

PRAYER SERVICE

Praying for Prayerfulness

Call to Prayer Scripture Reading Luke 18:1-8

Song of Worship “I Come by the Blood”

You are the perfect and righteous God, Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to your holy place;
How can I enter in, when your presence bears no sin?
Through Him who poured out His life for me, The atoning Lamb of God
Through Him and His work alone, I boldly come.

I come by the blood, I come by the cross—
Where Your mercy flows from hands pierced for me.
For I dare not stand on my righteousness,
My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come, by the blood.

You are the high and exalted King, The One the angels fear.
So far above me in ev'ry way
Lord, how can I draw near to the One the angels fear?
Through Him who laid down His life for me And ascended to your side
Through Him, through Jesus alone I boldly come.

I come by the blood, I come by the cross
Where Your mercy flows from hands pierced for me.
For I dare not stand on my righteousness,
My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come by the blood, I come by the cross
Where Your mercy flows from hands pierced for me.
For I dare not stand on my righteousness,
My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come, by the blood.

Prayer that Is Desperate for God

Call to Prayer Scripture Reading Luke 11:1-13

Prayers of Thankfulness

- Thankful for a God who hears prayer
- Thankful for a Savior who earns our access to God
- Thankful for the Spirit by which we draw near

Prayers of Petition

- Ask God to reveal our lack of spiritual resources
- Ask God to reveal our need of him
- Ask God to make us desperate in prayer

Prayer that Is Bold in Christ

Call to Prayer Scripture Reading 1 John 5:11-15

Prayers of Thankfulness

- Thankful for Christ who brings us into fellowship with God
- Thankful for Christ in whom we have new life

Prayers of Petition

- Ask God to give us assurance in Christ
- Ask God to help us come boldly before him in prayer

Hymn of Praise “Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands no power can force me to depart,
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
I look to heav’n, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is safe with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

Prayer that Is Led By the Spirit

Call to Prayer Scripture Reading Eph 6:10-20

Prayers of Repentance

- Repent of not praying at the Spirit’s direction
- Repent of not praying for God’s people as we should

Prayers of Petition

- Ask God to renew in us a Spirit of prayerfulness
- Ask God to give us deeper love for his people
- Ask God to lead us in knowing what to pray for

Prayer that Is Serving the World

Call to Prayer Scripture Reading Luke 20:1-10

Prayers of Repentance

- Repent of not taking the gospel mission seriously
- Repent of disobeying God’s command for gospel mission

Prayers of Intercession

- Pray for God to raise up more workers
- Pray for God to send them to the neediest places
- Pray for God to send us to our neighbors & the nations

Hymn of Response “On Your Mission Send Us”

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease,
We, who rejoice to know you, renew before your throne
The solemn pledge we owe you to go and make you known.

Where other lords beside you hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied you defy you still today,
With none to heed their crying for life, for love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying, and pass into the night.

We bear the torch that flaming fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Our is the same commission, the same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition, to you we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on your mission send us, to labor for your sake.