



Series: ---	Date: Feb. 12th 2017
Topic: Season of Prayer	Speaker: Pastor Joe Ong

WELCOME

This week's sermon focus on prayer and the need for Christians to be engaged in prayer.

For the ice breaker this week, share your answers to the following question: Name one of your favorite things about someone in your family.

WORSHIP

Start the worship time by encouraging people to share praises for what God has done in their life this past week. Sing worship songs from the Sunday services or select your own.

WORD

I. Spiritual Objective. At the end of the discussion, members will:

- A. Spend time praying for the needs of the Church, of the HOME group, and the needs of each other.

II. The Sermon Synopsis:

This week Pastor Joe preached on the importance of prayer and how prayer is the primary work of the Church. He also called the church to enter into a Season of Prayer for the next two weeks. Pastor Joe put forth 4 ways the Season of Prayer can be practically applied:

1. Calling upon all SPIRITUAL LEADERS to Step up and Lead the Call to this Season of Prayer for the next two weeks.
2. Make Praying for LCC a priority in the HOME Groups for the next 2 Weeks
3. Make time for Prayer and Fasting for at least 3 Meals, Food, Social Media, Sweets, TV, etc. over the next 2 Weeks.
4. Attend Churchwide P.U.S.H. Night on Fri., Feb., 24th @ 7 p.m.
5. Find a Prayer Partner or form prayer groups to be Accountable in Praying – WhatsApp, Texting, LINE

One thing that can happen when groups get together to pray is that they can spend more time talking about how to pray, or what to pray for than they actually spend praying together. This week the discussion questions will aim to help guide groups through an extended time of prayer for different areas. The goal is to spend more time praying than discussing the prayer areas. However, don't feel like all you must do is pray. (Think 60%-70% prayer, 30% sharing & discussion.)

Discussion Questions

III. Praying for Ministries at LCC. No ministry at Leeward can succeed without prayer. In your group, have those who are involved in different ministries at Leeward share one area of need or concern for a ministry they are involved in. Then spend time as a group praying for them. Feel free to pray for other ministry and church needs you know of.

IV. Praying for the Younger Generation of LCC. On Sunday, Abi shared a picture of how God was moving among the Youth of Leeward. Take time as a group to pray for the younger generations of Leeward. Also, if there are group members who have children, even adult children, pray specifically for them as well.

V. Praying for the Community. One of the greatest things we can do as Christians is to intercede on behalf of non-Christians. Take some time as group to share a need that you know of on behalf of a neighbor or others in your community. Then pray as a group for these people. Be sure to also pray for the neighbors of the home you meet in. Also pray for those who you are targeting to invite or reach out to.

VI. Praying for Individual Needs. The Home Group is also a place for people to belong and connect to a community. Pray for the needs of the HOME group. Pray for your members individually and for the areas the group is growing in and where it needs to grow.



VII. Finally, pray for Leeward in 2017. For the Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Staff, Ministry Leaders, Volunteers, and everyone who walks through our doors. Pray for anything you feel needs to be prayed. Let's bathe everyone and everything in prayer.

WORK

➤ **In addition to the above prayer requests, please also pray for our Building Expansion Project (BEP):**

- ❖ **Permits.** 1) Continue praying for our re-application to the Bldg. Dept. for the modification to our (CUP) Conditional Use Permit to be approved w/out further complications. 2) Also pray that they will accept the documents they requested for our grading permit application so the permit will be issued by the end of Feb. We want to begin the excavation & grading of our grounds sometime in March. 3) Finally, pray that we will be ready to apply for our building construction permit by Feb. 28.
- ❖ **Architect.** Continue praying that our architect will work with our contractor in a design-assist partnership. We are still reviewing the detailed construction drawings that we recently received. Pray that the BEP committee will be able to meet soon to thoroughly review and make any necessary changes.
- ❖ **Giving, Grants & Guaranteed Loan Commitment.** 1) Pray for the continued generous giving of our congregation toward the 3-year pledge and additional gifts as God provides. 2) Pray that God will grant us favor with the foundations that we are approaching for grants through our grant writer. 3) Pray that we will receive the loan commitment and interest rate lock that we are seeking as God provides.
- ❖ **Evaluation Meeting.** Pray for our BEP Committee as we continue to meet with our contractor & architect this Wed. to find ways to reduce our overall construction costs.

1. **Youth Alpha Series.** The Youth Alpha Series continues this Friday for the next 4 Friday Nights (2/17 - 3/10). Pray for their Alpha Weekend Away this Fri-Sat, Feb. 17-18.
2. **Seniors Meeting.** This Thur., 2/16 at 9:00. Senior safety and memory care with a Chinese New Year potluck lunch to follow.
3. **President's Day Holiday.** Mon. 2/20. Enjoy this holiday by spending a special time with family and friends. Get together with your HOME Group for a picnic and invite friends and family you're trying to reach together.
4. **PUSH Night of Prayer.** Fri. 2/24 at 7:00pm. Come join us as we culminate our 2-week Season of Prayer in praying for our church.
5. **AWANA Bible Quiz.** Sat. 2/25 from 8:30am to 12:00noon at the Hawaii Kai Church. Come out a support our AWANA kids as they compete in Bible verse memory quizzing.
6. **Annual Meeting of the Membership.** Sun, 2/26 at 7:00pm. We will elect our 2017 leaders, approve our 2017 budget and celebrate 2016.
7. **Upcoming C&MA Missions Conf. Activities:**
 - a. **Missions Week Kick-off:** Wed, 3/1 at 6:00pm- Chili Dinner available for purchase. 7:00pm-Presentation by Mark & Kathy Eikost in the worship center.
 - b. **Brunch with Mark & Kathy:** Thur., 3/2 at 10:00am at iHop.
 - c. **Men's Breakfast:** Sat, 3/4 at 7:00am. Downstairs under the tents.
 - d. **Message by Mark:** Sun, 3/5 at 7:30 and 10:30 services.
 - e. **Prayer Time for Mark & Kathy:** Tue, 3/7 at 9:15am in the Prayer Room.

Announcements:

Season Of Praying for Leeward Community Church

Sun., Feb., 12 to Sun., Feb. 26, 2017

Ps Joe Ong

Scriptures: John 17: 8-24

⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.^[a] ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them^[b] in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself,^[c] that they also may be sanctified^[d] in truth.

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

4 Things that Jesus Expressed for the Church:

1. THAT LCC WOULD See THE GLORY OF GOD

²²**The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,**

2. THAT LCC WOULD Follow THE WORD OF GOD

⁸**For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.**

3. THAT LCC GO FORTH United IN THE MISSION OF GOD.

¹⁷**Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.**

4. THAT LCC WOULD Experience THE JOY OF GOD

¹³**But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.**

Application:

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“When we work, we work; but when we pray, God works.”
- Max Lucado

“God will do nothing on earth except in answer to believing prayer.”
- John Wesley