

Reasons to pray

- God is sovereign. All authority belongs to God, who governs creation with wisdom. We can trust Him to work for His glory and our good.
- God commands prayer. Because of His sovereignty and salvation, God calls us to pray. He graciously uses our prayers to work His good and to sanctify us.
- We need God. In our joys and sufferings, we can turn to God. He invites us to share our desires, growing us in His knowledge and grace. God uses prayer to transform our lives.
- God is Worthy of Adoration and Praise. We are fearfully and wonderfully made by God, who desires a relationship with us and wants to hear our thoughts. Staggering!

Day 1 | October 13

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Pray for a renewed heart to treasure what God wants you to treasure.
- Give thanks for God's daily and special provisions in your life.
- Pray that you may properly steward all that God has given to you.
- Pray that God would identify any idolatry in your life and lead you toward repentance and restoration.

Day 2 | October 14

2 Thessalonians 3:1 "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you..."

- Pray for the ministry of the word at Covenant/Alianza in preaching and teaching.
- Pray for our preachers and teachers to grow in their ability to explain the word.
- Pray that all who gather for worship would come eager to hear the word preached and taught.
- Ask God to raise up the next generation to advance the gospel message.
- Pray that we may reach more and more neighbors in the Valley.
- Pray for the gospel to go further through the labors of our local and foreign missionaries.

Day 3 | October 15

Philemon 1:6 "...pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."

- Pray that God would remind you to pray for those that are in your life: family, neighbors, colleagues, fellow students.
- Ask God to give you opportunities to share the gospel and to disciple others in the Scriptures.
- Pray that you would grow to be more discerning of what is holy, good, and profitable.
- Give thanks for those who poured into your spiritual life and aided in your maturity of faith.

Day 4 | October 16

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 "Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth..."

- Ask God to examine your heart and show you if there is any offense in you with respect to your wealth.
- Have you have forgotten or neglected God's kindness to you? Take time to repent.
- Tell the Lord the ways he has provided for you and give thanks to him.
- Ask God to give you a renewed understanding that everything you possess (time, talents, treasures) belong to him.
- Pray that God would protect you from the love of money and material possessions, and that you would not covet what God has not given to you.

Day 5 | October 17

1 Thessalonians 5:25 "Brothers, pray for us."

- Pray for specific members of Covenant/Alianza.
- Pray for the session, diaconate, and staff members.
- Ask God to give us all unity in the gospel.
- Ask God to protect our members and guests from temptation within and temptation without.
- Pray that we may walk in holiness as we glorify God.

Day 6 | October 18

Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."

- Give thanks to the Lord for his creation. Tell him of his wondrous works.
- Ask God to increase your gratitude for those he has placed in your spheres of influence.
- Pray for the advance of the gospel throughout the world.
- Ask God to continually remind you that all you have "is the LORD's" possession.
- Ask God to make you a wiser steward of your money, material possessions, and time.

Day 7 | October 19

Colossians 4:3 "...pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ..."

- Pray for your pastors and their ministry in the word.
- Pray for God to protect them, their marriages, and their families from temptation.
- Ask God to persevere them through various persecutions.
- Ask God to further equip them in their labors.
- Pray that God would open opportunities to advance the gospel.

Day 8 | October 20

1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"

- Give thanks for everything God has given to you.
- Recount God's countless interventions in your life.
- Give thanks to God for his greatest gift to you: his only Son. Give him praise for his gospel!
- Ask God to help you see how to steward better your gifts, time, and possessions.
- Pray that you would be humble as you think about others in your life who have and have not.
- Repent of any boasting and ask God to turn you toward what is humble.
- Ask God to further teach you what it means to only "boast in Christ."

Day 9 | October 21

Romans 8:35 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?"

- Ask God to comfort and strengthen you in any of your relationships that are hostile.
- Thank God for his persevering love that keeps you no matter what occurs.
- Pray that God would continue to protect his true Church.
- Ask that the gospel witness expand in these days of persecution.
- Ask God to strengthen the persecuted church in hope, endurance, and love.
- Pray for Christ's return to come quickly.

Day 10 | October 22

1 Timothy 2:1-2 "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

- Pray for the gospel to be faithfully proclaimed in our local community, states, and nation.
- Pray for repentance and faith in Christ among our civic leaders.
- Pray for our civic leaders to be God-fearing in their civic duties.
- Pray for our civic laws and rulings on laws to reflect God's moral law.
- Repent of any self-sufficiency and request an eagerness to live peacefully and with dignity.
- Repent of any desire to be your own god or where you have put your trust in governments or kings.
- Pray that God would have mercy on us.

Day 11 | October 23

Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

- Pray for our children to find community and gospel hope.
- Pray that our children would love God's word and love the local church.
- Pray for parents to raise up their children in the instruction and admonition of the Lord.
- Petition God on behalf of children struggling with sin, disappointment, brokenness, or unmet desires.
- Pray for children who are disobedient to their parents or other authorities.
- Pray for wisdom and endurance among our children's ministry leaders and volunteers.
- Appeal for the protection of all the children who attend our church.

Day 12 | October 24

Job 31:24 "If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence..."

- Ask God to teach you to not trust in your wealth or possessions.
- Ask that you would not look to materialism for contentment and ask that you learn how to be content in Christ alone.
- Ask God to make you a generous Christian.
- Ask God to protect our church from the love of money or any boasting in wealth.
- Pray for a renewed heart that treats money as a mere object and that treats God as your only true security.

Day 13 | October 25

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men..."

- Thank God for his daily provision.
- Ask God to remind you that he has given you daily work.
- Pray for God to provide you and your fellow Christians with daily work.
- Ask for help to be true, faithful, loving, gentle, respectful, and devoted in your home, work, or school.
- Pray that you would not be a people-pleaser but work for the Lord.
- Pray to have rest and hope in Christ and not hope in what you do.
- Pray for physical or spiritual protection in your job, gaining wisdom for your daily labor.

Day 14 | October 26

James 4:3 "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

- Ask God to teach you go to him with all your requests.
- Ask God to change your affections and desires, and that you would be holy.
- Repent of any sinful, selfish motivations in your former prayers to God.
- Ask God to put to death your sinful passions and put on that which is dearly loved by God.
- Ask to God to teach you more and more how to pray for yourself and others.

Day 15 | October 27

Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

- Pray for all those overseeing this Generosity Initiative: wisdom, endurance, protection, and patience.
- Pray that we as a church would be in faithful prayer during this season.
- Pray that our staff would be united in all their labors.
- Pray that all members and guests of Covenant/Alianza would be generous, sacrificial givers.
- Pray for our unity as a church to increase through this season.

Day 16 | October 28

Ephesians 6:17 "...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..."

- Give thanks to God the Spirit for his saving presence.
- Give thanks for the Spirit who convicts you of sin and who produces spiritual fruit in you.
- Praise God who teaches you the Scriptures which give you light in a dark world.
- Ask that you would love and know the Scriptures and have time to mediate on them day and night.
- Pray that you would be more ready to defend and proclaim Christ by his word.
- Pray that our church would be faithful to the word of God in all we preach, teach, and minister.

Day 17 | October 29

Mark 13:7 "And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed."

- Pray for countries currently at war: Ukraine/Russia, Israel, Iran, Lebanon (other Middle East countries), Civil wars in Yemen and Sudan, the N. Korea/S. Korea tension.
- Plead for sin to be restrained and justice to be upheld.
- Pray for the Christian church in these countries to remain faithful to the mission of the church.
- Pray for the church to not be fearful in the midst of war
- Pray that you too would not be alarmed by the news wars and possible wars.
- Give thanks to Christ who governs all countries in his perfect wisdom and sovereign power.

Day 18 | October 30

Colossians 4:12 "...that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God."

- Thank God that you are loved with an everlasting love.
- Ask God to remind you of his smile upon your soul as a ray of heaven.
- Give thanks for Jesus who is your righteousness and redemption.

- Thank God that you know God's will for you: your sanctification. Give thanks that he will keep you and will not forsake you.
- Pray that God would keep you from any sin that would hinder your assurance of your calling and election.
- Pray that you would long for God's presence when you see Christ face-to-face.

Day 19 | October 31

Psalm 71:5 "For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

- Pray for our youth.
- Pray for their maturity in the faith.
- Pray for their growth and protection as students in the classroom.
- Pray for John Kidd, our Associate Pastor who oversees our youth ministry.
- Pray for all our youth leaders and volunteers.
- Pray for our church to assist in the work of discipling our youth.
- Pray for God's favor in our outreach to more youth.

Day 20 | November 1

Philippians 1:1 "...To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons..."

- Pray for wisdom, godliness, and strength to be upon our elders and deacons.
- Pray for God to protect and strengthen their marriages and families.
- Give thanks for our officer candidates and pray for their current training.
- Ask God to raise up more elders and deacons from among our congregation.
- Pray that we would be faithful stewards of what God has given us as a church: people, property, ministries.
- Pray for our Blue Ridge presbytery and the churches represented.
- Pray for our entire denomination: The Presbyterian Church in America.

Day 21 | November 2

Ephesians 3:14-19 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named..."

- Pray for the families of Covenant/Alianza: marriages, parents, children.
- Pray that our church holds the institution of marriage with due respect.
- Thank God for his design of the family unit for society.
- Ask God to restrain the sin that distorts God's design for humanity, marriage, family, and gender.
- Give thanks that God is in control and has authority over all people.
- Give thanks that God has included you in the spiritual family of God through the work of Christ.
- Give thanks that you belong to this local body of believers.
- Ask God to protect the household of faith at our church.

Day 22 | November 3

1 Timothy 6:18 "...do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

- Pray for a renewed heart to recognize temptations that turn your desires away from Christ.
- Pray that you would know where and when to do good.
- Pray that you would use your tongue for the building up, mutual encouragement, and edification of others.
- Ask God to show you how to be generous and lavish in good deeds.
- Pray that you would be eager to give financially and eager to give your time.
- Pray that you would be eager to share what you have with others in need.

Day 23 | November 4

John 19:11 "Jesus answered him [Pilate], "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above..."

- Praise God that he possesses all authority.
- Give thanks that God sovereignly installs all worldly leaders according to his wise counsel.
- Repent of your fear of man, or your boasting in man.
- Pray for those in authority that they may serve just, God-fearing lives.
- Pray that our civic leaders would come to repentance and faith in Christ.
- Pray that you may be faithful to Christ in the presence of your governing authorities.
- Pray that we would be respectful and God-honoring in our private and public lives as citizens and immigrants in this community.

Day 24 | November 5

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

- Give thanks to God for what he has given to you: Knowledge, talents, money and possessions, daily provisions.
- Identify and repent of any lazy, stingy, greedy, or covetous motivations.
- Ask God to show you where you can generously do good and share what you have.
- Ask God to make your motivations for giving persistent, gracious, thankful, and eager.
- Praise God for the gospel and the giving of Christ so that you would be saved!

Day 25 | November 6

Acts 16:14 "One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul."

- Pray for a renewed lifestyle that sees people more as eternal than temporary.
- Pray that you would put more effort, time, and money into people for the sake of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would bring to you people to share the gospel with.

- Pray for our church's evangelistic ministries: VBS, ESL, Kids Club, Christianity Explored, Door-to-Door.
- Pray for the preaching of the gospel from week to week.
- Ask God to give our church boldness, confidence, and love as we reach our neighbors.
- Pray that God would raise up missionaries from our congregation to be sent out locally and globally.

Day 26 | November 7

Hebrews 6:19-7:2 "We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace."

- Give thanks for God's provision over your life.
- Praise God that you, who was once God's enemy, is now God's child.
- Worship the Lord in his victory over his and your enemies through the cross.
- Ask God to increase your faithful financial giving in the likeness of Abraham (Galatians 3:7)
- Pray for a renewed, thankful, lavish and sacrificial disposition in giving. Pray that you grow toward giving in biblical proportions, from nothing towards tithing and beyond.
- Pray that God would give wisdom and diligence in stewarding your finances: budgeting, spending, saving, and giving.

Day 27 | November 8

Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

- Pray that God would change your heart to love for the strangers in your life.
- Ask God to give you opportunities to care for others in a sacrificial way.
- Ask God to give you ways to show hospitality to your neighbors and that you would put into practice these things.
- Pray for boldness in sharing the gospel with your neighbors.
- Pray for the outreach ministries of our church to succeed and grow.

Day 28 | November 9

Philippians 4:18 "I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God."

- Petition God to meet the financial needs of our local and foreign missionaries.
- Pray for Covenant's Missions Committee: wisdom, diligence, accountability, longsuffering.
- Pray for opportunities for our members to travel and support our missionaries abroad.
- Thank God and ask God continue to raise up church plants in our presbytery and denomination.

- Ask God to raise up missionaries from our church.
- Pray that Covenant/Alianza would plant a church in the years ahead.

Day 29 | November 10

Psalm 145:1-3 "I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable."

- Give thanks to the Lord for salvation by the gospel of Christ.
- Praise God for his rich blessings in Christ.
- Show your devotion to God through your prayers.
- Praise God, for his attributes of eternity, immortality, aseity, invincibility, incorruptibility.
- Bless the Lord and sing to him from your soul.

Day 30 | November 11

Psalm 147:1-6 "Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

- Sing praises to the Lord for his faithfulness.
- Give thanks that Christ fulfilled the law of the Old Testament.
- Thank Christ for the church and that he will build his church, and the gates of hell won't prevail against it.
- Ask the Lord to persevere his Church and our local church and denomination.
- Give thanks for all that God has done, is doing, and will do through "City on a Hill."