



# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST  
TO SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND

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Sunday, January 1st (11am) to Sunday, January 22nd (11am)

Open Prayer - Every evening 6pm to 8pm in our Life Center Auditorium

“With my voice I was crying to the Lord,  
And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah (pause).”

(Psalms 3:4)

“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)

“Prayer pulls the rope below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly. Others give but an occasional pluck at the rope. But he who wins with heaven is the man who grasps the rope so boldly and pulls continuously with all his might.”

Charles Spurgeon

Sunday, January 1, 2023

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Today we pray for consistency. Too often, the thought of spending hours in prayer is overwhelming, but the thought of spending that same amount of time with a good friend is not only welcome, but usually quite easy. Prayer is the means of communication that we have with God.

It is through prayer that we can share our hurts, our desires, our hopes, dreams, disappointments, and our triumphs. Paul instructs us in Thessalonians to "pray continually", but how can we do that?

1. Commit to praying daily- Start by committing your day to the Lord each day as soon as you wake up.
2. Start small- Begin by reading your Bible, then spend 15 minutes of uninterrupted time praying, either out loud, or to yourself. Pray about what you just read and how you can apply it to your life. Try increasing your prayer time by 5 minutes a day or week.
3. Make a list of prayer needs- Keep a list of the people you are praying for and what you are praying for. When those prayers are answered you can look back and see how God moved.
4. Pray continually- you can pray anytime, anywhere. There are no rules or wrong time to pray. Pray in the car on the way to work, pray during your break, pray when you're folding laundry or doing dishes. You can pray out loud or to yourself.
5. Ask God to help you be faithful and steadfast in prayer

By spending time consistently in prayer, you deepen your relationship with God. You begin to turn your focus on Him, and when troubles arise, you go to Him first.

Monday, January 2, 2023

Mark 6:34

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, so he began teaching them many things.

Today we pray for compassion. What does it mean to have compassion? Compassion is when we recognize the suffering of others, and we feel compelled to relieve it. It is more than a noun. It becomes a verb when we act to ease the suffering we witness. Compassion is an act of love.

It can be a tangible love, like when we see a physical need for shelter, clothing or food and we meet that need. It can also be an intangible need, like when we see those living a life of sin. We feel led to pray for them; to share the gospel with them.

When Jesus saw the large crowd of people, He knew they were lost and He was compelled to lead them. How can we increase our compassion for those around us?

1. Ask the Lord to soften your heart.
2. Pray that you can see the world like God does.
3. Ask the Lord to show you how you can be the hands and feet of Christ on earth.
4. Pray for mercy for those less fortunate than you.
5. Pray for a heart of understanding that reaches out to those in need.

When we pray fervently for the Lord to open our eyes to the pain and suffering around us, He will give us the compassion we need to help meet the needs of those around us.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Acts 4:30

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

Today we pray for signs and wonders. Throughout Biblical history, the people asked God for signs to prove to them that He was among them and working. Moses had the burning bush and the Red Sea was parted and God's people were freed from Egypt, an amazing "wonder" from God. Among other things, the sun and moon stopped in the middle of the day and delayed going down (Joshua 10:13), Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace and were not harmed (Daniel 3:19).

Mary, a virgin, conceived and gave birth to Jesus, Jesus performed many miracles, Peter healed a lame man, and Jesus rose from the dead. What is the significance of signs and wonders? To proclaim the glory of God, and in the New Testament, to convince people of the divinity of Jesus. People needed to see those things with their own eyes so that they would believe.

Today, we still see the working of God throughout the world. People are healed, relationships that were thought lost forever are restored, and we see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through prayers in languages we've never spoken. How can we pray for signs and wonders?

1. Ask for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, your prayer language is unique to you and the Lord will answer that prayer.
2. Petition the Lord to show you what to pray for.
3. Pray for miracles and healings to demonstrate God's power to an unbelieving world.

When we seek God for signs and wonders, He is faithful to show them to us.

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Matthew 18:19-20

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them.

Today we pray for united prayer. Why would Jesus instruct us to pray with others, especially when He already knows our heart, our thoughts, and our actions, before we do? If God is always with us, why would He want us to pray with others so that He would be present? Praying with others creates trust and intimacy with those with whom we are praying, and also with God.

If one person sees a prayer answered, it is powerful, but if two or more see it answered, there is no denying the account. It confirms the glory of God. How do we pray for unity in prayer?

1. Pray that we would be moved by His spirit to agree in unity for the needs of those who are brought to our attention.
2. Pray that we as a church body would agree together for a divine outpouring of God's Spirit and mercy here on earth.
3. Pray that we will align our desires with the will of God.
4. Along with a consistent prayer life, pray that believers will be unified in love as we seek God together.

When we agree with others in prayer, the Lord will hear us. He will give us the desires of our heart according to His good, pleasing, perfect, will.

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Today we pray for a global connection. Shortly after Jesus fasted and was tempted in the desert, He began His earthly ministry by calling His disciples and preaching to those who gathered around Him. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addressed His disciples and a large group of followers. In perhaps the greatest sermon ever given, He taught on how to live a life following Him. He instructed them on how to pray, how to do life with other Christians, how to do life with those who were not Christians, how to deal with anger, and how to love. Part of that message dealt with persecution. What does it mean to be persecuted?

In today's language we associate it with martyrdom, to cause someone to suffer, to be killed for a belief. But it can also mean to be treated poorly, to be made an outcast by others for those beliefs. Jesus told His disciples they would be persecuted for His sake.

In the same way, today, we should expect that a Christian life will be no less harsh. The devil is always working to shut out the message of the Gospel, to cause those who live and teach it to be silenced.

1. Pray for those who are in countries that are not able to worship the Lord freely.
2. Pray for strength and peace for those who are being put to death for their beliefs.
3. Pray that those who are being persecuted will have the joy of heaven.
4. Pray for fellow Christians around the world to stand firm even as they face persecution for their faith.

When we pray for those who are hurting for the Gospel, they will have the supernatural joy that comes from serving the Lord wholeheartedly.

Friday, January 6, 2023

1 Timothy 2:1

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people...

Mark 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation".

Today we pray for intercession and evangelism. Have you ever found yourself driving along the highway and a random person, perhaps one that you haven't thought of in a few years, drops into your head? Have you ever awakened in the middle of the night with someone, maybe even someone you don't know, or a country consuming your thoughts? The Holy Spirit may be prompting you to pray for that person or area of the world.

Even if you don't understand it, the Lord will honor the prayer in that moment. There have been many times when the spirit of intercession, that overwhelming desire to pray, takes over our conscience and we are compelled to call out to the Lord on behalf of the person or place. There are accounts of those who prayed for specific people at precise times to find out that person was in danger or going through a difficult time at the moment they were prompted to pray.

In the same way, we should be praying for the Gospel message to be spread to every corner of the earth. That "every tongue and tribe" would hear the Good News. We often remember the first and the last things that are said to us. Jesus saved the best for last when He commanded us to "go into all the world" just before He ascended to heaven.

1. Pray for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
2. Pray that the Lord would use you to pray for those in need at just the time they need it.
3. Pray for the Gospel to continue to be translated and preached to every nation.
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit's strength to persist in prayer and for boldness to share the gospel with those who need Christ.

When we are open to the Holy Spirit's direction, we bridge the gap between the natural and the supernatural for miracles to occur.

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Psalm 145:4

“One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.”

Today we pray for passing the revival to the next generation. As much as we hate to think about it, our time here on earth is limited. We are not guaranteed tomorrow. Every generation will leave behind a legacy to the next. We are merely one generation away from forgetting all that we have learned. There are numerous examples in scripture of the younger generations gleaning from their elders. Joshua was an apprentice to Moses, he listened, he asked questions, he learned, and when Moses died, he became the leader of Israel.

Paul sought out and poured his vast knowledge into Timothy and even admonished him telling him to not allow others to look down on him because of his youth. It is up to the previous generations to teach the new ones of the vast greatness of God and what He has done by His work on the cross.

It should not be assume that they will just believe because they are told to. They have to see it lived out daily in the lives of those who are in close proximity to them, and they need to hear about it. How can we do that?

1. Pray that we will be faithful to share God's goodness with younger generations.
2. Pray that this coming generation will experience the goodness and faithfulness of God.
3. Pray that we will grow in wisdom and not just information.
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to capture the hearts of our children and teens so they will passionately pursue Jesus.

When we ask God for wisdom, He is faithful to give it to us abundantly. It is His desire that all who seek Him will find Him. It is the responsibility of mature believers to instill Godly values and wisdom in the younger generations.

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Acts 17:26 "From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands."

Today we pray for our world and its leaders. We have been a part of a broken world since the fall of man. Because of sin, our world is filled with war, rumors of war, hunger, pain. And while the Bible tells us that these things will happen and that they should be expected until His return, we still need to pray for the world and the people who are leading it. The effect of sin on this earth is evident, but God is still in control of the earth and all that is in it.

While the people "elect" their leaders, they may not be the leaders that God has chosen, He will still establish His kingdom. Israel cried for a king even though that is not what God wanted for them, but ultimately, He gave them what they asked for. The king was evil, but God established His kingdom through King David. How can we pray for our world?

1. Pray for upcoming elections in countries such as Sudan, Czechia, and Monaco.
2. Pray for the Lord to soften the hearts of kings and presidents in all countries and that they would turn to Him.
3. Pray for wisdom for those in control of people worldwide. Pray they would seek God for decisions.
4. Pray that the nations would seek Him first.

God is omniscient, nothing happens on earth without His knowing, nor does it happen without His allowing it to happen.

Monday, January 9, 2023

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Today we pray for our nation. When this country's founding fathers penned the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, they knew that to have true freedom we would need to rely on our Creator. From its conception as an independent nation, the United States began with men who made our laws based on Biblical truths.

They also knew that we would not be a perfect country as perfection is for God alone. In 1954, President Eisenhower added "under God" to our pledge. As Christians, it is our responsibility to pray for our leaders and to elect those who will lead our country and make laws based on Biblical foundations. How can we pray for our nation?

1. Pray for our President and Vice President. Pray that God will soften their hearts toward Him and they will make decisions for our country that align with Biblical truth.
2. Pray for our Senate and Congress, that the laws they support and make will honor God.
3. Pray for our local leaders, Governors, Mayors, that they will have unity in decisions that they make.
4. Pray for Godly wisdom for all of those in political power.

God is true to His word. If we pray, and we submit those prayers to Him to line up with His will and plan, He will be faithful to answer them.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it..."

Today we pray for financial stewardship. It is important that we are wise when it comes to the stewardship of our finances. God knew that this would be a problem with mankind since the fall. Money is mentioned more than 800 times throughout scripture and 11 of the parables that Jesus taught were about money.

To be a steward means to supervise, responsibly manage or take care of something. Managing our finances is a responsibility that God gives us. God planned the world from the beginning. He strategically laid out the foundations of the earth and even planned for the fall of man with the gift of Jesus.

In the same way, we need to be planners. Having a plan for our finances gives us freedom to give generously to the church and those in need. As we enter into this new year, we should plan to be good stewards of our finances no matter how great or small. How can we pray in that area?

1. Pray for wisdom as you commit your yearly budget to the Lord.
2. Ask the Lord to show you how to be a good steward of what He has provided for you.
3. Ask the Lord to help you be a cheerful giver.
4. Pray for financial peace.

The Lord is always faithful and true to meet all of your needs. He will never forsake you.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Acts 2:46-47 "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Today we pray for the church. From its inception, the church has been called to share the Gospel of Christ and to show the love of God to the world. The church exists to minister to the lost, hurting, broken, and outcasts. Jesus established the church when He was ascended into heaven, and He empowered the church on the Day of Pentecost.

We are called collectively to work together to see His mission fulfilled on earth. When COVID 19 shut everything down, the mission of the church still existed. We are told to "not give up meeting together".

When we meet together, we are able to spiritually recharge, pray for one another, and know the needs of those around us. How can we pray for the church?

1. Pray for unity in our churches.
2. Pray for the mission of the church to be fulfilled.
3. Pray that we would encourage one another to extend beyond the four walls of the building and share the gospel with the community that we are in.
4. Pray that those who enter the church would feel the love of God and be led to know Him.

There is power in many. When we come together as a church body, we represent the wholeness of God. When the body operates in the fullness of all its gifts and talents, there is much that it can accomplish.

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Hebrews 13:17 "Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."

Today we pray for pastors. Many people think that the Pastor of the church should be the one praying for them and not the other way around. The reality is, pastors need as much prayer as their congregants, if not more. They shoulder the responsibility of shepherding, teaching, and leading the church.

They are always on call for emergencies within their congregations. They are bombarded with stressful situations and deadlines. They will also be held to a different standard when they stand before Christ because they oversee the souls that are entrusted to them. How can you pray for your pastors?

1. Pray that they would hear clearly from the Lord with each message they write.
2. Pray for their physical wellbeing.
3. Pray for their marriages and families.
4. Pray for them to have courage to boldly preach the gospel.
5. Pray for their finances.

Lifting up your pastors in prayer encourages them. When you pray, they are restored from the spiritual realm. They get the endurance they need to lead and finish the race in front of them.

Our Pastors and Spouses:

Chris and Heather Honeycutt  
Steve and Jessica Mueller  
Allen and Debbie Causey  
Ron and Mindy Gordon  
Justin and MaryLou Williamson  
Cal and Denise Szalach

Friday, January 13, 2023

John 15:16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

Today we pray for missionaries. Being a missionary isn't for the faint of heart. It is a vocation like no other. It is an innate calling to a specific country or people group. They face a life of difficulty, persecution in most places, and danger depending on where they serve. They are called to a life that many don't understand.

Daily, they lay down their lives for the communities they serve. Each day, they face disappointment and rejection while they work to establish relationships with the native people in the countries where they are called. But through it all, they find great joy in doing the kingdom work they were commissioned to do. How can we pray for missionaries?

1. Pray for the safety of those called to serve in nations that are not openly receptive to the gospel.
2. Pray for those nations to openly hear the gospel.
3. Pray for encouragement for their daily work.
4. Pray the Lord will increase their faith as they serve diligently.
5. Pray for their financing so that they can continue to do kingdom business.
6. Pray for divine appointments for sharing the gospel.

Praying for our missionaries is as important as praying for our pastors. They face similar yet different challenges. When you pray for the missionaries, they can feel that someone is standing in the gap for them.

Our supported missionaries for 2023:

Chase and Madison Wells - Eurasia  
The Brown family - Ecuador  
The Struss family - Indonesia  
Cal Szalach - Honorbound  
Jimmy Sellars - Builders International  
The Stamp family - Eurasia  
The Hundl family - Chi Alpha USC

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Mark 10:6-9 "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Today, we pray for marriages. Marriage is a divine plan created by God to provide mankind with companionship, for procreation, and to provide a stable environment for which to raise a family. He designed it to be between one man and one woman. It is no secret that marriages are under attack in this current age.

Worldwide, the definition of what constitutes a Godly marriage is under debate. We see throughout scripture that when that plan is altered by man, it does not end well. Jesus spoke about the breakdown of marriage when He spoke about divorce and that there was only one reason a man should divorce his wife, and even then, he should count the cost.

When a marriage falls apart, families are broken, but the fallout also affects the church, our communities, and even our nation. How can we protect and pray for marriages?

1. Pray that marriages would be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. Pray that the definition of marriage between a man and a woman would be upheld at the law-making national level.
3. Pray for those marriages that are struggling, that they would seek Godly counsel, and they would be repaired, restored, and healed.
4. Pray for those who are seeking marriage, that they would have good, Godly counsel prior to marriage as they choose their mates.

Having strong marriages impacts the spread of the gospel. Strong marriages make strong families that make strong churches. Strong churches are paramount for strong communities.

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Psalm 127:3-5

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Today we pray for families. Much like marriage, families are under attack now more than at any other time in history. In our culture, not only are we trying to redefine what marriage looks like, but we are also trying to redefine what the family looks like, to make it look like whatever we want it to be. With the breakdown of the divine plan for marriage by God, we are breaking down the divine plan of families as well.

In a generation that is consistently making laws that take rights away from parents, we see God's plan being shredded apart. In a world where divorce is common and more children are being born outside of the bonds of marriage, we must have compassion on families of all kinds and pray for them as they currently are. How can we pray specifically for families?

1. Pray that parents would lean on God to make wise decisions that affect their children and their families.
2. Pray for those families that are estranged, that there would be restoration of relationships and healing.
3. Pray that parents would impart Godly values to their children
4. Pray for courage to stand against the principalities that exist to tear down the family unit.
5. Pray that the church would step in and be fathers to the fatherless and mothers to the motherless and to guide a generation to the Lord.

Praying for our families, like praying for marriages, strengthens our church, community, nation and world. We make an impact on the future of mankind.

Monday, January 16, 2023

Jeremiah 1:5-8

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” “Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

Today we pray for our youth. The children and youth of today face many trials and challenges that older generations never encountered, and some cannot understand. They are facing peer pressure to experiment with adult things at younger ages. Now more than ever, they need the support and guidance of adults who have their best interests at heart.

We need to remember that even though our youth are young and immature, God speaks to them, and they have a calling on their lives and need to be guided to answer that call. Eli had to help Samuel and Paul had to help Timothy. They are the future. It is the responsibility of the elder generation to speak life into the youth of today. How can we pray for them?

1. Pray that they would clearly hear from the Lord at a young age.
2. Pray that they would fall in love with God’s Word and make it a part of their daily lives.
3. Pray they would have courage to be Godly leaders to their peers.
4. Pray for their purity, in body, mind, and spirit.
5. Pray as they make decisions about life, school, employment, and mates.

Praying for our youth is not only Biblical, but also a Godly investment into the future. In an era that prioritizes sin, our youth need us to pray diligently for their choices and decisions.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

James 5:15 "And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."

Today we pray for the sick and hurting. Often, when we are ill, we feel out of control of what is happening to our body, we may feel like God is angry with us for a sin we have committed either knowingly or unknowingly, or we may simply feel alone. If there is physical pain involved, there may be feelings that are more than we can bear, and if the pain is emotional, there may be feelings of angst, depression, and hopelessness. We may not even know what to pray in those times. It is estimated that Jesus spent roughly 70% of His earthly ministry healing those who were sick.

There were throngs of people who desperately sought after Him because He offered them hope that their life would be changed. He healed the woman with the issue of blood, the blind man, and the mother-in-law of His disciple Peter to name a few. James instructs us that if we are ill, we should come forward for prayer and He will heal us.

Sometimes, that healing does not look like we expect it to, but we will be healed, if not in this life, in eternity. Healing is for today, as much as it was for Jesus' day. How can we pray for the sick?

1. Pray for healing according to God's will.
2. Pray for the easing of physical pain.
3. Pray that God would comfort those who are in pain.
4. Pray for the specific illness when you can.
5. Pray for peace and clarity for the sick.

Praying for the sick today is important. Jesus gave His disciples the authority to heal and as followers of Him, filled with the Holy Spirit, we too have the same authority over the power of sickness.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Psalm 34:18

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Today we pray for the brokenhearted. Life can seem to be crushing sometimes. Sometimes living in a sinful, fallen world takes its toll on our spirit. Hearts are broken by failed relationships, rejection, pain, illness, and death. The response that we have when our hearts are broken can even have physiological effects on our body and we can experience physical pain, illness, depression, and anxiety.

God knows firsthand the pain of the brokenhearted. He experienced it when man fell into sin in the beginning, He experienced it when He sent His son to earth, and He felt the full effect when His son was crucified. At some point, we, or someone we love, will all experience a broken heart in our lifetime.

But God can do abundantly more than we can ever imagine. And He can use those situations for good and bring healing. How can we pray for the broken-hearted?

1. Pray the Lord will be near to those who are hurting and that He would bring comfort to them.
2. Pray that those in pain will be able to surrender their feelings to the Lord and that they will be able to forgive.
3. Pray they will be able to experience the freedom that Christ offers as they heal.

A broken heart is sometimes an invisible thing and therefore can be difficult to spot. Ask the Lord for wisdom to pray for those who are in need.

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Psalm 100:1-5 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Today we pray for worship. When life is good and the world seems to be going in the right direction for us, worship comes easy. We can stand in church, clap our hands and sing loudly all while smiling. However, when life gets us down and we feel beaten up emotionally and spiritually, worship becomes difficult. It is easy in those moments to choose not to worship, but praise through tears can be as beautiful and fragrant to the Lord as worship through laughter.

In that moment, worship is a sacrifice. Worship brings us closer to God. When we are participating in worship, we are to put aside our selfish desires and focus wholly on God. We are unified in praising Him. We do not praise Him for what He can do for us, we praise Him for who He is. How can we pray for worship?

1. Pray for worship leaders as they prepare each week to lead the churches in praise to the Lord.
2. Pray for those who are in each service, that the Lord would prepare their hearts before they enter the building each week.
3. Pray that through worship, lives would be changed, and the gates of heaven would be opened.
4. Pray for occasions to praise and worship outside of the church meetings.

When we offer our praise to God, we are giving Him thanks for just being God, and our thanks for His faithfulness.

Friday, January 20, 2023

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Today we pray for revival. Mankind exists to bring God glory. It is His desire that all people from every tribe, tongue and nation would hear the gospel. Jesus' parting words before He ascended to heaven were to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Praying for revival brings us ever closer to fulfilling the great commission. Every Christ follower can help bring about world-wide revival, by their testimony and prayer. How can we pray that revival will come?

1. Pray that nations would open their borders to missionaries.
2. Pray that there would be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the people, and they would hear the gospel in their own language.
3. Pray for signs and wonders to be evident and that the whole earth would declare the glory of God.
4. Pray against the lies of the enemy that would suppress the truth of the gospel.
5. Pray that Christ would be exalted above all else.

When we pray for worldwide revival, we help prepare the way for the miracle of the second coming of Christ to be ushered in.

Saturday, January 21, 2023

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words."

Today we pray for Christ's return. As an Assembly of God church, we adhere to the 16 tenants of faith, one of which is the blessed hope of Christ's imminent return: "The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church." Jesus spoke of His death, resurrection, and return throughout the gospels. Paul spoke of it often in his letters to the New Testament church. It is the principle that gives us hope in eternity.

The resurrection and return of Christ is one of the major theological beliefs that separate Christianity from other religions. Jesus stated that He would return for His people. From the moment that Christ was crucified, resurrected and ascended to heaven, the spiritual clock has been ticking, counting down the days, hours, and minutes until He will call us all home to be with Him for eternity.

The earth is groaning to be rescued from the effects of sin. If the Lord said He is coming, why must we pray for Him to return? Quite simply, because Jesus told us to. As He was teaching the people to pray, He said, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done." How can we pray for the coming of the Lord?

1. Pray for the lost, that they would know that Jesus is Lord and submit to His Kingdom authority.
2. Pray that followers of Christ would be diligent about spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth.
3. Pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.
4. Pray for Him to come quickly.
5. Pray that mankind is ready for Christ to come.

It is a charge given by Christ Himself that we should pray for His coming kingdom. The day and hour are unknown to us, but it is coming. We should pray that we are ready when the trumpet sounds for us! Come, Lord Jesus!

Join us for our Night of Worship at 7pm!

