

## Welcome to the Prayer Page

Thank you for taking time to be quiet before the Lord as we gather the body of Christ to be of one heart and mind in our prayers, intercessions and praises.

Below are a series of Scriptures and prayers you can read or use to help you get your heart and mind focused on the Lord. You pray through as much or little of the material provided. These are simply tools at your disposal should you choose to use them.

Although there are various themes, you are encouraged to be sensitive to the things God in Christ lays on your heart while in prayer. Remember, you are not alone trying to think up things to say as the Scripture reminds us:

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit himself intercedes** for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. —Romans 8:26-27 (ESV)*

*Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him [Jesus]. **He lives forever to intercede** with God on their behalf.—Hebrews 7:25 (NLT)*

We are so grateful for your presence and your participation in “seeking the Lord while He may be found.” Enjoy soaking in the presence of our Good and Gracious God, Saviour and King!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug

## Scriptures on Prayer, Forgiveness and Unity in the Body of Christ

### **II Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)**

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

### **Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)**

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

### **Lamentations 3:21-24 (NIV)**

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

### **Isaiah 53:4-6 (NIV)**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### **Matthew 6:6-15 (NLT)**

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private.

Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.  
"When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this:  
Our Father in heaven,  
    may your name be kept holy.  
May your Kingdom come soon.  
May your will be done on earth,  
    as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the food we need,  
and forgive us our sins,  
    as we have forgiven those who sin against us.  
And don't let us yield to temptation,  
    but rescue us from the evil one.  
"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**Matthew 9:16-17 (NLT)**

“Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before.

<sup>17</sup> “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved.”

**Matthew 5:43-48 (NLT)**

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are

kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. <sup>48</sup> But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

**John 17:13-25 (NLT)**

“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will

ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began! “O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

### **Romans 8:15 (NLT)**

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.<sup>[a]</sup> Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

### **Romans 15:5-7 (NLT)**

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

### **Ephesians 4:3-4, 31-32**

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been

called to one glorious hope for the future.

... Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

### **Psalms 19:1-4 (NIV)**

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

### **Psalms 27:1-8, 13 (NIV)**

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

... I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

### **Psalm 42:1-2**

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

### **Psalm 51:5-10, 16-17**

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

... You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

### **Psalm 81:13-15**

"If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes! Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever.

### **Psalm 91:14-16**

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

### **Psalm 103:12**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### **Psalm 133**

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

### **Prayers for Healing, Forgiveness and Unity in the Body of Christ**

#### **Prayer for Healing**

Lord of glory, Savior of all who call on You, we pray for your people who are near to our hearts today. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. We call out on behalf of all who long to be restored. Especially now as we

extend our hearts and minds toward those suffering from the coronavirus both here and abroad. Where there are tears, or suffering, or illness, or grief, may there be songs of joy once again. It is with hope and trust that we pray in Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **Prayer for Forgiveness, Unity and Love**

Heavenly Father how it must grieve Your holy Spirit that we have caused such barriers and divisions to be established within the body of Christ and yet it was His prayer that we are one in unity of spirit – one in the bond of peace – one in fellowship and love towards all those that are called by Your name.

Forgive us of any and all of our prejudices – forgive me of my own biases and unloving attitude that I have towards other believers that do not conform completely to my own perspective of what a Christian should be. Forgive me for being too

quick to criticize other brothers and sisters in Christ and for being too ready to declare our differences rather than seeking to discover a bond of peace in Christ.

Help me Lord to love others as You have loved me – to love without prejudice or bias. Help me to be ready and willing to love the unlovable and to consent to be loved by others I would likely dismiss.

Bind Your people together in love and in the unity of spirit that ALL who trust in You might be confident that they are much loved, forgiven and accepted as sons and daughters in Christ, and in Whose name we pray. Amen.

### **Prayer for a Bond of Unity in the Body of Christ**

Dear Jesus, You are our Prince of Peace. You prayed for unity in the body of Christ – that we may be united in love just as You are united with the Father - in love.

Teach us to desire genuine love toward one another as You have loved us that “all people will know that we are Your disciples.” Give us a hunger to live in union with each another that we may be united as one with You in the bond of peace and fellowship in the Spirit. This we ask in Your name. Amen.

### **Thanks for Our Church Family**

Thank You, Father, for calling each of us to serve Your Kingdom through the local church. Thank You for using our individual gifts and talents to manifest Your Kingdom here on earth as it already is in heaven. Lord, thank you for the freedom to worship You together no matter where we are. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **Thanks for Our Blessings**

Mighty God, I acknowledge that the earth is Yours and everything in it; the world and all its people belong to You. You laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. There is none

like You, God! Thank You Lord, that in all the vastness of this world, You notice me. Your bountiful blessings of shelter, food, water, clothing, rest, family and friends are evidence of Your goodness and and grace. Thank you! In Your great name I pray. Amen.

### **Prayer for Our Leaders**

O God, our protector, we take refuge in You; You alone are the source of all our good. We confess that we often have run after other powers of this present kingdom to solve our problems and have brought trouble upon ourselves and others. Teach us again to look to You for help as we also pray for those who lead our nation to look to You for guidance. Grant them courage to lead with good and righteous motives and actions. And when they don't, remind us to trust you still.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Paraphrase by Dallas Willard  
*From The Divine Conspiracy*

Dear Father always near us,  
may your name be treasured and loved,  
may your rule be completed in us-may your will be done here on earth in just the way it is done in heaven.

Give us today the things we need today,  
and forgive us our sins and impositions on you as we are forgiving all who in any way offend us.

Please don't put us through trials,  
but deliver us from everything bad.  
Because you are the one in charge,  
and you have all the power, and the glory, too,  
is all yours-forever-which is just the way we want it!  
Amen.

### **Prayer of Humility**

by Cardinal Merry del Val

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart,  
Hear me.

**From the desire of being esteemed,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the desire of being loved,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the desire of being extolled,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the desire of being honored,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the desire of being praised,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the desire of being preferred to others,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the desire of being consulted,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the desire of being approved,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of being humiliated,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of being despised,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of suffering rebukes,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of being**

**calumniated (i.e. falsely accused),**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of being forgotten,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of being ridiculed,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of being wronged,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**From the fear of being  
suspected,**

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

**That others may be loved more  
than I,**

*Jesus, grant me the grace to  
desire it.*

**That others may be esteemed  
more than I,**

*Jesus, grant me the grace to  
desire it.*

**That, in the opinion of the world,  
others may increase and I may  
decrease,**

*Jesus, grant me the grace to  
desire it.*

**That others may be chosen and I  
set aside,**

*Jesus, grant me the grace to  
desire it.*

**That others may be praised and I  
unnoticed,**

*Jesus, grant me the grace to  
desire it.*

**That others may be preferred to  
me in everything,**

*Jesus, grant me the grace to  
desire it.*

**That others may become holier  
than I, provided that I may  
become as holy as I should,**

*Jesus, grant me the grace to  
desire it.*

### **A Walk of Grace**

by Catherine Martin

Not I, but Christ, be honoured,  
loved, exalted,

Not I, but Christ, be seen, be known  
and heard;

Not I, but Christ, in every look and  
action,

Not I, but Christ, in every thought  
and word.

Not I, but Christ, in lowly silent  
labour,

Not I, but Christ, in Humble earnest  
toil;

Christ, only Christ, no show, no  
ostentation;

Christ, none but Christ, the gatherer  
of the spoil.

Christ, only Christ! No idle word e'er  
falling

Christ, only Christ; no needless  
bustling sound

Christ, only Christ, no self-important  
bearing

Christ, only Christ, no trace of "I" be  
found.

Not I, but Christ, my every need  
supplying

Not I, but Christ, my strength and  
health be;

Not I, but Christ, for spirit, soul and  
body,

Christ, only Christ, live even Thy life  
for me.

Christ, only Christ, ere long will fill  
my vision;

Glory excelling, soon, full I'll see  
Christ, only Christ, my every wish

fulfilling --

Christ, only Christ, my all in all to  
be.

Oh, to be saved from myself, dear  
Lord,

Oh, to be lost in Thee,



Oh, that it may be no more I,  
But Christ that lives in me.

**Patient Trust:**

**The Slow Work of God**

by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

Above all, trust in the slow work of  
God.

We are quite naturally impatient in  
everything,

to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the  
intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the  
way to something unknown,  
something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress  
that it is made by passing through  
some stages of instability—  
and that it may take a very long  
time.

And so I think it is with you;  
your ideas mature gradually—let  
them grow,  
let them shape themselves, without  
undue haste.

Don't try to force them on,

as though you could be today what  
time

(that is to say, grace and  
circumstances

acting on your own good will)

will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new  
spirit

gradually forming within you will  
be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of  
believing that his hand is leading  
you, and accept the anxiety of  
feeling yourself in suspense and  
incomplete.