



January 23, 2019 – Prayer Guide

Hello Hope Church Family!

Thank you for taking time out of your day to pray. What you are doing during this time is the most important thing you will do today! We believe passionately that God is at work in our city, in the west and around the world, and He has invited us to join Him in that work. One of the ways we do this is through prayer. So, thank you so much for taking time to join God in changing the world today! My prayer is that as you pray, you experience His presence at a more intimate level than you ever have before!

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SECTION 1: REVERENCE (suggested time: 10 minutes)

This section is to focus on the character of God by praising and thanking Him. Begin by reading the following verses:

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing any should perish, but for all to come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

- **Praise and thank God for who He is.** Select an attribute of God in these verses, and enter into a time of praise and thanksgiving. For example, this verse tells us that God is a promise keeper. Start your prayer to God today by acknowledging this truth.

"I can count and rely on all Your promises Lord. They are all good and they are all right on time. If You promise something, it always come to pass. You are able to accomplish more than I could ever think or ask. To not keep a promise would be to deny Yourself. You are a promise keeper!"

Acknowledge to Him the importance of Him keeping His promises. Thank Him for how you have experienced this attribute in the past.

SECTION 2: RESPONSE (suggested time: 5 minutes)

This section is about surrender. In response to who God is, this is an opportunity to yield yourself to Him.

- **Reflect on the attributes of God in Psalm 84:11.**
 - *What is your response to God being a sun and shield to you?*
 - *Are you in need of grace today?*

As the Holy Spirit speaks to you, let that lead you to pray. For example, *"God, you are a guide and protector of me. I will never know how many things you have kept from me for my safety, but I know that you give only that which is best for me. Thank you for your love and constant care. I trust you today."*

Read this verse and respond as God speaks to you:

*"For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness;
The upright will behold His face." - Psalm 11:7*

SECTION 3: REQUESTS (suggested time: 10 minutes)

This section is to lay requests before God. You may want to use a journal to make notes for each area provided. During this time, if the Lord directs you to pray about other needs, follow His leadership. Begin by reading this verse:

“...You do not have because you do not ask.” – James 4:2

Seek the Lord about each of these specific areas:

1. *Personal and/or Family Needs: What is on your heart to pray on a personal level?*
 - Recommendation: Pray for a spiritual revival in your household in 2019.
2. *Ministry Needs: What is on your heart to pray for those you serve or influence?*
 - Recommendation: Pray for fellow ministries and churches in the valley.
3. *Hope Church: What is on your heart to pray for Hope Church?*
 - Recommendation: Hope Church Pastoral Team

Pray for protection and strength for the pastors at Hope Church.

Pray for humility and wisdom as they lead the ministries at Hope Church.

Pray for their families. Pray they would prioritize and nurture them.

SECTION 4: READINESS (suggested time: 5 minutes)

This final section is intended to remind you of the spiritual battle before you and, more importantly, your new identity in Christ in the midst of the battle.

- **Pray that you would embrace the truth that you were made by and for Jesus (Colossians 1:16).** Ask God to show you how that impacts your plans and future.

We were made by and for Jesus. This changes everything for how we are to live and function. Everything was made through Him and for Him – how can you leverage your life to display and demonstrate this truth?