

Prayers for The Body of Christ

Sunday: We pray that the power of God would establish deep unity in the church.

John 17:20-23: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Sample Prayer:

Lord, we pray that we would be unified, just like You and Jesus are one. Thank You for the privilege we have of representing You to a world that needs to know You and is always watching to see how our relationship with You affects our relationships with others.

Lord help us to not think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

Lord give us eyes that see and care more about building up Your church in unity than about pushing our own agenda. Show us practically what steps we need to establish and maintain unity, especially in forgiving others, reconciling relationships, and moving towards one another. We are praying for the destruction of walls between us and others, between the wealthy and the poor, between different races, between the old and young?

We want to reflect You as the body of Christ.

Holy Spirit be our help, conviction, guidance, encouragement, and power. We invite You to do the work in us that only You can do in Jesus name Amen.

Monday: We pray that God would grant us boldness, signs, wonders, and the Overflow of the Spirit, all for the sake of our witness for Jesus.

Acts 4:29-30: "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Sample Prayer:

Lord, you are creator, all powerful, all knowing. You created the heavens and the earth with but the words of your mouth and nothing is too hard for You.

Lord show us how to take advantage of every opportunity You give us to share Your love with others. You have given us Your Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. We thank you that your spirit accompanies us to speak Your Word with confidence and boldness. We know we hear Your voice and a strangers we do not follow and you give us what we need to say when we need it. Fill our hearts with courage and our mouths with clear, loving, life-giving words that fall on ready hearts.

Father you said that your power accompanies your word! So we expect you to move.

We ask for signs and wonders by the power of Your Son, Jesus, so that people's hearts would turn to You and they would be saved. We ask for blind eyes to see, deaf ears to hear, and every other kind of physical miracle to take place in our ministry. We ask for hearts to be healed and relationships to be restored. Lord thank you for the grace to do our part so you can do yours we are fully dependent upon you in Jesus name Amen!

Tuesday: God strengthen us by Your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, and so we might know Your infinite love for us.

Ephesians 3:14-21: "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

Sample Prayer:

Lord, thank You so much for Your deep, real love for us. You tell us that, just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so is Your love for us. Lord make us more and more aware and help us to grasp Your unfailing love that surrounds us.

You loved us so much that You sent Your Son to die on the cross for our sins. While we were yet sinners you demonstrated your perfect love toward us just as we were without any changes. We were never deserving of such great love but right now we rejoice in it. We ask You to reveal to us a greater understanding in our hearts the greatness of Your love to now call us sons and daughters. Lord expand your love in us let it grow wider, taller, and deeper fill us to overflowing with your love empowering us to love others in Jesus name Amen.

Wednesday: We pray that our love for You and others would abound more and more.

Philippians 1:9-11: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Sample Prayer:

Lord thank you for Your love for us. Today we ask for Your heart for this city, our families, our neighbors, our coworkers, and our communities. Lord give us sincere compassion for others. Open our eyes and show us how to love with more than our words We depend on You to show us the work so we can be Your hands and feet to the people around us.

We desire our love for others to be pure, purify our motives and increase our ability to love others effectively so that we bring glory to You, not ourselves.

Lord, cause Your love in us to overflow to the world around us so that we can bring You glory in this city. Show us the specific good works that You have prepared in advance for us to do. Thank you that all of our action would allow you to clearly be seen in Jesus name Amen.

Thursday: We pray for a rising of leaders and laborers to reach the lost and hurting.

Mt 9:38: "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." "

Sample Prayer:

Lord, You have created each person and know each one by name. Your Word says that You search every heart and understand every motive behind the thoughts, so You know what each one needs most. The people around us need to know You, Lord, and we want to participate in Your mission. We are so thankful to be a part of it. We ask You to raise up more and more people to play their part. Help us be disciples who make disciples who make disciples, building up and equipping Your body to be who You have called us to be. We ask for laborers who are skilled, wise, prayerful, sensitive to others and your Spirit, bold in taking advantage of opportunities when they come. Highlight the people in whom You want us to invest personally. Show us how to best develop these laborers and future leaders, and use them to bring many to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Thank You for the harvest that is plentiful. Your church is a city on a hill we cannot be hid in Jesus name Amen.

Friday: We ask for our "daily bread."

Mt 6:11: "Give us today our daily bread."

Sample Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Jesus' instruction to ask You for what we need. Just like the Israelites in the desert, we depend on You for life and breath; apart from You, we can do nothing. You are the LORD who Provides

We confess that we've looked other places besides You for what we need when You have told us to look to You. Forgive us for our independence and self- sufficiency when You have made us to depend on You.

We ask You, lead us by Your Spirit, instruct us through Your Word, bring exactly what we need to hear from you we know that we do not live on bread alone but every word that comes from You. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see what You are saying to us your body today. Thank you for the people You have placed in our lives to encourage and sharpen us, and supply the resources we need to grow and develop as people.

Give the church more than we need so that we might be generous towards You and with others around us. Make us aware of practical ways we can bless others with what You have given us. Let us minister out of our abundance, and be an instrument to demonstrate Your love in Jesus name Amen.

Saturday: We pray that everything we do would please The Father's heart.

Col 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sample Prayer

Lord, above all else we desire to please You. We want what we think, say, and do to bring great delight to You. Help us to please You in our homes. Give us hearts that honor one another above ourselves and seek each other's best interest. Show us how to serve one another and how to honor our family, spouses and children. Increase openness in our communication and make us quick to resolve conflict, forgiving each other. Help us as families reach out to our neighbors and friends, taking the initiative to establish good relationships.

In our workplaces. Make us great employers and employees who faithfully do what we're asked to do as unto You. Show us which people around us need encouragement, and give us insight into how to minister to them. Strengthen us to walk in integrity in every decision we make, and give us favor with our employers. Fill us with wisdom that causes our workplaces to be more blessed for having us than they were before we joined the team. Guard and keep us from complaining or arguing.

Thank you for a greater desire to please you growing within us. Help us honor you as we build one another up and keep negative speech far from our lips. Show us how to resolve conflict directly and quickly rather than gossiping or pretending like it doesn't exist. Move us to honor one another above ourselves, not just in speech and action but in heart. Cause the way that we relate to one another to inspire an outside world to want to come into a relationship with You and experience Your joy.

Open up doors for us to share what we have with the rest of the world. Make ways for us to share the truth of Jesus Christ with a world that desperately needs Him. Lord we believe that these prayers are paving the way for more people to hear straight from You We trust You to lead, guide and direct us as we seek to accomplish Your will in Jesus name Amen.