



24
hours
of

prayer

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24 Hours of Prayer:

Prayer Guide

Greetings from Pastor Eric

Thank you for giving this hour of your time to pray for the Lord's blessing on our church. It is my fervent hope that God will use this hour to draw you closer to Himself and to work in your life, and that in the months to come we will look back and recognize these 24 Hours of Prayer as a time when God began to move powerfully in our church. Know that in my own prayer time this week, I have been praying for each and every one of you by name. I've written this booklet as a guide to focus your prayers through the next hour. Let's get started.

Find a comfortable place in the pew or at the altar rail. You're welcome to move around and change places in the hour to come. When you're ready, take three deep breaths to settle in and settle down, then pray through this opening liturgy:

Opening Liturgy

Pray this opening prayer

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son +, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, it is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Psalm 95:17)

- 95** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3** For the LORD is a great God,
 and a great King above all gods.
- 4** In his hand are the depths of the earth;
 the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5** The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
 let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- 7** For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the sheep of his hand.

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Read and reflect on these Scripture lessons

Psalm 126

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- ³ The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.
- ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!
- ⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
- ⁶ He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 26:36-36

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with

me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Recite the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Pray the Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers and Petitions

Now that you're prepared yourself, pray through these petitions one by one. Take time with each petition and make it your own by using your own words:

For StJLC

- For our pastors and Council
- For our staff
- For all those who serve our church

- For those who lead our worship music
- For the continued growth of the Praise Service
- That God would raise up pastors from our church
- For those who haven't been able to come to church and feel disconnected
 - Who do you know? Pray for those people by name
- Thanks for how God has blessed our church through this coronavirus season
- Thanks for growth, reaching new people. Prayers for continued and increased growth
- That God will pour out His Spirit on our church—for revival and renewal
 - Lord, make this a place where people come to know You, where they feel your Presence!
 - Lord, consecrate our church to You! Make StJLC and outpost of your Kingdom
 - Lord, make us faithful stewards of the resources you've given our church. Lead us to share them in service of your Kingdom

- For the strong and clear preaching of the Word of God
- Guidance to reach out and serve our community
- Guide us to make our "picture of a disciple" into reality
- For our Children's ministries
- For our Youth ministries
- That God will bless all the people participating in these 24 Hours of Prayer and draw each one closer to Himself

For Boerne

- Boerne is growing. Young families and empty nesters are moving in. Lord, help us reach them!
- For our fellow churches in Boerne
- For the schools in an around Boerne
- For government officials and law enforcement officers
- For health-care workers
- For those who live and serve in nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- For your neighbors and neighborhood.

For the USA

- Have mercy on us in this bitterly contested election season
- For whomever is elected President
- To awaken the churches in America
- Save our nation from tearing itself apart

For the North American Lutheran Church

- For our Bishop and leadership
- Raise up 300 men and women to serve as pastors in the next 10 years

- For the students, faculty, and staff of the North American Lutheran Seminary
- Work through us to plant 45 churches in the next 10 years—including 3 here in TX
- To be a church committed to developing disciple-making churches—200 in the next 3 years
- For our Global Workers and missionaries

For those in affliction

Pray this prayer

“Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your holy angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. Amen.”

- For the sick
- For those who struggle with mental illness
- For those who struggle with addiction.
 - Redeem, them, Lord from the grip!
- For those who grieve
- For the poor
- For the lonely

For your family and loved ones

- For your marriage
- For your children
- For your grandchildren
- For your brothers and sisters
- For your friends
- For your “one”—that person in your life who doesn’t know Jesus
 - That the Spirit will work through a messenger to speak the Good News into that person’s life
 - That God will redeem them from the darkness and break the grip of the Evil One over them
 - That the Good Shepherd will continue to search for this lost sheep until He finds it
 - That this Prodigal Son/Daughter will come to himself/herself and return to the Father
- For yourself

“Ask, and it shall be given to you. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened.”

 - What are you asking God to do? How do you need God to move in your life?

Closing Liturgy

Pray Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Pray this Prayer

O Lord, Almighty and Everlasting God, You have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with Your might power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all that we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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If you still have time, I invite you to read the Bible, sing a hymn, or continue praying. Please greet the people who come to serve in the next one-hour slot.