

Praise & Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:3-5 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Philippians 4:5b-7 *The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 4:15 *For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

Confession

1 John 1:9-10 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

Psalms 32:5 *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.*

Psalms 139:23-24 *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Intercession

1 Timothy 2:1-4 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would grow us in our desire to know, love, and obey Jesus.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us boldness and wisdom as we take steps toward church-planting.
- Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up and train servant-leaders to serve as elders, deacons, discipleship group leaders, ministry leaders, and workers.
- Pray that God would give the people of this church a hunger for His word.
- Pray for unity in the body.
- Pray that the Lord would provide direction and resources as we seek to share the Gospel in our community and that we will be sensitive and obedient to His plans.
- Pray that we will focus on making disciples and depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to help us strive to obey Jesus' commands.
- Pray for our students and student ministry.
- Pray for the staff.
- Pray that we will be good stewards of all God entrusts to us.
- Pray that God will make us aware of Satan's schemes.
- Pray that God will protect families, marriages, and singles in the body.
- Pray for all leaders of government that they will be obedient to God's will.
- Pray for Christians persecuted because of their faith.
- Pray for the other churches in our Association and city.
- Pray that God will bless our foreign missionaries and their work.

Non-Christians and Disconnected Christians

Local

- Friends
- Relatives
- Acquaintances
- Neighbors
- Coworkers
- Enemies & Everyone Else

Distant

- For doors to open to share the gospel among new people groups and nations.
- For the Spirit to prepare hearts to hear the message of the gospel.
- For the unreached to hear and accept the gospel.
- For translation of the Scriptures into their language.
- For the meeting of their physical and spiritual needs.
- For leaders and persons of peace to emerge from each people group.
- For the removal of spiritual blindness of the unreached.
- For new avenues to see and hear the gospel.

Christians

Local

- Local churches
- Christian friends, neighbors and co-workers
- Church plants and church planters

Distant

- For boldness of believers in every part of the world
- For wisdom for the pastors, leaders, and missionaries
- For the protection and strength of believers in persecuted areas

Connection & Relationships

Father, we thank you for the community you have given us, focused on you with a shared passion and love for one another. Please watch over our families and help us to grow closer to you, following your love and guidance. We ask for you to be present in our marriages, strengthening and growing our relationship with you. We ask for wisdom and focus through singleness, that you will build a strong foundation and heart for the community built on your love. Show us how to love each other well and allow us to help others see your love through our lives.

Worship & Joy

Father, help our church to see the many reasons you have given us to rejoice. May your Holy Spirit fill our hearts with awe at your glory and with praise to Jesus as we serve His Bride and celebrate the good news that we are loved by you and adopted as your children. Help us to serve and celebrate you as a church family in ways that strengthen one another through our shared rejoicing. May this church family worship you Lord within every aspect of our lives, not just our voices, but also our time, talents, and treasures.

Discipleship

Father, we ask you to empower us by your Holy Spirit to joyfully come under the authority of Jesus as we help others do the same through discipleship. Guide us into opportunities to be ambassadors of Christ to people from all kinds of places and walks of life. Give us the joy of seeing people come to faith and be baptized. Give us joy in obeying all you have commanded us and lead us to teach others how to enter that joy as well. Help us to have confidence that you are with us and lead us to invite others to share in the security and joy of knowing you are always with us.

Mission & Evangelism

Father, fill me (and everyone in our church) with overflowing gratitude for your love and deep recognition of the cost of being separated from you so that the overflow of our hearts will lead us to share your love and glory with others. Help us to see how you are working in the lives of the people around us and how you want us to point them to you. Give me (and everyone in our church) a greater appreciation of the Gospel, and by your Holy Spirit, empower us to share the Gospel with boldness and love. Reveal to those around us the greatness of your love for them, their desperate need for Jesus, and the joy of belonging to you. Help us as a church to be good at welcoming people who are far from you and showing them the reality of your Spirit's presence in our midst as you use us to draw them into a relationship with you.