

Sun Peaks Community Church - 7-Days of Prayer

Thank you for taking time this week to pray for our church, for each other, and for the Sun Peaks community. These are important weeks for SPCC. Please pray that God will establish His church as a lighthouse and a sanctuary on this mountain. A lighthouse that shines bright for Jesus and a sanctuary where anyone can experience safety, care, acceptance, and love.

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) was a model given to us by Jesus. We will use the parts of this prayer as a guide for this 7-Days of Prayer.

Monday, December 9th **RELATIONSHIP:** ***"OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN..."***

All true prayer begins with relationship, receiving the love of God in Jesus Christ. Receive the Father's love. We so need it. Your neighbor going through a divorce needs it. The person who bugs you needs it. Everyone who has ever been born needs it. Regardless of what else God wants to do in your life during these next 7 days, you can be sure that He wants to refresh you in His love.

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." 1 John 4:16 (NIV)

- Take time right now to receive the Father's unfailing, never-ending love.
- Take a few more moments and pray the Father's love on others that God brings to your mind.
- Take time to pray that God's love for each other will invade our church family.

Tuesday, December 10th **WORSHIP:** ***"HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME..."***

All true prayer responds to the revelation of God's Name. It is appropriate to declare the value of His Name, emphasizing the names of God particular to your situation. God's Name reflects His character, His attributes, and His virtues. God is self-revealing.

- Meditate on a particular Name of God. Savor it. Put your whole heart into it. Some examples of God's names: Almighty, Ancient of Days, Ever-Present Help, Father of Lights, Good Shepherd, Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace, Redeemer, Refuge, Saviour, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Tower of Strength.
- Declare God's Name over your life. Declare His Name over those for whom you have responsibility.

Wednesday, December 11th **LORDSHIP:** ***"YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."***

Once we affirm our relationship with the Father and declare the glory of His Name, we are to advance His Kingdom. God has given us the authority to advance His Kingdom through prayer.

What is the Kingdom? To put it simply, the Kingdom is the rule of Christ made visible. When we advance the Kingdom through prayer, we are praying down righteousness, joy, and peace. Even more importantly, we are praying down the Holy Spirit. Let's remember - it is God's Kingdom, not ours.

- Take several moments to pray for the reign of Christ over your life, over your sphere of influence, and over the areas of responsibility He has assigned to you.
- Take time to pray for the reign of Christ over all the plans, actions, and efforts of SPCC.
- Pray surrendering your life to God – ***"Your will be done!"*** Surrender to His Plan(s), His Purpose(s), His Promise(s), and His Provision(s). ***"Father, not my will but yours be done."***

Thursday, December 12th **PROVISION:** ***"GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD."***

Jesus meets all our needs out of His glorious riches (Phil 4:19). ***"Our daily bread"*** represents our needs. Just as a parent desires to provide food for their children, so God provides for all our needs.

- Take some time to thank God for his faithful provision of our needs.
- Accept God's provision for your needs (not your *"greeds"*) and pray for the needs of others.
- Ask God to replace *entitlement* in our lives with *contentment* and gratitude (Prov 30:8-9)
- Take time to ask for God's provision in all areas of our church - physical, spiritual, emotional, financial.

Friday, December 13th

FORGIVENESS:

***“FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE ALSO
HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.”***

With the forgiveness we have received from Christ, we are now able to extend that forgiveness to others. While we are praying, God often brings to our mind areas of our lives where there is resentment, bitterness, grudges, offenses, and unforgiveness.

The only part of the Lord's Prayer that Jesus repeats when the prayer is complete is forgiveness:

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

We don't want to allow unforgiveness to hinder our prayers.

- Pray, giving-up the hope that the past could have been different - accepting that the past cannot be changed.
- Confess and renounce bitterness, resentment, grudges, or unforgiveness.
- Extend forgiveness to those who have offended you. Ask God to bless your enemies.

“Stop making what people did to you bigger than what Jesus did for you.” - Christine Caine

Saturday, December 14th

DELIVERANCE:

***“LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT
DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE.”***

Our two greatest enemies are sin and Satan. In this portion of the Lord's Prayer, we confront both these enemies. Sin is the enemy *within*, lurking in the shadows of our lives ready to deceive and destroy us. Satan is the enemy *without*, prowling like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).

Often the deepest work God does when we pray takes place in our hearts. What sin(s) is God identifying in your life? Pride, selfishness, lust, deception, or idolatry? Is it lack of love, unkindness, or unbelief? ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*** 1 John 1:9

- Jesus wants to set you free! He is your bondage breaker. Be honest. Humble yourself. Ask for Jesus' help.
- Pray that with clean hearts and clear minds God will deliver you, protect you and provide for your every need.

Sunday, December 15th

OWNERSHIP:

***“FOR THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE
GLORY ARE YOURS, NOW AND FOREVER.”***

All true prayer moves toward Christ's ownership over all things. Christ's Kingdom, power, and glory is the goal of all prayer. It is no wonder the pattern of prayer Jesus gives ends with this declaration.

Kingdom is the key word repeated in the Lord's Prayer: ***“Your Kingdom come... for yours is the Kingdom...”*** Power refers to the matchless strength and authority that God has to accomplish His purpose. Glory, His manifest presence, is the sum total of all His virtues and attributes. The Lord's pattern of prayer ends without asking for anything but simply giving Christ all the glory He deserves.

- Take several moments right now and declare the ownership of Christ over every area of life, your life and the life and ministry of our church.
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