

prayers

What commitments will you make to personal spiritual practices that deepen your relationship with God?

Examples:

- I will spend time in prayer daily.
- I will pray regularly for the Hope.Gate.Way community.
- I will pray each day for someone I know, someone I don't know, and someone I have conflict with.
- I will pray for a global concern each day.
- I will nurture my relationship with God daily through prayer.
- I will experiment with a new prayer practice each month.

presence

What commitments will you make to presence & participation in the life of this community?

Examples:

- I will be present for worship weekly, unless missing is unavoidable.
- I will participate weekly in my Life group.
- I will make an effort to nurture new and established relationships.
- I will make personal connection with someone from this community each week.
- I will take a more active leadership role in a small group or other area of ministry.
- I will assist with childcare at community events.
- I will assist with set-up or clean-up for worship or other community events.

gifts

How will you use your resources (time, talents, finances...) to glorify God and enable ministry?

Examples:

- I will grow in my financial commitment to the ministries of Hope.Gate.Way.
- I will use my God-given gifts in a way that serves others.
- I will tithe.
- I will take a step toward tithing by committing ___% of my income to God.
- I will use my gift with children to build relationship with the children of Parkside.
- I will reduce my monthly expenditures and give the difference away.
- I will give away one material possession each month.
- I will use my financial and material gifts to help someone in need at least monthly.

service

How will you use your time and energy to serve Christ, your community, and the larger world?

Examples:

- I will approach my work as an opportunity for service.
- I will commit at least two hours each week to serving the larger community.
- I will take the lead in a new project that extends our ministry in the neighborhood.
- I will write a letter or make a phone call at least once a month to elected officials about an issue I care about.
- I will strive to make purchasing decisions based on a growing understanding of how my purchases impact that larger world.
- I will volunteer at the community meals on a regular basis.

witness

How will you live your faith and share the love and hope you've found with others?

Examples:

- I will invest in relationships people who are not part of a community of faith.
- I will look for opportunities to talk about my involvement in this community of faith.
- I will strive to share my faith in a nonthreatening way once a month.
- I will talk openly with my friends about my experiences with the Hope.Gate.Way community.
- I will invite a friend to worship or another community gathering once a month.
- I will take part in random acts of kindness on a regular basis.
- I will commit to blessing three people each week.

COVENANT
As an expression of my commitment to God, to the way of Jesus, and to the Hope.Gate.Way community, I make this covenant for the year ahead. I trust in God's guidance and the support of others who are part of this community as I live into these commitments.

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