

CROSSPOINT PRAYER GUIDE

PAUSE

PRAY: Read Psalm 34 aloud

BE STILL: Breathe deeply and welcome the Holy Spirit

REJOICE

PRAY: Read Psalm 101 aloud

SING: A favorite song of worship about the faithfulness of God

ASK

PRAY FOR OUR HEARTS

In Revelation 7:9 we see a scene where people from every part of the world are gathered together singing and worshiping in the throne room of God. It shows that the eternal kingdom of God is wonderfully diverse and will be filled with people who are not all like you. Our church today should reflect God's eternal kingdom. Pray that God will help you to embrace people from every color, language, and nation just as he has done.

PRAY FOR JUSTICE

As Christians, we must stand with those who weep and mourn. Even though they may have a completely different set of circumstances in life, we are to be humble and empathetic to their pain. Pray that you will embody God's grace toward those who are grieving injustice and the violence from it.

PRAY FOR UNITY

Ask God for the wisdom and strength to strive for oneness, not sameness. Ask him to allow you to see that the mystery of the Gospel involves him uniting all people together in Christ, so we come to recognize all groups and cultures are important and valuable.

PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19

COVID-19 remains a concern for many, especially those who are elderly or have an underlying condition that may make them susceptible to the coronavirus. Ask God to protect them from infection and pray that God would give them peace amid any fears and anxiety they're facing. Ask God to slow and halt any further spread of COVID-19. Pray for God's particular intervention in the cities, states, and nations most affected. Pray for doctors and nurses and others in the healthcare field who continue to serve people affected by COVID-19. Pray that God would sustain them physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, we are reminded to pray for our political leaders. Ask God to give them wisdom as they make decisions to protect people's health, protect people's rights and freedoms, protect people's livelihoods, and protect people's lives. Ask for God to bring excellent advisers to guide them with truth and for God to give our leaders the ability to communicate clearly to the public.



YIELD

READ: “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

1 John 4:18-21

PRAY: Jesus, we declare that those of us who follow you are called to love others the way you love us: fully, wholeheartedly, unconditionally. We repent of our sins, of our racism, of our hatred, of our mistrust, of our fear, of our misconceptions—we repent of all things that would drive us further away from your heart and further away from our fellow brothers and sisters. Jesus, we ask for your peace over our nation today. We ask for healing and reconciliation. We ask that your Spirit would remove hatred and racism and bigotry of every kind.

READ: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

John 14:27

PRAY: Jesus, our needs can feel overwhelming, but you are able to meet them. You are faithful and true. You are present and reliable. You are dependable and trustworthy. You are our rock and our shield and our fortress and our provider.

God, we pray a blessing over our CrossPoint family. May you draw us closer to each other as we begin to gather face-to-face more frequently. May our times of worship and teaching be richer and more powerful than ever before, because of all that we see happening around us. Use this time to increase our faith, to produce greater love for the people in our spheres of influence, and to turn our hearts more faithfully toward you.

Jesus, help us to be people who care for those around us who are hurting, who are distressed and troubled. Help us trust you more deeply. Help us depend on you more consistently. Help us serve others more faithfully. Grow your character of love and humility and submission in our hearts today. We pray this in your name. Amen.

BE STILL

Breathe deeply, thank God for his presence, and release into his hands all you’ve prayed during this time of prayer.

