



### **DAY OF PRAYER GUIDE – March 31, 2025**

Dear St. John's family, I am thankful you are making a commitment to be in prayer together - whether literally in person or apart - through a shared prayer focus! May we continue to see how the Lord wants to bring us to be "on the same page" in prayer through the Holy Spirit – **"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints" (Eph. 6:18 ESV)...** **"So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church" (Acts 12:5).**

**He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."**  
**Matthew 17:5**

-Spend some moments pausing to silently acknowledge and wait on the Lord. Ask Jesus to speak to and make his presence known to you and your St. John's family during this time of prayer, then pause to listen again.

-Slowly and thoughtfully pray through each line of the "Disciples' Prayer" (Lord's Prayer) below, pausing after each line and continuing in a sincere listening disposition toward the Lord, then specifically respond as prompted by the Holy Spirit.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name [Pause to Listen & Respond]. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven [Pause]. Give us this day our daily bread [Pause], and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors [Pause]. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil [Pause]. (For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever) [Pause]. Amen. – Matthew 6:9-13**

**HEART:** *Pray in the Spirit for your own heart's transformation, asking for Jesus to guide you*

For the Holy Spirit to give each of us the heart of the psalmist: **"Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name." Psalm 103:1**

For the Holy Spirit to help us see past our emotions to His truth...of ourselves, each other and our circumstances. Show us how to seek Him to shift our perspective of each to be viewed through His lens not ours. For him to create a responsive obedience within us to continually shift our perspective. **"Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions." Psalm 119:29**

**HOME:** *Pray in the Spirit for your family, for your walk with Christ, as well as other needs*

For us to be intentional in study of scripture and in prayer. Working to live out sanctifying relationships. Modeling it for each other. Learning. Teaching. Responding. Growing in grace and understanding. **“And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

**CHURCH:** *Pray in the Spirit for the worship, life/relationships, mission, & ministries of our St. John’s family in Christ*

For adults to hear the call to welcome, bless, and walk with children and youth toward God’s kingdom as Jesus did - **“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God”...And [Jesus] ...blessed them. Mark 10:14, 16**

For us to become aware of the gifts God has given us and for us to be willing to surrender them and use them in service of others for His glory. **“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10**

**COMMUNITY:** *Pray in the Spirit for the coming of God’s kingdom in our immediate community*

For God to show us how he wants us to minister to students on area college campuses to make disciples among them (**Matthew 28:18-20**)

For us to be intentional in being filled up with the Holy Spirit and ready to respond in faithful expectation that He does have a divine assignment for us that will be more than we can do on our own. Ready for the call allowing Him to equip us. **“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20**

A number of years back, a former Hollywood film industry person became radically saved by Jesus. The man credited his conversion in large part to God answering the faithful prayers of his believing sister. This man’s sister told him that she prayed **Acts 26:18** over him many times. It is a powerful verse to pray for anyone, especially when we see the deep darkness that troubles persons in our community and which we have all known in our own hearts. Who specifically will I pray this Scripture over? – **to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ Acts 26:18.**

A “Prayer for Mission” from the Book of Common Prayer: **Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen. (BCP 101)**