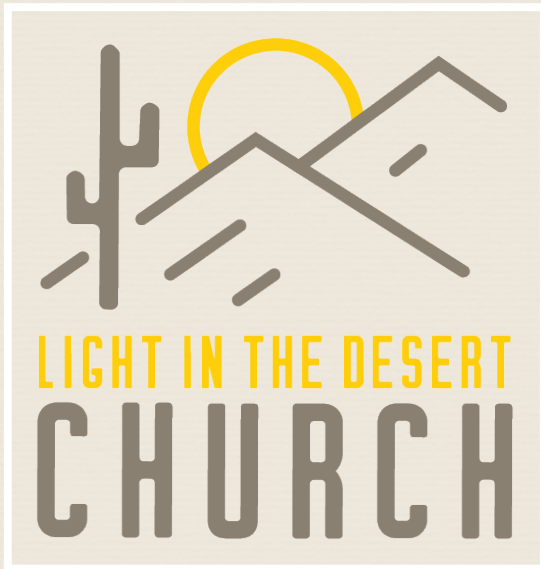

PRAYER GUIDE

OUR COVENANT



Rejoice always, *pray* without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

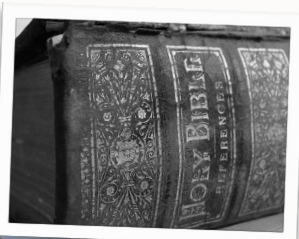
We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in the knowledge of God, holiness, and unity; to promote its spirituality and not forsake the assembling of ourselves together; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the needy and the spread of the gospel through all nations (Ps 96:1-3 / Matt 25:13-46, 28:16-20 / 1 Peter 1:13-16 / Eph 4:1-7 / Heb 10:23-25)

We also engage to maintain faithful bible reading and prayer, and in family devotions if possible; to bring up our children in the teaching and discipline of the Scriptures and to be examples to them of consistent Christian living; to live carefully in the world denying ungodliness and worldly lust; to preserve loyalty to biblical truth and by a pure and loving example, and spoken word to seek the salvation of our family and friends (Titus 1:11-15).

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay, holding each person accountable.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of the covenant and the principles of God's Word.





Scriptures for each week

God's Word is essential to the health of God's people. As you spend time praying, incorporate these scriptures into your time of prayer for reflection.

Week One:

Psalm 1, 15, 23, 29, 34, 63, 100

Week Two:

Psalms 96
Matthew 22:39, 28:16-20
Romans 1:16, 10:17
1 Cor. 15:1-4

Week Three:

Matthew 9:35-38
Philippians

Week Four:

John 13:34-35
Romans 12:10, 14:13, 15:14
Col. 1:24-29
Hebrews 10:24

A WEEKLY FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

This guide is designed to focus us each week of the month on various topics. Please let this simply be a guide and feel the freedom to pray as the Lord leads you. I cannot imagine the camaraderie we will sense as we pray together for God's glory to be seen through LITDC!



WEEK ONE: GOD'S GLORY

We exist to glorify God in all we do. This week spend some time asking God to use us in bringing attention to His name. Pray for:

- *holiness*...God's people must reflect Him in their actions. Ask God to reveal sin in your heart and the hearts of all members. Then ask Him to pour out his grace through repentance.
- *affection*...God's people must have a deep affection for God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Ask God to increase your love and affection for Him
- *reflect*...Read the scriptures listed for this week

WEEK TWO: SALVATION

We long to see gospel growth within our communities and families (Matt 28:19). Spend this week praying for the salvation of your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

- *family*...Pray for those in your family who have not yet responded to God in faith and repentance. Parents, ask God to save your children.
- *friends*...Who has God given you favor with that you've been able to earn the right to be heard?
- *co-workers*...The workplace is often filled with frustration, yet you are there daily. Pray for opportunities to share hope through the gospel.
- *neighbors*...We must leverage our homes for gospel growth. Pray for your neighbors and plan to invite them over for dinner soon.

WEEK THREE: MINISTRY NEEDS

There is and will continue to be many needs as we faithfully pour ourselves out for gospel growth. Pray for:

- *workers*...Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labors are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Ask God to raise up faithful labors among us and from without to reach our community.
- *partnerships*...Paul thanked the Philippians for their "partnership in the gospel" because it was essential in seeing the gospel spread. Pray that God would establish strong partnerships, local and abroad, for gospel growth.

WEEK FOUR: MEMBERS

We are a local gathering of believers committed to seeing one another grow towards maturity in Christ (Col. 1:28-29). Therefore, pray:

- *specifically*...Take each day this week and by name pray for a brother or sister asking God to strengthen their faith and deepen their affections for Him.
- *openness*...That we as a local gathering would be open and honest with each other in order to experience grace and serve each other better.
- *unity*...That LITDC would be a place that shows the gospel's work in our lives by being unified though diverse. It is precisely our uncommonness that makes our oneness so potent to the watching world.