

## 1st Wednesday Prayer August 5, 2020

### Praise and Thanksgiving:

**Ephesians 1:3-6** *3Praise be to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will- 6to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*

### Praise God for:

- For blessing us with every spiritual blessing in Christ
- For adopting us as his children and redeeming us through the blood of Christ.
- For giving us hope and a future.

### Confession:

**1 John 1:8-9** *8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

**Ephesians 1:7-8** *7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,*

**Romans 8:1** *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

- Spend time allowing God to show us areas that we need to confess and repent and allow His forgiveness. So that we can have confidence before Him knowing we are no longer condemned.

### Pray for our world. And those who have been sent out to make disciples.

**Matthew 6:9-10** *"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven,hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

**Matthew 28: 18-19** *18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

- Pray for God's Kingdom to continue to advance throughout the world and break down strongholds. **2 Corinthians 10:4** *For the weapons of our warfare are not those of the world. Instead, they have the power of God to demolish fortresses. We tear down arguments.*
- Pray for global evangelism
- Pray for victory over the global pandemic, Political unrest, wars, natural disasters.

### Pray for our country:

**2 Chronicles 7:13-14:** *13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

- May we intercede for our country and leaders
- Pray for divine wisdom for our president. May he make wise decisions.
- Pray for the upcoming election for the right person to be president
- Pray for the civil unrest and anarchy that has been taking place throughout the country. Pray for racial reconciliation; peace and justice.

### Pray for our church and our community:

**Colossians 1:28-29:** 28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

The Lord Jesus' prayer for His church in **John 17:21** *"that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

- Pray that God would awaken the church and make visible the character of God and his redemption, as we serve and show compassion during this pandemic.
- Pray that we are able to fully devote ourselves to God and be in His presence and hear what He has to say. *(For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the Children of God - Romans 8:14)*
- Pray for wisdom and unity among our church leaders (Pastors and staff, session, deacons).
- Pray for our missionaries as God's ambassadors, messengers of His Good News to the world
- Pray for those who are experiencing financial crises, and lost jobs at this time. Pray for the unborn, orphans, the homeless, the abused especially at this difficult season. Ask God to show us how to be a church and reach and love our community.
- *Pray for those who are in despair, lonely, feeling lost, that they find hope in God. "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" - Jeremiah 29:11.*

### **Personal Prayer**

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).*

Close with the Lord's Prayer