

Parish Prayer Meeting

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Thank you for joining us today. We're grateful that our church family is gathering all around the city to call upon the Lord at the same time. This prayer guide is a resource that you can adapt to your setting. As you begin, spend a few minutes introducing yourselves so you pray for one another by name.

PRAISING THE LORD

Read Psalm 100, then spend a few minutes praising the Lord together.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the Earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the LORD is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

In His Word, God commands us to acknowledge our sin and to cry out for His mercy. After reading Psalm 130, take time for private and then public confession.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.
Psalm 130:1-6

LEADER (after the time of confession):
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
Psalm 130:7-8

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH and DENOMINATION

In June, the General Assembly of our denomination (The Presbyterian Church in America) approved an overture calling for the church to "observe a solemn day of fasting and prayer for the revival and renewal of the church" in the month of September. This afternoon, we have an opportunity to join our brothers and sisters in praying for the Lord to revive His work in His people. PCPC has also set aside Wednesday, September 30, as a day for us to pray for revival and renewal in the church.

In a large group or smaller groups, read the following verses and pray for our church and our denomination. As another fall season begins at our church, ask the Lord to be glorified in the people and the ministry of our church.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;
I ponder the work of Your hands. I stretch out my hands to You;
my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.
Psalm 143:5-6

O LORD, I have heard the report of You, and Your work, O LORD, do I fear.
In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known;
in wrath remember mercy.
Habakkuk 3:2-3

PRAYING FOR GOD'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

With the call of the Great Commission and the power of the Holy Spirit,
let's ask the Lord to bless us as we seek to be His witnesses and make disciples.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20

"*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth."*
Acts 1:8

Here are some prayer prompts to get us started.

- Pray that the Lord would lead us as we engage in missions and church planting.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up more laborers for the harvest.
- Pray for zeal and opportunities to share the gospel with others.
- Pray that we would be faithful to make disciples.
- Pray for opportunities to know and love our neighbors in our parish.
- Pray that we would know how to glorify the Lord at home, at school, at work, etc.
- Pray for our local, state, and national leaders.
- Pray for our ministry partners who extend Christ in Dallas.
- Pray for our missionaries who extend Christ to the world.
  (See the booklet from our Missions staff for specific missionary prayer requests.)
- Pray for church planting efforts in the United States and around the world.
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world.
- Pray for the Lord to do a great work in the midst of global wars and conflicts.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on Earth,
Your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!
Psalm 67:1-3

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Using Paul's prayer as a guide, break into smaller groups and pray for one another. Briefly share personal requests or simply voice them in prayer.

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in Heaven and on Earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

As you come back together, conclude your time with this responsive reading.

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the Earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on Your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Optional: Sing the Doxology together.