

PRAY FOR CHURCH BODY (UNITY)

Unity is a precious gift from God, and this week, we focus our prayers on fostering unity within our church family. In a world filled with division, we have the opportunity to be a beacon of God's love and harmony only because Jesus makes us one. Join us in praying for strong bonds, open communication, and a shared vision. As we seek unity, we reflect the character of Christ to the world around us.

Instructions:

Pray daily for unity within the church body.

Reflect on how you can contribute to a culture of love and unity.

Use the scriptures provided to guide your prayers.

Consider reaching out to a fellow church member to encourage unity.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 - Unity in Worship

- Pray using Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Pray using Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"
- Think about what divides LPC into separate parts of one body. What kinds of unity might God be interested in for our LPC Family? How could worship lead the way for the unity of the Body of Christ at LPC?
- Pray, asking for unity and a sense of God's presence during church gatherings and in worship services.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 - Fellowship

- Reflect on 1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."
- How good is our fellowship at LPC? How does Christian fellowship help people follow Jesus?
- How do the choices you make get in the way of experiencing fellowship at LPC?
- Pray that Proverbs 27: 17 would be true for LPC. Pray for strong bonds and supportive relationships in our LPC Family.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 - Communication

• Pray through Ephesians 4:29 - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

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- •How do you speak about LPC? How have you spoken about your LPC bother or sister? Do you gossip? Do you build up? Do your words bring life or do they spread little deaths everywhere you go?
- With changes comes misunderstanding. Pray for open and honest communication among church members starting with you and your tongue.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 - Love and Compassion

- Reflect on John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."
- It's easy to separate the love of God and the call for us to love each other in the church. We tend to say, "but you don't know what they did." We are a community of grace marked by the forgiveness of God that we extend to one another.
- With changes comes hurt feelings. Pray for hearts that are quick to forgive and extend grace.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - No More Separation

- Pray using Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- Reflect on what it would look to be a church that reflects the call of this passage.
- People have divided since the fall. Separated from God and separated from each other. Humans find new ways of being inside and putting others outside. Those who are found in Christ don't get to draw their own circles of who is in and who is out. What groups have you separated yourself in? How have you put your Christian brothers and sisters on the outside?
- Pray that at LPC there is no more separation. Pray that God would bring us together through the work of Christ on the cross.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - Shared Vision

- Pray through Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no revelation (or vision), people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction."
- When we all go our own way we eventually find ourselves alone. When we all chase after our own preferences and pet projects we unnecessarily divide God's resources. As Christ is our head and guided by the Holy Spirit we must come together around a shared vision, purpose and specific call for our LPC body.
- Pray for a unity of a shared vision and mission among the congregation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - Hard Work Prayer

- Summarize the week with a prayer using Romans 15:5-6 "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Unity is hard work. It takes setting aside our own preferences and selfishness to build others up in the Lord. We have to be for each other like Jesus was for us.
- Pray and commit to going the distance with where Jesus is moving at LPC.
- Pray that our worship and work glorifies the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.