



## Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

### Day of Fasting and Prayer

#### 7-8 am

The day is ordered to pray through the Lord's Prayer as we make our requests known to our Father. We need our Father's direct intervention in our lives and in the church. Through each of the seven requests we will have a prayer focus. Feel free to include more requests as we cry out to our Father.

*I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road, because we had told the king "The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him." So, we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.*  
*Ezra 8:21-23*

Begin the morning by making a list of requests that you see as important:

#### 8-10 am

##### OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

You have free and immediate access to God in prayer through Jesus!

*Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, ...Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need. Heb. 4.14-16*

He is eager to hear you and willing to answer:

*O you that hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. Psalm 65.2*

*Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7.7*

You could not be more loved. He loves you with the intensity and character of his love for his only son...

*Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who cries out "Abba" Father. Gal 4.6*

#### Prayer focus

*Our great God and Father has promised to be a God to us and to our children after us. We lay hold of this promise as we pray with expectation.*

For Children and Youth Ministries

For our children to grow up knowing and trusting in Jesus Christ

For wisdom as we restart ministries

For Staffing and volunteer needs

10 am – Noon

### HALLOWED BE THY NAME

The old English means: “Let your name be held as holy in all my life and worship and words.” These words constitute *an opportunity to worship* and at the same time a time to *confess* our coldness of heart, lack of praise and thanks, words or thoughts that are neglectful or dishonoring of God.

*You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.*

*Exodus 20.7*

*Worship the Lord God and serve him only. Luke 4.8*

*True worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, ... John 4.23*

#### Prayer focus:

*We delight to worship our great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we come songs and hymns, we seek to honor Him.*

For our Music ministry to be glorifying to God while building us up

For wisdom in our path forward in all aspects of our music and worship ministry

For His name to be hallowed in our worship and in our lives

Thankful that we can approach a holy God without fear because of Christ died and rose for us

### THY KINGDOM COME

Here we ask God to manifest his present and coming rule and reign in us and to others who know Him not. This petition refers especially to the great commission and to the preaching of the Good News here and throughout the world.

*<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:16-20*

#### Prayer focus:

*The extending of the kingdom of God includes the preaching in the pulpit but also the sharing of our faith with our neighbors. The call is a summons to all His people.*

For the Pulpit Committee- Wisdom & Guidance

*Proverbs 1.5, Matthew 7.7-11, John 14.24-26*

Pray for discernment as candidates are considered

Pray for unity on the committee

Pray that we would all embrace our call and mission to proclaim Jesus and Lord and Savior

*John 20.21, Acts 1.8*

Pray for one person you would like to share the gospel with

Express thankfulness that King Jesus is ruling and reigning His church

Noon – 12:30 Zoom Prayer

Join us for a season of corporate prayer on Zoom (link in the email)

1 – 3 pm

### THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

This has special reference to a life of obedience and piety, of love and good deeds in *the here and now of our lives*. We want the harmony, holiness, love and joy of heaven to visit this world through God's people as they minister the gospel in word and deed.

*<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

#### Prayer focus:

*The kingdom of God is a kingdom of love, mercy, justice. Use this time to consider life changes God is calling you to.*

For our renouncing of ungodliness and worldly passions

For our living self-controlled, upright and godly lives

Thankfulness that we now have hope and wait for King Jesus return.

Thankfulness for King Jesus who redeemed us so that we would be zealous for good works

### GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

Thanksgiving and request includes praying with thanks for all that we require in governance, food and lodging, and peace to enable us to serve God as he intends. This includes for example, praying for our parents, those in authority over us, our jobs and our bosses/managers, as well as for our financial needs.

*...Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matt 6.28-33*

#### Prayer Focus:

*Our great God and Father generously provides for us. His example provides us a template for a generous life with my time, talent and treasure as well and relieving my anxiety about His provision.*

For the loss we all feel of the gifting and relationship with Darwin, Ryan, Jacob, Phillip and their families. Psalm 86 1-13, Psalm 90

For the anxiety the transition brings

For trusting our heavenly Father to provide for the church

That we would be generous in serving the church that Jesus gave His life for

For depending on our Father in all circumstances

3 – 4 pm

**FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS**

We pray for peace and unity in our homes and in the church. This unity comes about through confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness from God and each other.

*Confess your sins to one another and pray for each other so that you might be healed. James 5:16*

*<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34*

*<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phil. 2.3-4*

**Prayer Focus:**

*The call to love one another is not accomplished by our will power but with humility and in walking by the Spirit so that we do not carry out the deeds of the flesh.*

For God to help you be a peacemaker – to not receive or make gossip, to speak kindly

For unity within the church, especially within the leadership

For modeling what it means to count others more significant than ourselves

For courage to speak with those we have distrust toward or previous unresolved hurt

4 – 6 pm

**LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

We always need to pray for the grace of perseverance – to keep up the fight and not quit –and for courage to stand against temptation and to withstand the many trials we face.

**Prayer Focus:**

Kingdom advance. We serve the ascended King. Jesus has all authority and power. As His ambassadors He call us to fruitful labor.

For Darwin, Ryan, Jacob and Phillip’s fruitful ministry in new fields and transition of their families

For spiritual protection, for yourself, your family and leaders in the church

For continued growth in our faith in Jesus our Lord and Savior

For growth in grace and knowing Him 2 Peter 3.18

As we close our time in prayer remember Jesus words. Our Father hears and answers our prayers, he gives fruit testifying to our belonging to Him and He grants full joy to our hearts.

*<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.  
John 15.7-11*