

PRAYER SERVICE 2

This evening we gather to hear God's Word and to respond with our prayers and praise. Our prayers flow directly out of God's Word. (**bold type** = congregation)

PRAISE SONGS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

"In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19b, NIV)

Amen.

Living God, Who conquered sin, death, and the devil in the resurrection of Your Son, lift our thoughts toward the risen Christ. May Your Word confront us when we think we are in control, comfort us when we are anxious, bring peace to us when our world is turned upside down, and give us joy when we are burdened with sorrow. May our songs be an opportunity to give You our thanks and praise. As we prepare for this time of prayer and praise, we confess:

Where I am guilty, assure me of forgiveness. Where I am anxious, calm my spirit with Your presence. Where I am weak in faith, enliven me by the power of Your Holy Spirit. (Time for silent and personal confession)

God forgives the sins of all who repent and entrust their lives to Him. I therefore reassure you of God's abiding forgiveness, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

+ + + GOD'S WORD + + + (Thanksgiving)

"In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7, ASV)

SILENT REFLECTION (A chime sounds to indicate we move into our spoken prayers)

PRAY YOUR PETITIONS OF THANKSGIVING

REFRAIN (to be chanted at the end of each time of prayer)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me, O Lord, hear my prayer;
O Lord, hear my prayer: Come and listen to me.

+ + + GOD'S WORD + + + (Comfort)

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV)

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11:28)

SILENT REFLECTION (chime sounds, moving us into our prayers)

PRAY FOR ALL WHO NEED COMFORT

REFRAIN

+ + + GOD'S WORD + + + (Testing and suffering)

"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that



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the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.” (James 1:2-5, NRSV)

SILENT REFLECTION (chime sounds, moving us into our prayers)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

REFRAIN

+++ GOD’S WORD +++ (God’s mission)

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ ….” (Colossians 4:2-3, NIV)

SILENT REFLECTION (chime sounds, moving us into prayers)

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S MISSION

REFRAIN

+++ GOD’S WORD +++ (Healing)

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5:13-16, NIV)

SILENT REFLECTION (chime sounds, moving us into our prayers)

PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR BODIES AND RELATIONSHIPS

REFRAIN

+++ GOD’S WORD +++ (Unity of our congregation)

“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3, NIV)

“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.” (1 Corinthians 1:10, NIV)

SILENT REFLECTION (chime sounds, moving us into our prayers)

PRAY FOR THE UNITY OF OUR CHURCH

REFRAIN

LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken slowly together)

BLESSING

“Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.”

Amen.

PRAISE SONGS

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