



Parish Prayer Meeting

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Thank you for joining us today for Parish Prayer. We're so encouraged that our church family is gathering all around the city to call upon the Lord at the same time. This prayer guide is a resource that you can adapt to your setting. As you begin, spend a few minutes introducing yourselves so you pray for one another by name.

PRAISING THE LORD

As a church, we have spent several months in this passage in Ephesians. Take some time to read it together and praise the Lord for all that we have in Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in Him.

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:1-14

CONFESSING OUR SIN

The Lord invites us to confess our sin and to receive His forgiveness.
After reading Psalm 32, let's take time for private confession and then public confession.

*For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*
Psalm 32:3-4

LEADER: *I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*
Psalm 32:5

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH

As a large group or in smaller groups, read Paul's prayer for the saints at Ephesus and use it as a model as we pray for our church.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
Ephesians 1:15-23

Here are a few prompts, but feel free to pray as the Spirit leads you!

- Pray for corporate worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday Word & Table.
- Pray for the preaching and teaching of God's Word.
- Pray for our Pastors, Elders, Deacons, staff, members, and covenant children.
- Pray for Sunday Morning Communities, Bible studies, and home groups.
- Pray for age-and-stage ministries.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up more people to engage in our church's ministry.
- Pray for the unity and building up of our church family.
- Pray that we would be marked by love for one another and love for our neighbors.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:12-20

With the clear call of the Great Commission and the powerful resource of the armor of God, let's take time to pray for God's work in the world.

Here are some prayer prompts to get us started.

- Pray that the Lord would lead us as we seek to be engaged in His work of missions and church planting.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up more laborers for the harvest.
- Pray that we would have a passion to share the gospel with others.
- Pray that we would be faithful to make disciples.
- Pray for opportunities to know and love our neighbors in our parish.
- Pray that we would know how to glorify the Lord at home, at school, at work, etc.
- Pray for our local, state, and national leaders.
- Pray for our missionaries as they extend Christ all around the world.
- Pray for our ministry partners who serve the Lord all around Dallas.
- Pray for church planting efforts in the United States and abroad.
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world.
- Pray for the Lord to do a great work in the midst of global wars and conflicts.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Break into smaller groups and pray for one another.
You can briefly share personal requests or simply voice them in prayer.

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:24-25

As you finish praying for one another and come back together,
conclude your time together with this responsive reading from Psalm 27:1-4.

*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 evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.***

*Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise against me, yet I will be confident.*

***One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.***

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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