

CrossRoads Covenant Church

Week of Prayer – Wednesday

Opening Prayer

Scripture

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)

Reflection

A Christian's conduct concerns both their personal life and their responsibility to other believers in the church. Our conduct is founded on humility. Paul stated that saints should be completely humble in their daily walks. This virtue is listed first because of its emphasis on unity. Christ was the supreme example of humility.

Second, a believer is to be gentle or "meek." This is the opposite of self-assertion, rudeness, and harshness. Meekness suggests having one's emotions under control, but it does not suggest weakness. One who is controlled by God is angry at the right time but never angry at the wrong time. Christ was meek and humble in heart.

Third, believers should exhibit patience. Patience is the spirit which never gives up. It endures to the end even in times of adversity (James 5:10). Patience is the self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong.

Attitudes of humility, gentleness, and patience foster unity among Christians. Christians are not to make unity but to keep or guard what God made in creating the "one new man." They are to keep this unity "through the bond" which consists of "peace." Concern for peace will mean that Christians will lovingly tolerate each other, even when they have differences.

Personal Prayer

Community Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant us the wisdom and strength to serve one another with humility, meekness, and patience. Help us to foster an environment where unity prevails, and the support of our congregation reflects our shared commitment to You. May our actions and words bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.