# 33 Hour Prayer Guide

This hour of dedicated prayer is your time with the Lord. Scripture tells us that when we draw near to God, He draws near to us. Seek Him. His face. His will. Use this time to meditate on His word. <u>Ask, listen</u>, and <u>receive</u>. He is faithful.

> As you consider how He would have you use this time, I want to encourage you in a few things:

Leave space for the Spirit to move and minister to you. Whether that's praying one line sentences, practicing listening prayer by being quiet in His presence, or praying scripture over our church, be open to the Spirit's leading.

There will be moments of intercession for our church, ask boldly.

In addition, I have included some specific readings and prayer prompts for our church that you can use to help guide your time.

> This 33 hour endeavor **is an answer to prayer.** Your prayers are a tangible answer to ours.

Thank you for pouring out your heart for our Church.

# Acknowledge Who He is:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

He Forgives, He Heals, He Redeems He Gives Love and Mercy He Satisfies

### <u>Selah</u>

Jesus is the true and better Adam who passed the test in the garden and whose obedience is imputed to us.

Jesus is the true and better Abel who, though innocently slain, has blood now that cries out, not for our condemnation, but for acquittal.

Jesus is the true and better Abraham who answered the call of God to leave all the comfortable and familiar and go out into the void not knowing whether he went to create a new people of God.

Jesus is the true and better Isaac who was not just offered up by his father on the mount but was truly sacrificed for us. And when God said to Abraham, "Now I know you love me because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love from me," now we can look at God, taking his son up the mountain and sacrificing him and say, "Now we know that you love us because you did not withhold your son, your only son, whom you love from us."

Jesus is the true and better Jacob who wrestled and took the blow of justice we deserved, so we, like Jacob, only receive the wounds of grace to wake us up and discipline us.

Jesus is the true and better Joseph who, at the right hand of the king, forgives those who betrayed and sold him and uses his new power to save them.

Jesus is the true and better Moses who stands in the gap between the people and the Lord and who mediates a new covenant.

Jesus is the true and better Rock of Moses who, struck with the rod of God's justice, now gives us water in the desert.

Jesus is the true and better Job, the truly innocent sufferer, who then intercedes for and saves his stupid friends.

Jesus is the true and better David whose victory becomes his people's victory, though they never lifted a stone to accomplish it themselves.

Jesus is the true and better Esther who didn't just risk leaving an earthly palace but lost the ultimate and heavenly one, who didn't just risk his life, but gave his life to save his people.

Jesus is the true and better Jonah who was cast out into the storm so that we could be brought in.

Jesus is the real Rock of Moses, the real Passover Lamb, innocent, perfect, helpless, slain so the angel of death will pass over us. He's the true temple, the true prophet, the true priest, the true king, the true sacrifice, the true lamb, the true light, the true bread.

Tim Keller

### Ask that the Spirit would teach you to pray:

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

# Submit Your requests to the will of the Lord. Pray as Jesus prayed:

"nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will"

# <u>Selah</u>

# Intercede for our Church specifically as we gather for worship on Easter Sunday

That we would Joyfully Worship the King this weekend:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:6

That the Gospel would be preached, heard, and received by everyone that walks through our doors. For faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

That the Spirit of God would move in the hearts of our neighbors and friends to join us for worship this weekend.

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. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1

For those walking through seasons of loss, grief, and suffering: that they would feel the Lord's presence with them and be reminded of the hope of the resurrection.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:1-4

# For our Pastors and Staff

- For endurance, rest and strength
- That they would get to worship alongside the Church, even as they work unto the Lord
- For eyes to see God moving throughout a busy weekend

# For our Kid's Ministry

- That with childlike faith, through the sobering remembrance of Christ's death and the celebration of His resurrection, our Kids would grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord
- For flexibility, patience and excitement as we welcome more kids than usual into the rooms this Sunday
- That the Lord would continue to draw the families in our Church to regularly participate in Sunday worship; that we might encourage and come alongside them as they raise their children in the knowledge of the Lord.

# For our Worship Team

- That as the band prepares and rehearses, they would be drawn to worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth and lead the Church from this well.
- Thank the Lord for our Worship Ministry and pray that they would worship the Lord with gladness and songs of **joy** this morning!

# Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready. Revelation 19:6-7