

...that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. *Romans 1:12*



## Welcome

### Corporate Prayer Etiquette

- Pray short prayers
- Don't go to sleep
- Pray loud enough for all to hear
- Work hard at agreeing together in prayer
- Stay on one topic at a time
- Try to connect to some degree with the person who just prayed
- Don't pray private prayers in corporate prayer times
- Don't gossip or slander someone as you pray
- Don't preach to those praying with you as you pray (God is the audience)
- Listen to your thoughts. God will speak to us if we listen
- Bring a notebook and take notes of ideas, thoughts, and prayers
- Pray silently as long as necessary but press on to active participation

### Guided Prayer

As we pray we'll focus on each section for about 15 minutes. There will be suggested/highlighted verses and/or phrases to prompt prayer but that is not intended to limit the leading of the Spirit.

## Confession

### Ch 1-4

Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? 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? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. *Romans 2:1-11*

# At-Will Prayer

Pray as you are prompted by the Spirit and using the suggested scripture as a guide.

## Ch 5-8

...for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" *Romans 8:13-15*

## Silent

All pray silently

## Ch 9-11

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him... *Romans 10:8-12*

## Round the Room

As we look at the last section of scripture everyone will have the opportunity to pray. A simple "Amen" will indicate you agreeing with the person before you and passing it on to the person next to you.

## Ch 12-16

Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12:1-2*

## Close with Historical Prayer

"O Lord, our Savior, you have warned us that you will require much of those to whom much is given – grant that we whose lot is cast in so goodly a heritage may strive together the more abundantly to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labors of other people, so to labor that in their turn other people may enter into ours, to the fulfillment of your holy will. Amen."  
-Augustine, Prayer of Intercession

