and live for God's glory.⁹⁶



Our Desperate Need

Abraham Lincoln once said: “I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day.” Every day should be that kind of day for us. As we embark upon this journey of prayer, I pray that we might share an overwhelming conviction of our desperate need for God.

Adoration

That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, Are the Most High over all the earth. (Psalm 83:18)

Praise God who is the Most High over all the earth. He is Lord over all, and He works to make Himself known to all nations so that they might fear Him and worship Him.⁹⁷ Adore the One who works in our world so that the nations might He alone is the glorious God of the earth and eternity.⁹⁸

Response

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. (Psalm 17:15)

Commit to grow in the likeness of Christ in the face of personal difficulties.

Renewal

Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Selah Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit. (Psalm 143:4-7)

When the fog of life’s circumstances settles in around us, God is the dependable marker to help us find the pathway to walk.⁹⁹ In prayer, cling to the cuff of Christ’s regal robe and know that He will take you to the place of security in times of uncertainty. Lift up your hands and stretch out your soul to the One who can help. Remember His work, and seek His help.¹⁰⁰

Thanksgiving

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Thank God for His active work in your life and for contentment in the most basic things of life, for the food He has given and the clothes He provides.

Supplication

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. (Hebrews 13:3)

Pray for you and our church to be like Christ to those who are in need. Pray for you and our church to take seriously our role of neighbor to the hurting. Pray that those who are in prison, the homeless, the poor might know God’s grace through Christ.



God is Patient

There are many times when I fail in the area of patience. Too many times to count. Yet, my heart's desire is to demonstrate a long-suffering with my children, even when they are diligent to test it. With God, however, we have occasion after occasion where He exhibits His patient love. Today, may we celebrate the patient love of the Living God.

Adoration

The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The Lord has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. (Nahum 1:3)

Praise and adore our glorious God who is slow to anger and great in power. He is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy" (Psalm 103:8).¹⁰¹ Truly, the patience of the Lord is salvation (2 Pet 3:15). Praise God for His patient love!

Response

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

In response to God's great power and patient love, lean back fully upon Him for strength and courage. When we follow Christ, He makes us brave and strong. Cling to God's promise today to hold you up with His righteous right hand.

Renewal

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. (Psalm 143:8-11)

God sings His song of steadfast love over us, yet our ears may be dulled to the lyrics of His love. Ask God to open your heart to His love as you place your life in His hands.¹⁰² Submit to His Spirit and adjust your life to His Word as He teaches you the way to live and to walk.¹⁰³

Thanksgiving

"I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice." (Jonah 2:2)

Thank God for His rescue, even when it comes in unusual and unexpected ways.¹⁰⁴

Supplication

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)

Pray for other Christians today as they seek to serve God's glory.



Absolute Commitment

It is an old saying, but one that applies for us today. On a farm, you have chickens and you have hogs. When the farmer awakes in the morning, he goes to the kitchen to fix his morning breakfast of eggs and bacon. The chickens make a contribution to the breakfast, but the hogs are absolutely committed.

Today, through our journey in prayer, let us give ourselves in absolute commitment to God who has blessed us so magnificently and graciously through Christ.

Adoration

O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. (Psalm 139:1-6)

God knows us so well that we cannot get away from His holy gaze.¹⁰⁵ With the psalmist, we should be amazed and awed at God's presence in our lives.¹⁰⁶ Praise God who knows you perfectly!

Response

What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord Now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints. O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. (Psalm 116:12-16)

What shall you render to the Lord today? Declare your allegiance to the Lord God in the gathering of His people. Worship the Lord with a grateful heart.¹⁰⁷ Through prayer, commit yourself to serve the Lord this day!

Renewal

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

Dedicate yourself to God again in prayer, abandoning all ambitions and pursuits that are contrary to His purposeful will. It is the cord of God's mercies that draws us to dedicate ourselves to Him.¹⁰⁸ Through prayer, give your life to Christ today, just as He gave His life for us.¹⁰⁹ Give yourself in active, living commitment,¹¹⁰ that you might be holy and pleasing to Him.¹¹¹

Thanksgiving

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills. (Habakkuk 3:18-19)

Thank God for the strength He gives, the endurance He provides, and the heights of joy He offers you as you live for His honor and fame.

Supplication

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44)

Pray for those who are opposed and hostile to you and Christ's church. Pray for those with whom you are estranged, that you might display the grace of God through the kindness of Christ.



Our Constant Guardian

On our journey of prayer today, we look to God who is the constant guardian of His children. When we know Him, He speaks to us personally to guard the safety of our heart and life. Just as He has revealed Himself through creation, God speaks to us through His Word. And His Word protects our heart and gives us life. As we pray through His Word today, may we experience His constant care and commit ourselves to honor Him with our lives.

Adoration

For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. (Psalm 95:3-4)

Praise the Lord, the great God! There is nothing in all creation that is beyond God's rule. From the tallest mountain to the deepest crag of the earth, God is King.¹¹² We sing a song of joy to God the King because He is worthy! We sing a song of joy to God the King because we trust that He is in control and working for our good. Our joy is founded upon His sovereign power to bring about the best of life in our world. He has the power and authority to bring about good in our lives.

Response

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. (Psalm 96:1-3)

With the psalmist, commit to sing a new song to the Lord on your journey of prayer.¹¹³ Pray that you might proclaim the good news of His salvation daily.

Renewal

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

In prayer ask God to cleanse you from these secret sins. Pray that God would find pleasure in our response toward Him. May our words and thoughts and actions bring a smile to His face and joy to His heart.

Thanksgiving

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:20-26)

Thank God for the resurrection of Christ, who has destroyed the power of death and brought victory in this life and for eternity.

Supplication

O Lord, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath remember mercy. (Habakkuk 3:2)

Pray for God to revive His work in your life and in our church.



Prayer of Faith

The prayer of faith makes a difference (James 5:14-18).¹¹⁴ Elijah was a person with the same qualities and characteristics that you and I possess. He was not a “superman,” but he was a man of faith in God. And his prayer of faith stopped the rain and brought it back again. The prayer of faith from the heart of a person surrendered to Christ is powerful in the work it accomplishes.¹¹⁵ In our life of prayer today, may we immerse ourselves in God’s will and be supremely satisfied in His work.

Adoration

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me. (Isaiah 46:9)

Meditate on God’s glorious work revealed through Scripture and unveiled in your life. Praise Him for He alone is God, powerful to save and mighty in power.

Response

You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds. Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy. (Psalm 99:8-9)

God hears our cry and forgives our sin.¹¹⁶ Praise Christ the King who forgives us and cleanses us. Praise Him through repentance and watchful recognition that He loves you too much to allow you to continue in sin.

Renewal

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise. (Psalm 51:14-17)

The pathway to calm the raging waters of guilt in life is through repentance before God. Like David, come to the end of your own remedies and cry out to God for mercy.¹¹⁷ Ask God’s favor to forgive and cleanse you of sin’s stain.¹¹⁸

Thanksgiving

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

Thank Christ for the glorious gift of salvation that He has provided. Thank Him for His sacrificial, rescuing love. Thank Him for dying on the cross in your place.

Supplication

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God. (2 Timothy 1:8)

Pray that you and our church might never be ashamed of Christ in our words or actions. Pray that you and our church might have the opportunity today to suffer for the gospel. Pray that God would transform lives by the power of His Word as we gather for corporate worship.



Out of the Darkness

The darkness is a creepy thing at times. It can cover us with icy tentacles of fear. It can sweep through our soul with a chilling blanket of despair. It can steal our hope and chase away our joy. Darkness can be a very scary thing. In the swirling chaos of life, darkness can become a very dominant force. Yet, there is an answer for us in those dark days. We set our vision on the victory that God pronounced for those who love and obey Him.¹¹⁹ Today through prayer, let us set our gaze upon God, our Rescuer and take joy in Him.

Adoration

But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. (Psalm 9:7-10)

Praise God for He endures forever. Dark days will melt away because of the eternity of God's Light, but God does not fade or fail. Celebrate the personal attention God gives to those who are His. Praise Him, for He is a refuge – a shelter and hiding place – for those who have been burdened in the time of trouble.

Response

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all. (Psalm 103:19)

In response to God, commit yourself to submit to Him. God is the ruler of all things.¹²⁰ Our response to God the King is to submit ourselves fully and surrender ourselves completely to Him.

Renewal

Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. (Psalm 90:14-15)

With a heart of repentance, ask God to satisfy you with His rescuing love. On that bright morning when God pours out His mercy and compassion upon our repentant hearts, we want more! We want the oil of joy to anoint our souls and fill our lives with His strength. We ask for the joy to be delivered in proportion to our perplexity.¹²¹

Thanksgiving

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:2-3)

Thank God for His amazing love by which He has chosen you to be part of His family.¹²² Thank Him that this love is permanently fixed forever according to His will.¹²³ Rejoice in Christ today, who has given us the certificate of adoption into the glorious family of God through His sacrifice for sin on the Cross.¹²⁴

Supplication

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

Pray that God would strengthen you and our church by His Spirit. Pray that Christ's indwelling presence in your heart might awaken you and our church to His incomparable love.



God Speaks

God speaks! He is sending us a very clear message, and we are called to listen and obey. Sometimes this obedience leads us out of the comfort and contentment entangling our souls with a sleepy seduction. God's voice, however, shakes us from our slumber and moves us into faith and action. If we will heed His voice, then we will find the fulfillment that our hearts and souls desire. If we will heed His voice, then our present and future will be embraced by His grace and our lives will be surrounded by His pleasure. Today in prayer listen intently to God's voice and obey.

Adoration

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? (Isaiah 40:12)

Reflect upon the greatness, the majesty, the grandeur, and the creative power of the Living God. Praise God for His intricate detail and artistry in shaping, forming, and sustaining creation.

Response

Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. (Psalm 86:11)

Pray with a heart that is teachable before the Lord. As you talk with God, humble yourself before Him that you might adjust your life to fit His will.

Renewal

I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word. Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law. (Psalm 119:15-18)

Pray that God's Word might take deep roots in your life today so that you might take your greatest pleasure in honoring God with your life. When God's Word is internalized within us, sin has little room to deceive us. Our desires have become God's desires. If there is anything in your heart out of step with God's Word, confess it and turn from it.

Thanksgiving

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:7-11)

Thank God for His Word, by which He makes Himself known to you.¹²⁵

Supplication

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. (Titus 3:1-2)

Pray that God might encourage you to live worthy of Christ, ready for every good work, speaking evil of no one, peaceable and gentle toward others, and humble toward all people.



The Tune and Tempo of Satisfaction

As they wander through the streets of the cities or the rocky paths moving from village to village, people are searching. Some gather together singing their litany of loneliness. Some walk alone. But all are looking for a place that will give them hope in a world of decaying traditions and mind-blowing change. Some are hungry with no education. Others are wealthy and bored. Yet they all yearn for the song of heaven to spark life in their soul.

Today, we travel together with a song of praise and petition to the One who satisfies us fully. Our prayers today fix our hearts firmly in the tune and tempo of life satisfied in Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Adoration

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. (Psalm 148:1-6)

Return to God praise for the life that He has given to you.¹²⁶ Join the hosts of heaven and the chorus of creation in praise to the Living God. Like shining stars, declare God's greatness and glory.¹²⁷ Let your praise echo the stirring notes of God's love and power. Bend your knees with a bowed heart and melt before the song of praise to God.

Response

And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior." (Luke 1:46-47)

Consider this and sing! God considers you! God's heart is stretched out toward you and your blessing is on His mind. Boast in Him, and rejoice! Mary rejoiced because God ultimately and finally was and is her Deliverer. Her Savior. Her Helper. As He is for Mary, so He is for us.

Renewal

Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous. (Psalm 143:1-2)

We all have fallen short of God's pattern for purity.¹²⁸ Yet, we come to Him in prayer, not in perfection, but in need of His righteousness and faithfulness.¹²⁹ With a heart full of confession, acknowledge your sin and embrace His faithful, forgiving love through Christ.

Thanksgiving

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'" (Zechariah 9:9-10)

Thank God with shouts of celebration for the coming of our King, Jesus Christ!

Supplication

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pray for God's blessing and protection upon you and our church. Ask for His favor and for the wholeness of life that only He can provide.



Shape Our Heart

The artist who creates that which he loves diligently works to preserve and protect his creation. He maintains the colors and the shapes so that what he has made remains in the condition in which he carefully and lovingly made it. Today in your conversations with God, pray that He would shape your heart and that you might see His loving care and diligent protection over you and our church.

Adoration

You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You. (Nehemiah 9:6)

Praise God who made the heavens and the earth. Praise Him for His preserving and protecting work in creation.¹³⁰ Praise Him for He holds the world in its place.¹³¹ Praise Him for the very breath He gives by which we live (Ps 104:29).¹³²

Response

“For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” Says the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:6-7)

In prayer, acknowledge that God is unchanging and faithful forever in His covenant love. And commit to turn your heart toward Him in humble obedience and faithfulness to His Word.

Renewal

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. (1 Timothy 6:9-11)

Pray for God to guard your heart today from the love of “things” so that you might pursue with greater passion righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Thanksgiving

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

Thank God for our church and your God appointed, anointed place in His church. Thank Him for His faithfulness in your life as He called you into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Supplication

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Matthew 9:36-38)

Pray that you and our church might have compassion for the weary and scattered around us. Pray for God to unleash His workers into His harvest today.



Captured

God, the Righteous Judge, stoops to humanity by the incarnation of Jesus Christ in order to bring salvation to humanity. God, the Faithful Father, continues to stoop down to believers, holding them and securing them in His loving arms so that they might have lives of assurance, stability, and confidence.¹³³ Through Jesus Christ, we have access to the power of God which not only saves us, but also sustains us.¹³⁴

As we pray today, may we be captured again by the glorious work of God's grace by which we may stand secure and through which others taste the power and satisfaction of God's rescuing love.

Adoration

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (Romans 5:6-11)

Praise God for His amazing display of love through Jesus Christ!

Response

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?" (Isaiah 58:6-7)

As you have been rescued by God's glorious grace, pray that you might see and fulfill His calling to help those around you who are in need.

Renewal

For if you return to the Lord, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him. (2 Chronicles 30:9)

The slightest moment of rebellion against God creates chaos in our lives. Yet God is merciful to those who return to Him in brokenness and repentance. Confess any attitude, thought, word, or deed that is rebellious against God and commit to turn to God fully in surrender and desperate need of Him.

Thanksgiving

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." (Hebrews 9:27-28)

Thank Christ for His sacrificial love by which He bore your sins upon the Cross. Thank Him for His rescuing love by which He has swept you away from judgment into mercy.

Supplication

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." (Matthew 18:21-22)

Pray that God would give you a heart that forgives others as Christ has forgiven you. Pray that our church would be a refuge of forgiveness toward one another. Pray for your family and the families in our church.



Open Our Eyes

Although we don't always see it, God has a plan to bring the greatest measure of blessing into our lives. When God is at work in our lives, He makes our sufferings, struggles, and slips into a wonderful masterpiece of grace. It's a joyful thing when God's plan and purpose connect in our lives. Pray that God by His glorious grace might open your eyes to glimpse His wondrous, life-satisfying purpose in your life today.

Adoration

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

Praise God with certainty that He is pouring out the blessings from His hand for your good so that you might be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ.¹³⁵

Response

Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. (1 Samuel 12:24)

Reflect upon God's work of grace in your life today and give yourself to Him, adjusting your life to fit His will and to serve Him with all that you are.

Renewal

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. (Proverbs 8:13)

In your conversation with God, be captured by His will so that you will despise what He despises and turn from all things He abhors.

Thanksgiving

And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation." (1 Samuel 2:1)

Thank God for the salvation that He has made available to sinners through Jesus Christ.

Supplication

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. (Philemon 4-6)

Pray that you and our church might be known for our love and faith toward Jesus Christ and toward others. Pray that you and our church would share the faith with others each day. Pray that we might be captured with a vision to invite our neighbors and friends to see and to hear the gospel.



Supreme Authority

When I tie flies for fishing, I sit at the vice and choose the colors and the shape and the nature and the texture of the fly. I perhaps follow a pattern that is specifically intended to create a fly for a specific purpose, but I have inherent authority to adjust the pattern for my purpose.

God has more than inherent authority; He has absolute authority. God has absolute authority to give or to withhold, and He does so in perfect righteousness.¹³⁶ Today as you pray, celebrate God's perfect love molding and shaping you.

Adoration

"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the Lord. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!" (Jeremiah 18:6)

Adore God, the Potter, who has absolute authority to do as He wills with the clay. Because God is holy, righteous in His relationships, He exercises His absolute authority in absolute perfection. Praise Him, for He exercises His authority according to His good pleasure and gracious, rescuing love.¹³⁷

Response

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones." (Isaiah 57:15)

In prayer, humble yourself before God so that He might refresh your spirit and encourage your heart today with His presence.

Renewal

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. (Colossians 3:5-8)

As you pray, put off all things that God deems inappropriate attire for His people.

Thanksgiving

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. (Psalm 119:71)

Thank God today for the struggles and "afflictions" in your life, for they are instruments with which God shows us Himself and His purpose.

Supplication

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Pray that you and our church might gain a heavenly view of the tight spots in our lives. Pray that we might be captured with a vision to invite our neighbors and friends to see and to hear the gospel through this powerful ministry.



Endnotes

Copies of the endnotes referenced throughout this prayer guide are available in paper form by request at the Information Desk in the Lobby or the Reception Desk.

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