

A Call to Prayer

In August, as a church, we are being called to a focus on prayer. Below you'll find encouragement, to help guide this season of prayer and beyond. May the Lord be glorified and exalted as we pray expectantly. Psalm 5:1-3: ¹ Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament. ² Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. ³ In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.



This vision is what God has called us to. That in our own lives, in every ministry, in every age group, and on every day of the week, that we, Crosspoint, might be a people who are seeking to be devoted to Jesus, dedicated to one another, and driven to reach people with the Good News of Jesus. (Matt. 22:36-40; 28:18-20).

Worship of our God

Jesus taught us how to pray, and in what is known as 'The Lord's Prayer' in Matthew 6, He begins in verse 9 with, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..." Before we go a step further in prayer, may we first spend time worshipping our great God! Psalm 8, 19, 30, 65, 84, 96, 100, 136, 145, 150.

Personal Life and Walk with the Lord

We often are quick to pray for other people and things before we ask the Lord to change our own hearts. So may the Psalmist's words in Psalm 139:23-24, reflect ours. ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.

As the Spirit searches our hearts and calls us to repentance, may we confess and walk in the light with Him and one another. 1 John 1:5-9: *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Our Ministries:

- Sundays @ Crosspoint
- HYPE (7th-12th grade students)
- SonChasers (Birth-6th grade students)
- 3D Community Groups
- Missions

Our Leadership (Elders, Staff, Ministry Leaders)

Devoted to Jesus

Grow fully: John 17:17; Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:20-5:2

Dedicated to One Another

Love extravagantly: Romans 12:9-21; 1 John 3:16-18, 4:7-21

Unity with one another: 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:3

Praying for one another: James 5:13-16

Gather faithfully: Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25

Walk graciously: Ephesians 4:1-6; 32; Colossians 3:12-17

Speak truthfully: Ephesians 4:25, 29; Colossians 3:8-10

Serve wholeheartedly: 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Peter 4:10

Follow humbly: Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Driven to Reach People

Disciplemaking parents: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Open doors: Colossians 4:2-6; 2 Peter 3:9

Our witness: Acts 1:8

Sharing our faith: Philemon 1:6

Ambassadors for Christ: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Give Generously: Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 8:2-7, 9:6-15

Praying For Our Community, State, Nation, and World

Leaders: Romans 13:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-3

The unborn: Psalm 139:13-14

The persecuted: Acts 12:5; James 1:12

For justice: Isaiah 1:17, 58:6-7

For racism: Genesis 1:27; John 13:34; 1 John 2:9

God's sovereignty: 1 Chron. 29:11-13; Psalm 115:3; Prov. 19:21

Below are some of Jesus' and the Apostle Paul's prayers recorded in Scripture. Use them as a guide leading you into prayer:

- Matthew 6:9-13
- John 17
- Romans 15:5-6, 15:13, 15:30-33
- Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21, 6:19-20
- Philippians 1:3-6, 1:9-11, 4:6-7
- Colossians 1:3-14
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 2:13-16, 3:9-13, 5:23-24
- 2 Thessalonians: 1:3, 1:11-12, 2:16-17, 3:2-5, 3:16