



A NIGHT OF  
PRAYER

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*L Our Savior Lutheran Ministries*

## *A Reminder of the Power of Prayer*

It is indeed a privilege to come before our mighty and loving God in prayer. He is our constant companion and provider. He encourages us to come to Him with our concerns and problems and is delighted when we open ourselves to His loving presence.

Prayer flows out of our personal relationship with God. Through our prayers we talk to God concerning every aspect of our lives with the confidence that He will hear us.

God promises to listen. He promises to meet all our needs according to His glorious riches and in ways that are best for us.

### *Passages to Ponder*

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

*- Isaiah 65:24*

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*- Ephesians 3:20-21*

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.<sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.<sup>9</sup> Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?<sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?<sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

*- Matthew 7:7-11*

## *Prayers of Confession*

As we come before our God in prayer, we are reminded of the words of 1 John 1, “*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” While these words of Scripture are sobering, they are also true. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but in Jesus there is both hope and forgiveness. It is thus fitting for us to take a few minutes together to come before God and confess our sins seeking His grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

### *Passages to Ponder*

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

*- Romans 10:8-10*

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*- Psalm 103:6-13*

## *Prayers of Thanksgiving and Blessing for the Ministry of Pastor Kevin*

We give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Kevin Austin in this place. For his service to the people of Our Savior and the community of Livermore. As Pastor Kevin and his family transition from ministry in this place, we give thanks to the Lord for their time among us and prayer that God continue to bless their lives and ministry moving forward in Chandler, Arizona.

### *Passages to Ponder*

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. <sup>2</sup> I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*- Psalm 9:1-2*

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

*- Psalm 1:1-4*



## Prayers for Our Staff

God has truly blessed Our Savior with a very gifted and talented staff who work tirelessly to support our mission to *Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Launch* people. They have a love for God and a passion for the ministry that they devote themselves to do. As we pray for each of them, we ask for strength, courage, persistence, and faithfulness. We ask that God would bless all the work that they do.

### *Passages to Ponder*

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

- Acts 20:28

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

- Isaiah 41:10

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:19

## *Prayers for Our Preschool*

God has richly blessed us with a preschool that welcomes in 2, 3, and 4 year olds from throughout our community. While they are here, they learn the basics and have lots of fun doing it. One of the most important things they learn is that they have a God who made us, that God loves us, and that God is always with us. This year, we pray for the 100+ preschoolers and their families that we have the opportunity to serve that this would be a great year of learning and growing and that each child would leave knowing the love of God for them.

### *Passages to Ponder*

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

*- 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people,<sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

*- Matthew 19:13-14*

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.<sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.<sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

*- Psalm 127:1-3*

## *Prayers for Our School*

Our Savior Lutheran School has developed a reputation within our community as a school that offers a top-quality Christian education. Similar to last year, Our Savior is continuing to experience great growth as we welcome many new families to our school. We have the opportunity to work with children from Transitional Kindergarten all the way up through 8th Grade. This year, we pray for the 300+ school children and their families that this would be a year of making new friends and memories, a year of learning as they are stretched academically, and a year of growing in their faith in Jesus.

### *Passages to Ponder*

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

- *Proverbs 22:6*

## *Prayers for Our Church Family*

God has richly blessed us at Our Savior in so many different ways. We are blessed with many people who faithfully support the work of God through their time, talents, and treasures. We are blessed with great musicians that help bring life to our worship as we praise God together. We are blessed with a caring community that celebrates together in the best of times and rallies around one another when life gets hard. As we gather to pray today, we pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's many gifts and all that God has done throughout the year at Our Savior. We pray for those who are sick and hurting. We pray for those who are struggling, and the shut-ins. We pray for unity as a ministry and the courage to follow God in all that we do. We pray that God would help us to be faithful to His calling upon us as a church.

### *Passages to Ponder*

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

*- Hebrews 7:25*

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

*- Colossians 4:2*

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*- 1 Peter 2:9-10*



# Prayers of Our Community

As we think about our community, we recognize the many challenges that we all face living in a sinful world. Life continues to be marked by violence and hatred, homelessness and financial hardship, closures and sickness, division and hopelessness. As we gather to pray tonight, we pray for those who are leading locally, at the state level, and nationally that God would give them a spirit of humility and fill them with wisdom as they lead us. We pray for peace. We pray for healing of body and mind, of relationships and situations. We pray that God would enable us to be His lights in the place where He has placed us.

## Passages to Ponder

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. *-Jeremiah 29:5-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. *- 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

Let all that you do be done in love. *- 1 Corinthians 16:14*

## *Prayers Seeking God's Guidance*

As we move forward into the future as a ministry here at Our Savior, there is much we do not know. Yet, we know that in all things God is faithful and He will see us through. As we say farewell to Pastor Kevin and the Austin family, we look ahead to the work of seeking a new shepherd to guide the flock in this place. We trust in God that He in His infinite wisdom has already selected the right servant to lead Our Savior into the next phase of ministry. Therefore, we pray that we might all seek the counsel of God and His will as we move forward in ministry together.

### *Passages to Ponder*

And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

*- Isaiah 58:1*

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

*- John 14:26*

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

*- John 16:13*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

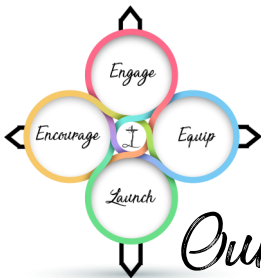
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## *The Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

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