



A Call To Prayer - New City Covenant Church The Week of November 6th, 2022

***“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
-Colossians 4:2***

Greetings, New City Covenant Church,

Thank you for participating in our call to prayer effort together as a church family. As we gather this November from across the Twin Cities and beyond, we find ourselves in an unprecedented season in which focusing on God is vital. Let us together ask God to guide this new chapter at New City. We hope this weekly prayer guide will help us to, as the Psalmist says, “...lay (our) requests before (the Lord) and wait expectantly.”

This guide is not rigid - use it as you see fit.

This week, beginning on November 6, 2022, we gather to focus on our **relationship with God (UP), which leads to our inward relationship with one another (IN)**. This guide includes a daily Scripture focus that you may read once or several times daily. It also has a list of general and specific prayer requests and finishes with a liturgy that we want to encourage you to pray silently or out loud daily. Be blessed as we continue this journey together, seeking the Lord for a holy vision.

Prayer Gathering:

You are welcome to join us for a prayer and worship service on **Wednesday, November 9** at, 12:00 -12:30 pm Central Time. You can join us **in person** at New City Covenant Church or online on our Facebook Page.

Weekly Bible Readings

The readings below are inspired by the [Covenant Book of Worship](#) Lectionary Selection. Add them to your daily reading or engage them in a way that works best for you.

- Monday: [Psalm 70](#)
- Tuesday: [1 Kings 17:8-16](#)
- Wednesday: [Psalm 98](#)
- Thursday: [Hebrews 9:24-28](#)
- Friday: [Mark 12:38-44](#)

Prayer Requests

This week, as we pray through our “requests,” will center on praying through Philippians 2:1-4.

Philippians 2:1-4 *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Begin with prayers of REVERENCE

(Think “*Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name*”)

- Focusing on the attributes of God mentioned in this passage
- Praise God for who he is.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,...

Start your prayers with:

- We praise you - we are united with Christ ...
- We praise you - for your love shown to us when ...
- We praise you - sharing in the Spirit in ...
- We praise you - for your tenderness and compassion when...

Pray prayers of RESPONSE

(Think, *Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*)

- Our response to God’s character, Yielding to the Holy Spirit, to God’s purposes
- The best way to talk to God about His purposes is in His own words

...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind...

Start your prayers with:

- Help us to be like-minded for God's glory in...
- May our will be under the direction of God's love in...
- Give us the desire to be unified instead of divided when...

Pray REQUEST prayers

(Think, *Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors*)

...Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,...

Start your prayers with:

- Father, help me not to be selfishly focused when ...
- God, grant me the humility to value.....when I tend not to....
- God help us to be humble with one another:
 - In our church,
 - With our neighbor,
 - With all those that you put in our lives every day.

Pray prayers of READINESS

(Think, *Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil*)

- We are in a spiritual battle; we trust our welfare to God

...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others..

Start your prayers with

- God, teach me not to be self-focused, but help me to see....

This Week's Liturgy:

What Can We Believe?

O God, we are so fragile:

Our dreams get broken,

Our relationships get broken,

Our hearts get broken,

Our bodies get broken.

What can we believe,

Except that you will not despise a broken heart, that old and broken people shall yet dream dreams, and the lame shall leap for joy, the blind see, the deaf hear.

What can we believe,

Except what Jesus taught: that only what is first broken, like bread, can be shared; that only what is broken is open to your entry; that old wineskins must be ripped open and replaced if the wine of new life is to expand.

So, we believe, Lord; help our unbelief.

That we may have the courage to keep trying when we are tired and to keep wanting passionately when we are found wanting.

Help our unbelief that we may have the courage to dare to love the enemies we have the integrity to make; to care for little else save our brothers and sisters of the human family; to take time to be truly with them, take time to see, take time to speak, take time to learn with them before time takes us; and to fear failure and death less than the faithlessness of not embracing love's risks.

God, we are so frantic: somehow, we've lost our gentleness in a flood of anger, ambition, and fear.

We've lost our sense of wonder in a maze of videos and computers.

We've lost our integrity in a shuffle of commercial disguises.

We've lost our gratitude in a swarm of criticisms and complaints.

We've lost our innocence in a sea of betrayals and compromises.

What can we believe,

Except that the touch of your mercy will ease the anguish of our memory; that the tug of your Spirit will empower us to help carry now the burdens we have loaded on the lives of others; that the example of Jesus will inspire us to find again our humanity.

So, we believe, Lord, help our unbelief

That we may have the courage to cut free from what we have been and gamble on what we can be, and on what you might laughingly do with a trembling us for your incredible world.

-Adapted from Prayers Public and Personal -Nelson, 2010.

We are all invited to experience the breathtaking work of the Lord in this season – not only in our own lives but also as the wider body of Christ. May you be blessed as we together follow Scripture's call to pray for and with one another.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For the full prayer schedule, please visit: <https://newcitycov.org/a-call-to-prayer/>