



Prayer Guide | Volume I





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# WHYPRAY?

"The life, power and glory of the Church is prayer. The life of its members is dependent on prayer and the presence of God is secured and retained by prayer. The very place is made sacred by its ministry. Without it, the Church is lifeless and powerless." – E. M. Bounds

> "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." —Acts 2:42

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." —Acts 4:31

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." —Colossians 4:2

"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and selfcontrolled so that you can pray." —1 Peter 4:7



### Praise God for His glorious nature and character... ADORATION

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." Psalm 29:2

"Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep." Psalm 36:5–6

> "Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent..." Psalm 104:1–2





Find freedom from whatever is holding you back... bring it into the light and experience His embrace...



"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23–24



"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9



## Spiritual Development

Pray for personal spiritual growth & maturity: Ask God to stir your affections for truth Ask God to strengthen your faith Ask God to empower you to turn away from sin Ask God to help you know Christ better

Pray that God would compel you to be both a hearer and a doer of the Word… "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

James 1:22

Pray that God would further sanctify your life through His Holy Spirit "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23



#### Pray that our church family would fervently cultivate unity

# RELATIONSHIPS

Pray that the marriages in our church would embody the high standards of Ephesians 5:22-33

Pray that forgiveness would be the overarching standard in our lives "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:31–32 Pray that our church family would pursue spiritually deep relationships

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24–25



# CHURCH MINISTRIES

Pray that our teaching would be biblical, faithful & practical (Adult Bible Study, K.I.D.S. Club, Women's Group, Prayer Group, Sermons)

Pray that our ministry boards would be spiritually sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leadership Pray that our leaders would wisely & compassionately shepherd — "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:2-3



## LOOKING FORWARD

Pray that our church family would be outward-minded...

Pray for the salvation & spiritual development of our kids — "It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 3–4

Pray that God would raise up people from our church to go into vocational ministry

Pray that God would send us unbelievers & that we would actively disciple them following conversion



Thank Him for our many provisions Thank Him for our salvation in Christ Thank Him for the freedom from sin

## THANKSGIVING

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits..." Psalm 103:1–2

Thank Him for His promises: His Unconditional Love His Unshakable Strength His Changeless Nature His Reassuring Presence

