

Together in Prayer May 2023

1st. Thank you, Lord, for meeting our needs each and every day. Help us to understand the difference between our needs and our wants.

2nd. Lord, in your presence there is victory and peace; continue to uphold us as we face our personal trials.

3rd. Lord, as each of us discerns the service we must fulfil in our lives, grant us the gift of balance. Teach us how to live in the tension of caring for self and others.

4th. *"Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals."* **Psalm 36:6**

5th. Father God, we are grateful for the gift of words and literature; may we not be afraid to engage with works that challenge us.

6th. Lord of rebirth and new beginnings, to start anew can feel turbulent and groundless; give us your peace when we step into the void of new experience.

7th. Lord, help us become so familiar with your Word and with your presence that even our smallest actions will speak of you.

8th. Beloved Lord, guide our hands and feet as we care for members of your Body; give us an expansive view of your all your children's worth.

9th. Lord, may your people be known by their rest; may we learn to sleep even in the midst of life's storms.

10th. Loving Lord, today may we carve out moments to breathe your blessed air and appreciate the unfolding of this glorious spring.

11th. Lord Jesus, may our hearts and minds remain open in love and so create space for your Spirit to work and move.

12th. Father, we ask that you remind us what it means to be members of one Body; may we remember the stories that we come from and the people who have prepared the way before us.

13th. Holy Spirit, you dwell within us and you teach us perfect love, which drives out all fear. Give us a spirit of courage, and make us bold enough to love one another without fear.

14th. Father, grant us a discerning spirit to follow your path to justice. Equip us with your patience and grace so that as we walk with those who suffer, we might strengthen and uphold one another.

15th. Lord, some of us are enduring a time of being in the wilderness; may we take this time for reflection and be open to new ways of being.

16th. *"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*

Colossians 3:14

17th. Father God? sometimes injustices lead us to fury and frustration. teach us to direct our anger toward the right things; may it be used to bring about your good works.

18th. Faith in God is an opening up, a letting go, a deep trust, a free act of love but sometimes in our weaknesses it is so hard to love. Direct our feet, our hearts and our hands.

19th. Father, everything you teach us is not restricted to the walls of the church. Expand our vision to where we may find you today.

20th. In a world full of pain and injustice, we ask that God would grant us joy and hope that lasts.

21st. Thank you that we can be rooted in you, Lord; be our anchor in the midst of shifting circumstances.

22nd. Lord, the evil we wrestle with in this world has old roots; equip us to taste new possibilities during our struggles.

23rd. Lord, give us the strength to fight the good fight and finish the race; teach us what it means to put on your armour.

24th. God of transcendence, thank you for the freedom to wander as we search for you. Protect us wherever our feet may go.

25th. God who speaks, we refuse to let our silence be misinterpreted as compliance; teach us when and how to speak up.

26th. *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 1 John 4:18*

27th. Father, may we read and understand with new eyes every morning as your perfect love transforms our understanding of the world and your people.

28th. God of perfect power, during this season, may we fully embrace our vulnerabilities.

29th. Creator God, you see us fully and love us deeply all the same; what a joy this is. May we afford ourselves this same kindness to see ourselves the way you see us.

30th. Transform our desires to mirror yours, Lord. Bind us to you and to one another in vows of peace, in obedience to your word, and in the love of the Holy Spirit, which binds you to the Father, one God both now and forever.

31st. *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8*