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Reflection

So how were we praying for [our daughter] Hope? I wish I could tell you that I was a great woman of prayer in those difficult days. Truth is, I wasn't. I was really grateful that so many people were praying for us, no matter what they were praying, because I didn't have many words, mostly just groans and tears. I was grateful to know that the Holy Spirit was interceding for us with "groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:36). When I was able to sputter out a prayer, it was shaped most profoundly by something a friend said to me on the phone a couple of days after Hope was born. She said that I could be confident that God would accomplish the purpose he had for Hope's life in the number of days that he gave to her. So in my prayers, I began to welcome him to accomplish that purpose...I prayed that his purpose for Hope's life would be enough for me, even a joy to me...Scripture provides us with a vocabulary for those prayers...far beyond our positive outcomes. Instead of praying only for relief, we begin to pray that the glory of God's character would be on display in our lives and the lives of those for whom we are praying.

- Nancy Guthrie

Scripture

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:5-13

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

Sermon

Prayer

Rankin Wilbourne

Information and Resources

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app **Pacific Crossroads**, website **PacificCrossroads.org/Events** or speak with someone at the 'New Here' tent.

General Fund Update (as of 9/15/19)

Offerings Budget: **\$3,038,181**

Expenses Budget: **\$3,557,600**

Offerings Actual: **\$2,763,173**

Expenses Actual: **\$3,117,430**

To give from your phone, text **give2pcc** to **77977**

Sunday Volunteer Roles Needed

Westside: Coffee Service, Communion Team, Welcome Team, Children's Ministry Teachers

Downtown: Hospitality, Prayer Team, Children's Ministry Teachers

To serve on Sunday or to volunteer for any of these roles

Email: **alexscott@pacificcrossroads.org**

Congregational Care

Our congregational care team is here to help if you are in a difficult place.

Email: **congregationalcare@pacificcrossroads.org** or call our office at **310.551.0081**

Rise Up: A Program for Christ Centered Revitalization

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives.

Email: **thom@pacificcrossroads.org**

Parking Information

Westside: Volunteers will pay for your parking for 30 minutes after service at a garage pay station.

Downtown: The Adams' parking structure closes at 8pm. Cars cannot be accessed after that time.