

Midweek/ Midday Prayer is designed to invite our church and community into a season of prayer. There is a lot to pray for in our lives and in our world and we would like to provide some time and space to do just that. This book is designed to serve as a prompt for you, to lead you into prayer. Each week has a different focus- starting very personally, then each week moving outwardly to our church, our immediate neighborhood, our part of DFW, our nation, and our world. Each Wednesday morning, you will receive some specific prayer requests that correspond to that week's focus.

This time is designed to be mostly self-directed, even for those who come to the sanctuary. We will begin by reflecting on a hymn and then we will let Scripture lead us into a time of prayer. After the Scripture is read, then we pray. There is space provided in the booklet to write some thoughts or prayers if you desire.

We will conclude with an historic prayer from different seasons of the church. It is my prayer that the Lord will bless you in this season of Lent and that the Lord will bless our church, our community, our nation, and our world through this time set aside to lift our praises and concerns to the Lord. Thank you for being part of our praying church.

Pastor Jonathan

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Week 1: Personal Confession and Repentance

Opening Song- O God our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Call to prayer:

Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Time of silent prayer:

Take time to reflect on your humanity and your sin. Confess the ways you have tried to save yourself? Do you depend on your ‘good works’ for mercy or do you depend on the saving work of Jesus? Pray for humility and God’s perspective of your sin. Ask God to lift your eyes away from yourself in order to look to Jesus, to see his holiness, love, and mercy.

Concluding Prayer

Rend your heart, and not your garments and turn to the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, of great kindness, and abounding in steadfast love. In humility, repent of the evil in your heart, and trust in the mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Week 2: Prayers for Hackberry Creek Church Family

Opening Song-

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Call To Prayer:

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Time of Silent Prayer:

Take time to pray for Hackberry Creek Church. Pray for our church family- those you know, those you only see on Sundays but don't know well. Ask God to keep us devoted to the Scriptures (apostles' teaching), to fellowship, to breaking bread, and to prayer. Ask God to open more doors to serve our community with the gospel. Take time to pray for the children and youth of our church, for the next generation being raised here. Pray that God will bring even more children into our church family. Ask God to equip us to be a light to the nations who are in our neighborhood and business. Pray that people will know our church for our devotion to the Lord and the love of all people.

Closing prayer: (Prayer of Jerome, cir. 342-420)

O good shepherd, seek me out and bring me home to your fold again. Deal favorably with me according to your good pleasure. Until I may dwell in your house all the days of my life. And praise you forever and ever with those that are there. Amen.

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Week 3: Prayers for our neighbors on Kinwest Parkway

Opening Song-

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

Call To Prayer:

Jeremiah 29:7

7Also, 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."

Time of Silent Prayer:

Take time to pray for our immediate community along Kinwest Parkway. Pray for the students and families at Las Colinas Elementary School. Pray for all those living in our immediate area, in Hackberry Creek community, in the apartments, and townhouses, in the homes across Kinwest from us. Pray for the ministry at Irving Bible Church and a continued partnership in the gospel with them. Lift up the firefighters at the Fire Station 12 on Regent. Pray for Mustang Recreation Center across from HCC. Pray for Washington Pointe and all who live there, including those in our own church family. Pray for Las Colinas Counseling Center and the ministry they provide to those struggling with mental and emotional health.

Closing prayer: (Prayer of Ignatius Loyola, cir. 342-420)

Lord Jesus Christ, fill us, we pray, with your light and life, that we may reveal your wondrous glory. Grant that your love may so fill our lives that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give and nothing too hard to bear. Amen.

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Week 4: Prayers for our City: Las Colinas/ Irving/ Valley Ranch, Coppell, Lewisville, Flower Mound, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Dallas

Opening Song-

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save an Thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Call To Prayer:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 4:10-11

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.... ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.....

¹⁰But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Time of Silent Prayer:

Pray for your neighbors, your favorite businesses, your colleagues and employers. Pray for the people who travel to our area for work, including our immigrant neighbors. Ask God for the opportunity to serve them and share Jesus with them. Ask God to give you the eyes of a missionary who desires to spread the gospel to all nations, even while the nations have settled close to us. Pray for our cities, including Las Colinas, Valley Ranch, Irving, Coppell, Lewisville, Flower Mound, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, and Dallas that the light of the gospel might shine brightly here and lead people to Jesus both in our own community and across the world.

Closing prayer: (Adapted from the Halverson Benediction)

Lord Jesus, we go nowhere by accident because wherever we go, you are sending us. Wherever we are, You have put us there. You have a purpose in our being there. Christ lives in us and has something he wants to do through us where we are. We believe this and so we go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Week 5: Prayers for our Nations- United States, India, and Kenya

Opening Song- **Jesus Shall Reign**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

Call to Prayer

Romans 13:1-3

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

¹I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Time of Silent Prayer:

Pray for the United States. Pray for our elected leaders and all those in authority over us that their leadership would bring about rightness, justice, and peace. Pray for humbleness and understanding to soften the divisions and animosity that so often marks our discourse. Pray for India- for the church to grow, for the end of persecution against Christians, in northern India. Pray for the gospel to reveal the truth about the value of all human life there. Pray for Kenya- for the government to seek the welfare of its citizens not its own power. Pray for the church there to reveal the love of Jesus.

Closing prayer: (From the Lausanne Movement)

Jesus calls all of us disciples together to be one family among the nations, a reconciled fellowship in which all sinful barriers are broken down through his reconciling grace. We are a community of grace, obedience, and love in the communion of the Holy Spirit, in which your glorious attributes and the gracious characteristics of Christ are reflected, and your multi-coloured wisdom is displayed. As the most vivid present expression of your kingdom, we are the community of the reconciled who no longer live for ourselves, but for the Saviour who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

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Week 6: Prayers for our World and the Global Church

Opening Song- **In Christ There is No East or West**

In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love Thro'out the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord Close binding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West;

In Him meet South and North.

All Christly souls are one in Him, Throughout the whole wide earth.

Call to Prayer

Matthew 28:18-20

18Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Time of Silent Prayer:

Pray for our world. For the 2.5 billion Christians around the world and for the 6.5 billion non-Christians around the world. Pray that the gospel would spread to all nations, even in places where the Bible is forbidden. Pray for the church to proclaim the name of Jesus and serve others in His name. Ask that God would grow the Kingdom of God and embed its values in the hearts of all people to the glory of God and the good of the world.

Closing prayer (From the Lausanne Movement)

We commit ourselves afresh not to flirt with the fallen world and its transient passions, but to love the whole world as you love it. So we love your world in holy longing for the redemption and renewal of all creation and all cultures in Christ, the ingathering of your people from all nations to the ends of the earth, and the ending of all destruction, poverty, and enmity. Amen.