

FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND...

2020 GUIDE FOR A SEASON OF PRAYER



A CALL TO PRAYER

“Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
that we may be saved!” - Psalm 80:3

The Scriptures teach us that prayer is a core practice of the Church. We see in Scripture that prayer is the way in which God's people align themselves with God's will. Throughout the Old Testament, God's people were called to pray and seek God. Jesus taught his disciples to pray to God as Father, and pray that God's "kingdom come and will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Often, this call to prayer was about renewal and revitalization. It was about a wandering people being brought back into right relationship with their God. It was a process of repentance and renewal.

Our season of prayer theme is “Far as the Curse is Found” which comes from the hymn “Joy to the World.” We pray that the Lord will “make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.” We are calling Church of the Atonement to commit to a season of prayer, seeking that God's renewal and restoration would come “far as the curse is found.”

We invite you to join us in praying for repentance and renewal in our personal lives, in our homes, in the Church of Jesus Christ, and our nation and world. As a church, let us ask God to forgive us for our sins of omission and commission, and to make us new. Let us pray as one body that the the Gospel of Christ renew every area of life and society.

In the following pages, you'll find a prayer guide for the next 9 weeks. We ask you to pray each week as you go along, with family, with friends, at work, in the car, or during your devotional time.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ryan & Pastor Terence

FOCUS: REPENTANCE FOR OUR NATION AND WORLD



Week 1

11/2-11/7

Guiding Scriptures: Genesis 1; Psalm 29; Job 38:1-7,12-13; Romans 1:18-2:11.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Repentance for the idolatry of political parties in the United States.
- Repentance for not praying for local, state, and federal governing powers.
- Repentance for the national sins of injustice, racism, abortion, and human trafficking.
- Mercy upon local, state, national governing authorities.
- Mercy upon world leaders: kings, queens, Prime Ministers, etc.
- Repentance for poor citizenship (not taking civic life seriously, especially as Christians).

FOCUS: REPENTANCE FOR THE CHURCH



Week 2

11/8-11/14

Guiding Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 7:13-14; James 4:3-4; Luke 24:44-47; Lamentations 5:19-22.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Repentance of idolatry.
- Repentance of worldliness in our worship and ministries.
- Repentance of minimizing the place of Scripture in our lives and not reading, studying, and loving God's Word.
- Repentance of not loving the poor.
- Repentance of not loving the lost.
- Repentance for not equipping the church for the work of ministry, and not building up the body of Christ (fellow sisters and brothers-in-Christ).

FOCUS: REPENTANCE FOR OUR HOME



Week 3

11/15-11/21

Guiding Scriptures: Nehemiah 1:6-11; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Psalm 106:1-8; Psalm 80:1-7.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Repentance for brokenness in family relationships.
- Repentance for selfish pursuits that place faith in the margins of life.
- Repentance for not biblically loving and serving our neighbors.
- Repentance for poor parenting, for not loving my children, nieces, nephews as I ought.
- Repentance for being a spiritual leader in my home.

FOCUS: REPENTANCE FOR OUR SELF



Week 4

11/22-11/28

Guiding Scriptures: Psalm 51; Revelation 4:15-17; Psalm 32; 1 John 1:9.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Repentance of personal idols.
- Sorrow for sins of omission and commission
- Repentance of selfishness, pride, bitterness, jealousy, lust, greed.
- Repent of every known sin. Ask God's forgiveness, and through the power of the Holy Spirit turn away from those habits and ways of living that are ungodly. If you are in Christ, you are a new creature. Live in newness of life.
- Repentance of the idol of work, schedule, my agenda vs. God's agenda.
- Repentance for a defensive attitude and response to others.
- Repentance for the influence of worldliness on my mind and heart (being like the world rather than as a son or daughter of God).
- Repentance for faithlessness in my decisions and pursuits.
- Repentance for not relying on God's word and promises; for not reading and studying the Bible which is a light for my daily path.
- Prayer for reconciliation with any one I have knowingly offended.
- Prayer for forgiveness of anyone I have unknowingly wrongly offended.

FOCUS: REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST



Week 5

11/29-12/5

Guiding Scriptures: John 11:25-26; Romans 8:1; Isaiah 44:22; Hebrews 10:11-14; Isaiah 65:17-25.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Give thanksgiving for how the Gospel touches every part of life.
- Offer praise for how through the Gospel we are made sons and daughters of God.
- Offer praise for the Gospel's message of atonement for sin and forgiveness.
- Ask for deeper understanding of the power of the Gospel in our lives, homes, churches, and world.

FOCUS: RENEWAL FOR OUR SELF



Week 6

12/6-12/12

Guiding Scriptures: Lamentations 3:21-24; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 8:13; Philippians 1:27.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Heart renewal.
- Commitment to reading and memorizing God's Word.
- Commitment to spiritual maturity: prayer, bible study, fellowship, mercy, love of holiness and grace.
- Growth in Gospel dependence; purity through God's grace.
- Commitment to walking and knowing Jesus Christ daily.
- Desire to share Christ with unbelievers.
- To be committed to Christ's Church and a faithful member of the local body, the church: time, talent, tithe, prayer.
- For God's presence in my life and for me to remember God is present.
- For commitment to godly values in all my living and endeavors.
- Commitment to biblically love my neighbor.

FOCUS: RENEWAL FOR OUR HOME



Week 7

12/13-12/19

Guiding Scriptures: Joshua 24:14-15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:1-4; Joel 2:12-17

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Salvation of children who do not walk with Christ.
- Salvation of young children.
- Strong family relationships.
- Commitment to biblical hospitality.
- Godly and gracious singles walking with God.
- Godly and gracious married couples walking with God.
- Godly and gracious parenting.
- To biblically love my children, my nieces, nephews.
- Commitment to home worship and/or devotions.
- For my home to be a lighthouse for Christ.

FOCUS: RENEWAL FOR OUR CHURCH



Week 8

12/20-12/26

Guiding Scriptures: Matthew 5:13-16; Isaiah 60:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- Commitment to worshiping our Triune GOD.
- Prayer for revival and revitalization of the churches ARP, PCA, OPC, EPC, NBC, SBC, Christian & Missionary Alliance, Anglican (Church of England), Assemblies of God, Church of God in Christ, Methodists.
- Prayer for churches to have powerful light-shining influence in local communities, towns, and cities.
- To be a church such that if our church left, then the community would truly miss our presence.
- Commitment to discipleship.
- Men investing in the lives of other men; women investing in the lives of other women; faithfully commending the faith to next generation.
- Authentic, faithful, Spirit-filled preaching and teaching of the Gospel message and the Word of God.
- For God to raise up a new generation of disciples who faithfully live out the Bible's worldview in every area of life and society.
- For the churches to biblically partner with each other for Christ's kingdom purposes in the community and society.
- For significant ministries of mercy for the poor and poverty-stricken.
- For pastors, church staff, their families, elders, deacons, trustees, and the congregation.

FOCUS: RENEWAL FOR OUR NATION AND WORLD



Week 9

12/27-1/2

Guiding Scriptures: Daniel 7:13-14; Philippians 2:1-11; Revelation 21:1-7; Joel 2:23-29.

1) Spend some time reading the Scriptures above and others in the Scripture guide.

2) Pray using the following prompts:

- An awakening: Salvation poured out in the United States.
- Influence of Biblical justice and mercy.
- God grant wisdom to local, state, and federal governing officials for righteous and just civil society, Branches of government: mayors, governors, President, Vice-President, House and Senate, Supreme Court.
- For kings, queens, Prime Ministers of other countries to rule righteously.
- For God's definition of righteousness and justice to influence the laws in our country.
- For God's definition of righteousness and justice to influence the laws of the nations of the world.
- Prayer for missionaries' gospel-influence in the countries where they labor.
- Prayer for civic and corporate leaders: for honesty, wisdom, and just and merciful leadership.
- Prayer for law enforcement, officials, and first responders to be safe, honest, wise, and biblically just.
- For safe and productive schools committed to teaching truth.
- For the decreasing influence of sin in our cities and towns.
- Prayer for the poor and poverty-stricken to receive aid and mercy.

The Scripture passages below accompany the prayer guide for "A Season of Prayer: Far as the Curse is Found." Please look these up and read them aloud as you pray. The passages are intended to guide you as you pray prayers of repentance, redemption, renewal in the areas of self, home, church, nation and globe. May the Spirit of God bless our prayers and bring repentance and renewal.

| Celebration of God's Supremacy, Mercy, & Grace | Repentance | Redemption |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| · Genesis 1:1 | · Psalm 51 | · John 11:25-26 |
| · Romans 11:33-36 | · Romans 3:10-12 | · 2 Corinthians 5:21 |
| · Psalm 29 | · Romans 3:23 | · John 10:10 |
| · Isaiah 44:6-8 | · Revelation 3:17 | · Romans 8:1 |
| · Revelation 1:8 | · James 4:3-4 | · Galatians 2:20 |
| · Revelation 22:13 | · Luke 24:44-47 | · Jude 24-25 |
| · Job 38:1-7 | · 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 | · John 1:9-14 |
| · Job 38:12-13 | · Lamentations 5:19-22 | · 1 Timothy 1:15-16 |
| · 1 Timothy 1:17 | · 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 | · Romans 5:1-2 |
| · Titus 2:11 | · Psalm 80:1-7 | · Romans 5:12-17 |
| · Colossians 1:15-18 | · Psalm 32 | · Romans 5:18-21 |
| · Isaiah 30:18 | · Romans 7:14-25 | · John 8:12 |
| · Psalm 34:1-9 | · Psalm 139:23-24 | · Galatians 4:4-7 |
| · Exodus 15:18 | · Nehemiah 1:4-11 | · Hebrews 10:11-14 |
| · Psalm 93:1-2 | · Psalm 19:13-14 | · Hebrews 10:15-18 |
| · Isaiah 43:1-3 | · Psalm 106:47 | · Colossians 1:13-14 |
| · Matthew 28:18 | · Psalm 106:1-8 | · Isaiah 44:22 |
| | · 2 Chronicles 30:9 | · 1 John 2:1-2 |
| | · 1 John 1:9 | · Hebrews 13 |

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| Renewal | · Ephesians 5:25-33 – Married couples |
| · Matthew 5:14-16 | · 1 Corinthians 7:8-9 – Singles |
| · Psalm 63 | · Ephesians 6:10-19 |
| · Philippians 3:12-16 | · Philippians 1:27 |
| · 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 | · Philippians 2:1-11 |
| · Daniel 7:13-14 | · 2 Timothy 2:8-13 |
| · Matthew 28:18-20 | · Hebrews 12:1-11 |
| · Romans 6:11-14 | · 1 Peter 2:9-12 |
| · Joshua 24:14-15 | · Ephesians 4 |
| · Hebrews 10:19-25 | · 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 |
| · Deuteronomy 6:4-9 | · Isaiah 60:1-3 |
| · Galatians 5:22-26 | · Revelation 21:1-7 |
| · Ephesians 6:1-4 – Parents and Children | · 2 Peter 3:18 |

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.