

# LENT 2024

## Prayer Engagement Guide

### CORPORATE PRAYER

#### Wednesday Services of Prayer & Worship

February 28 & March 13 | 7:00 PM

#### Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Services

#### Good Friday Service

March 29 | 7:00 PM

### WEEKLY PRAYER PROMPTS

#### Week 1: For Our Church Body

- For those who are struggling with need of any kind (financial security, employment, health issues, loneliness).
- For our discipleship ministry with children and adolescents.
- For our ministry of hospitality. That new visitors would be welcomed and received and that all who call All Souls home would find a place to use their gifts and abilities.
- That our staff and elders would continue to seek God's invitation to participate in the Spirit's ministry of renewal.
- For unity and alignment as we lead. That our witness to the community would be a people who love one another and live reconciled lives with one another.

#### Week 2: For Our New Minister for Mission and Formation

- As we conduct final interviews, that our interview team (Ricky Busby, Amrah Johnson, George Thomas, Steven Good) would be unanimous and discerning.
- Prepare our congregation to receive the ministry of the one who is called.
- That our staff and congregation would welcome him/her warmly.
- That his/her current ministry would continue to flourish and that any transitions would be made smoothly.
- We give thanks that God has already equipped whom God has called.

#### Week 3: For the Global Church

- That churches throughout the world will realize the impact they have in their communities. That God would give leaders wisdom, strength, and encouragement as they reach out to others.
- That the Church throughout the world would be a place of refuge and welcome for those far from God.
- For the many Christians throughout our world who are oppressed or made vulnerable to political pressure and/or violence because of their faith. For those operating in these challenging contexts—that they will continue to serve and minister with courage and grace.
- That in these divisive times, churches around the world would clearly affirm the Lordship of Jesus above all political loyalties.
- That churches would believe and live out of the hope of resurrection.
- We give thanks for the vibrancy of the Church in the global East and South. May their faithful witness continue to shape and inspire the future.

#### Week 4: For Our Ministry Partners

- For the teachers and leadership of Peace Prep Academy as they work to ensure that whole children, whole families, and whole communities experience the joy of flourishing that God envisions. That they would continue to be encouraged in their work, and find stamina, perseverance, patience, and joy in their mission.
- For Suzy Grumelot and her congregation, Chapel Nesle. That God would grant wisdom and favor as they seek to expand their ministry and purchase property to provide practical and theological training for pastors and church planters, as well as artists, musicians, and other bi-vocational professionals who long to be part of the bigger plan of advancing His Kingdom in France.

- For Brian and Mandy who lead a church in Southeast Asia, that God would continue to provide leadership and vision. For their discipleship groups to be intimate and intentional, spurring each other on. For the larger gatherings to connect and encourage them to see and display Jesus. Pray for them to use our strategic city-center location to reach more people with the gospel.
- For Beacon of Hope, that God provides child care assistance, as well as knowledge experts on parenting and life skills for their monthly parenting classes. For patient care advocate volunteers for the clinic.
- That Decatur Cooperative Ministry can effectively help the families in our city facing homelessness settle into safe, stable homes and build healthy lives filled with peace, hope, and opportunity.
- For Friends of Refugees as they expand their work in pairing Atlanta families with newcomers in the coming year. For protection and resilience for new Americans who increasingly hear dehumanizing and threatening language in the news about refugees and asylum seekers. That they can experience welcome and belonging instead of fear and confusion.

### **Week 5: For Our Community**

- That those in need with no place to call home will be guided to places of peace and security. That those with chronic financial or food insecurity will have their needs met. Give your people eyes to see and hearts to give as you direct.
- That the bonds of love would be strengthened in marriages and family systems within our community and that the children in those homes would have access to safe education with the resources they need to thrive.
- That teachers and educators would be blessed with creative ideas and resources to solve their most challenging situations. Particularly, for those who teach and lead in under-resourced neighborhoods whose labor often goes unnoticed. Pray that they find hope and joy in their community.
- That churches in our community would find hopeful ways to demonstrate the unity that the gospel requires.
- Give thanks for the good that you've seen in and through your neighbors.

### **Week 6: For Our Nation**

- For the rise in anxiety and depression, particularly among young people. That God would give comfort and relief to those challenged by mental and emotional illnesses and compassion and strength to those who minister to their needs.
- That our leaders would pursue just priorities in a posture of mercy and humility and that lawmakers would place the common good ahead of partisan grievances.
- That God would defend the vulnerable and voiceless in our midst, and bring justice to those who have suffered wrongly. That our nation would find the will to repent and repair the legacy of racialized injustice.
- For families, friendships, communities and churches who have experienced relational distress due to polarizing political and/or ideological rhetoric. For an end to the rise in contemptuous language that seeks to dehumanize others.
- For God's kingdom to come and will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

### **Week 7: For Our World**

- For those grieving the sudden loss of loved ones, captives, and those whose homes have been destroyed in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.
- For the civil wars in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Colombia, and Mali, and Mexico's war against drug cartels.
- For a miraculous de-escalation of these conflicts—that reason would overcome rage and revenge. That other nations will be restrained from escalating this situation further and that effective international peacemaking would seek diplomacy over warmongering. Blessed are the merciful and the peacemakers.
- For the 2 billion in our world who live in chronic poverty and the 783 million who are affected daily by food insecurity.
- For those who have yet to hear the joyous news of Jesus and those who may be open anew to the gospel of the kingdom.