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PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

January 21, 2019 – Prayer Guide

Dear Church Family,

Isn't it amazing that we can enter the throne room of the King of the Universe? The God who made everything we can see and beyond. The God who knows everything that has happened and will ever happen. The God who is mighty enough to work out His purposes on every corner of the planet... at the same time. He wants to know us and be known by us. Prayer is an invitation into the presence of the Lord of all Creation, extended through the obedience of His Son, Jesus Christ. Cherish that privilege and linger in His presence today!



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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:

"...Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD God, the Almighty, who was, who is and who is to come." - Revelation 4:8

- **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. This verse begins with the word "holy." "Holy" is not a word we usually use, but it is one of the best words to describe God. Begin talking to God in prayer today like this:

“Lord You are holy. Holy means “set apart.” It is the picture of spotless, stainless and perfect. You do all things correctly and at the right time. You not only do not sin, but You also cannot be around sin. Your holiness best defines You as God. You are holy!”

Continue now to say to God what else you understand about this amazing and distinctive attribute.

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 John 10:9-11**
 - *How do these attributes impact your life personally?*
 - *What does it mean for us that Jesus is known as the “good shepherd”?*

As the Holy Spirit speaks to you, let that lead you to pray. For example, *“God, you are the good shepherd. You know how life was intended to be lived and you care for me more than anyone. I submit to you in understanding that you know and want best for me.”*

Read these verses and respond as God speaks to you:

“Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?” – Romans 2:4

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:

"I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." - Psalm 34:4

▪ **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 that God would grow your faith as well as the faith of your family in 2019.
2. *Ministry Needs: What is on your heart to pray for those you serve or influence?*
 - Recommendation: Pray for unity in your small group.
3. *Hope Church: What is on your heart to pray for Hope Church?*
 - Recommendation: City Engagement

Pray for favor and open doors as we seek to engage Las Vegas through the education system.

Pray for partnerships and relationships with the Department of Family Services as we seek to work with the foster care system of Las Vegas.

Pray for freedom and salvation for those who will be ministered to and reached through Purchased LV.

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 for guidance in your actions and decisions (Romans 6:13).** Ask the Lord to lead you in righteous and wise living wherever you find yourself today.

The Gospel leaves no area of our lives untouched. Everything we do and say should be used for His purposes. Go forward today looking for opportunities to use your gifts and talents for His glory!