

Wednesday Lunchtime, Call to Pray and Fast

The following is a guide that you may use during your prayer time.

-Prayers of Praise and Trust, Psalms 138 and 46. Imagine God setting a fortress around His people who worship at Lindale. Imagine God's people singing and worshipping within that fortress, Psalm 46:1-3. Because of God's "love and faithfulness," we can be "bold and stouthearted," Psalm 138:2-3

"Songs of thanksgiving and sounds of rejoicing; these are what please and fill your heart, O Lord. We were created to worship you. Our hearts were made to sing. You called for all that have breath to praise you, the Giver of breath itself. When decrease and shame should have marked our lives, you instead brought increase and honor. In so doing you prepared for yourself a people of praise. So hear the melodies of our hearts and the praises of our lips. These are our songs of gratefulness and sounds of rejoicing."

-Prayers for Healing, Jeremiah 17:14, Malachi 4:2. God is Maker, Healer, Savior, and Deliverer. Thank God that he is everything to us; health and salvation, hope and sustenance, wholeness and strength. There are many people in our church who are hurting physically, mentally, and spiritually. Pray that God's Spirit will heal all who have and are struggling.

"Sun of righteousness, rise in us with healing and life. Lift those who hurt on your wings of grace and freedom. You, Lord Jesus, are the promised rising Sun, the glorious and righteous One. You were wounded for our healing, delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. Your name is above every name, high and lifted up, exalted over every human authority or spiritual power. You are the first and the Last, the living One who holds the keys of death and hell. O Light of the world, rise to light our way with healing and joy. Keep alive in us heaven's song of hope and praise—"Hallelujah, for our Lord God Almighty reigns!"

-Prayers for the Pastors and Leaders of Lindale

Pray that they will keep their eyes on God. *"For we are powerless before this vast number that comes to fight against us. We do not know what to do, but we look to you."* 2 Chronicles 20:12

Pray they will not take a step apart from God's leading. *"If your presence does not go with us," Moses responded to Him, "don't make us go up from here."* Exodus 33:15

Pray they will be wise in leading God's people. *"So give your servant an obedient heart to judge your people and to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of yours?"* 1 Kings 3:9

Pray they will know when to push away from the crowds to pray. *"But the news about [Jesus] spread even more, and large crowds would come together to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. Yet he often withdrew to deserted places and prayed."* Luke 5:15-16

Pray they will speak the gospel boldly. *"Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel."* Ephesians 6:19

Father, I thank you that no weapon formed against our pastors, leaders, and church will prosper. Every tongue raised against them will be cast down. Rumors and gossip will be turned aside. I pray that your presence and peace will keep them, that they will dwell in the shadow of the Most High God, and will be delivered from terror, darts of doubt, and diseases (Psalm 91:5,6). Set your angels about them (Psalm 91:11). No power of the enemy shall harm them (Luke 10:19). I take authority over evil powers of deception, intimidation, and destruction. I bind them in Jesus' name and cast them far

from our pastors, our leaders, and our church. Father, I pray that your abundant life would flood and fill their lives with peace. (John 10:10)

-Prayers for the children, youth, and young adults of Lindale, Deuteronomy 11:18-21. From God's perspective helping children and youth develop a living faith in the living God is far more important than anything else. In the above passage the Lord tells the Israelites that only when they love and worship him wholeheartedly will he bless them and cause them to flourish.

Father, I want to love you with all my heart and soul. We want to lead children, youth, and young adults to love and honor you as well. Help us to live in faithful ways that they will be drawn to you. Show us practically how to talk with and teach them about your truth, teach them your principles, and help them apply your Word to their lives. Give your divine wisdom and energy to all the teachers, sponsors, and volunteers of the children and youth ministries, and of LCCP. May the entire congregation be drawn together in love, unity, peace, and witness.

-Prayers for the churches of the Valley, that all would be bold and stouthearted strongholds of Light and Truth from one church to another, and that the Spirit of the Living God would blow and breathe into and through each body of believers.

Mission: Matthew 28:18-20

Love: John 13:35

Unity: Romans 15:5-7

Spirit of knowledge and power: Colossians 1:3, 9-14; 3:12-14, 15-17

-Praying Scripture as a letter from God

"If you live according to My Word, then I will guide you always. I will satisfy all your needs and will make you strong. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. So trust Me with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge Me in everything you do, and I will make your journey easier.

I will guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

I am your Rock and your Fortress; because I am your God, I will lead and guide you. If you will listen, I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. I am your God forever and ever, and I promise I will be your guide—even to the end of time.

When you cannot see the way, I will lead you through unfamiliar territory; I will turn the darkness into light before you and make the rough places smooth. These things I will do. I will not forsake you. Once again, I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you what is best for you, Who directs you in the way you should go.

You are not alone."

Psalms 31:3; 32:8; 48:14; Proverbs 3:5-6; 4:11-12; Isaiah 42:16; 48:17; 58:11

-End your prayer time with your favorite songs of praise!

"There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:26-27