

# Week of Prayer

## PRAYER THEMES



**Use these themes as you pray for your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, communities, country and world.**

### **Pray for Faith & Hope**

God, fill us with more faith and hope in this life and the life we are promised. Keep our eyes on you, Jesus, the true source of hope.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13*

*Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. - Psalm 9:10*

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. - Psalm 28:7*

### **Pray for Love & Unity**

God, cause love and unity to well up in us, so that we can show your glory and goodness to others. Help us to choose unity over division. Forgive for the places we cause discord. As we seek to be peacemakers, show us how to be unified as a church so we will be known for our love.

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13*

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. - Ephesians 4:2-6*

## **Pray for Wisdom & Discernment**

God, give us a desire for Your Word as the true source of wisdom. Holy Spirit, make us receptive to your leading.

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

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. - Psalm 119:11, 32, 105*

## **Pray for Perseverance**

God, let us find you in our suffering. Give us steadfastness to endure trials with grace, and receive care and even joy from you as we persist.

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

*Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter trials of many kinds, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. - James 1:2*

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. - 2 Corinthians 4:7-11*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

## **Pray for Relationships**

God, give us the vision you have for our families & friendships so we will be protected from the evil one, and be on guard against schemes of the enemy.

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

*Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. - Matthew 6:13*

### **Pray For Those Who Are Experiencing Hardship & Health Concerns**

God, show us how to help the hurting and needy. Bring your life and healing to our bodies, our minds and our spirits. Bless our health care providers. Bring your kingdom through medical care and your healing power.

*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the elders of the church, and let them pray over him... and the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. - James 5:13-15*

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. - Psalm 121:1-2*

*Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit the orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. - James 1:27*

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. - Psalm 40:1-3*

### **Pray for Ministry & Mission**

We pray that many more will come to know, love and follow you Jesus. Help us cooperate with each other, and partner with you to accomplish your mission.

*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. - Matthew 9:37-38*

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. - 2 Corinthians 5:20*

### **Pray for Reconciliation**

Lord, remove every hint of prejudice, bigotry, racism or animosity within us. Help us to love like Jesus as we respect and value all people. Give us your heart of inclusion for every people, tongue and tribe.

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. – Romans 15:7*

### **Pray for Church Leadership**

God, protect and provide for our pastors and leaders. As they face challenges, give them deep faith, wisdom, strength, and encouragement.

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate faith... Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with growing in, for that would be of no advantage to you. - Hebrews 13: 7, 17*

### **Pray for our Communities**

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors. Lord, give us ideas of how we can care for our community through simple acts of tangible service and how we can support them through prayer.

*This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel says, ... seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. - Jeremiah 29:4,7*

### **Pray for the Global Church & the World**

God, we ask for a move of your Spirit to empower Christians all over the world to bring peace and tangible service to people in crisis. Increase their courage and faith. Help them to stand firm in convictions when facing pressures of the culture and other religions. We ask you specifically to intervene where people are suffering from human trafficking, terrorism, and scarcity of clean water and food.