

# Prayers of the Saints: Corporate Prayer

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## SCRIPTURE

Ex 30:7-8: And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it [*the altar of incense*]. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations.

Mal 1:11: For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

Rev 5:8: And when He [*the Lamb*] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, reach holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.



### 1. PRAYER IN THE SANCTUARY

[Prayer based on Psalm 100]

*Father, in this sanctuary, pour out Your Spirit on Your people to enable us to make a joyful noise to You, Oh Lord.*

*Cause us to serve You with gladness; to come into Your presence with singing!*

*Cause us to know that You, Lord, are God! It is You who made us, and we are Yours; we are Your people, and the sheep of Your pasture.*

*Cause us to enter Your gates with thanksgiving, and Your courts with praise! We give thanks to You; we bless Your name!*

*For You, Oh Lord are good; Your steadfast love endures forever, and Your faithfulness to all generations.*

- Confess where worship has not been a priority in our lives & families.
- Pray that our worship ministry would flourish.
- Pray for new musicians
- Pray for more people to help run the slides.
- Pray for the Gospel to be proclaimed clearly and boldly each week.
- Pray for us to grow in our understanding of worship.

### 2. PRAYER IN THE LOBBY (Welcome Center)

[Prayer based on Hebrews 12:22-24]

*Father, We have to Mount Zion, the city where You, the living God, reside. We have come to the invisible Jerusa-*

*lem populated by throngs of festive angels and Christian citizens. It is the city where You, God, are Judge, with judgments that make us just. We have come to Jesus, who presents us with a new covenant, a fresh charter from You. He is the Mediator of this covenant. The murder of Jesus, unlike Abel's—a homicide that cried out for vengeance—became a proclamation of grace.*

- Pray for the Lord to draw more families to Providence.
- Pray for a spirit of love, grace, and peace for all who enter. If some enter with past hurt from former churches (or Christians), pray for them to feel peace as they enter the church.
- Pray for Providence to be a place where God's grace abounds.
- Pray for our greeters to be blessed with the gift of listening and discernment as people enter.
- Pray for our influence in the community, that we'd be a light for the Gospel.
- Pray for the youth ministry – that our teens will hear the Gospel and desire to walk more closely with Christ.
- Pray for the teachers & volunteers training our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

### 3. PRAYER IN THE LIBRARY

[Prayer based on Hebrews 10:21-25]

*Dear Father, since we have a great priest over Your house, we draw near with true hearts in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water, enable*

*us to hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for You who promised are faithful. And let us consider how we can stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see the Day drawing near.*

- Pray for our Christian education (CE) ministry, the bible studies, and small groups.
- Pray for us to grow in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for greater hunger & thirst for righteousness.
- Pray for us to extend grace to each other.
- Pray for our missions partners (referring to the missions wall).

#### **4. PRAYER IN THE PROVIDENCE CAFÉ (or just outside of it so as not to disrupt the classes)**

[Prayer based on Deuteronomy 6:5-9]

*Dear Father, You instruct us in Your Word that we should love You, the Lord our God, with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our might. And these words that You command... are to be on our hearts. We are to teach them diligently to our children, and we are to talk of them when we sit in our houses, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise. We are to bind them as signs on our hands, and they shall be as frontlets between our eyes. We are to write them on the doorposts of our houses and on our gates.*

- Pray for the fellowship and connections within the body, that we would engage in each others' lives.
- Thank the Lord for the amazing individuals & families He has brought to Providence.
- Pray for a spirit of service – that we would all delight to serve the Body of Christ with our gifts & talents.
- Ask the Lord to use our celebrations events to draw people to the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for the children as they are being taught the Gospel.
- Pray for the up-coming VBC.
- Pray for teachers and volunteers in the children's ministry.

#### **5. CLOSE IN PRAYER**

IN UNISON:

***Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.***

***Thy Kingdom come.***

***Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***