

Praying with Risen Christ Fellowship

A Prayer Guide for the month of January

Prayer of the month

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our prayer life. This month, consider using the words of Luke's gospel in **Luke 1:26-33**. If you're praying through the church directory, read the angel Gabriel's promises and pray in accordance with them for those you're praying for each day:

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:26-33 (ESV)

We recognize our need for God's help in all areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Mt 28:19).
- Pray for conversions (Jn 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Lk 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word - for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim 4:2, 1 Cor 2:4-5, Is 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one-to-one discipleship relationships in our church family (Mt 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pt 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin, and growth in humility (Prov 8:13, 1 Pt. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach /love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor 8:9)

Prayer items outside our church:

- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Mt 28:19-20)

- Pray for churches under persecution. Ask God to work through weakness to put his glory on display and to protect, encourage and embolden those who are suffering as he brings more people into His kingdom. (2 Cor 4:7-15)
- Pray for hospital & emergency workers. Ask God to help them speak of the only good news that can offer lasting comfort—that Christ can heal our relationship with God so that we can enjoy life to the full, for ever. Ask him to use these professionals to save many lives and restore people to full health. “Pray that both patients and professionals would come to appreciate their own helplessness in the face of death—and turn to rely on God, who raises the dead.” (2 Cor 1:3-11)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church

- Thank God that he has provided his perfect, trustworthy word so that we can truly know him. Pray that as our church gathers around the Bible, our souls would be refreshed as we encounter the living God. (Psalm 19:7)
- Pray our church wouldn’t go out from meeting together and ignore—or forget—what we’ve heard. Instead, pray that the warnings from God’s word would change how you live. Pray that Scripture would be showing us our hidden faults and turning us from sin. (Psalm 19:11-12)
- Pray that our church would grow in appreciation of the depth of God’s mercy—and that this would crush any lingering feelings of self-righteousness. Pray that we would show mercy to each other—forgiving the small things, the big things, and the things that seem to happen again and again.” (1 Peter 2:9-10)

The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

- Jahbei Ritter (Salvation for mom, Gloria and dad, Gary)

To submit a prayer request, please scan the QR code and use the prayer request form.

