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**Week of
Prayer**



EBC Week of Prayer 19th - 24th February

The Five Core Values of Our Church Are:

Worship

Discipleship

Fellowship

Service

Evangelism

Come & pray about your part in working out these values in preparation for our Vision Day 25th February

The church will be open for you to drop in to pray

Monday - Thursday 9.00 - 4.00

Opportunities to pray together: -

Monday 2.30 - 3.30

Tuesday 11 - 12

Wednesday 7-8

Friday 10-11

Also sign up for your hours' slot (even if you are praying at home) for the 24 hours of prayer Friday 9am - 9am Saturday

(Sign up sheet on reception desk)

Worship

To honour or reverence God

To regard with great or extravagant respect, honour, or devotion

To focus on God, giving praise for who He is and thanks for His gifts.

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago. (Isaiah 25:1)

addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making
melody to the Lord with your heart. (Ephesians 5:19)

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in
spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. John 4:23)

Loving God,
we come to worship because we love you, and we want to love you more.
We come to worship needing love in our lives:
love for family, friends, strangers, enemies.
As we come to worship, touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts
to your love which passes all understanding. Amen.

A few ideas:-

- ❖ Read bible verses of praise either alone or with others. Declare the words aloud.
- ❖ Ps 150, 1Chron 16:23-31, Habb 3:17-18, Ps 71:8, 2Sam 7:22.
- ❖ Meditate on one of the names of God or one of His attributes.
- ❖ Sing a song.
- ❖ Take a walk in a green place and look at the wonder of creation.
- ❖ Make up your own psalm/song/poem of praise.
- ❖ Be quiet before God asking Him to speak to you.
- ❖ List your blessings and give thanks to God for them.

Challenge - worship in a way that you wouldn't normally. Ask God to help you explore worship in a new way.

Discipleship

To be a learner

We are not only called to learn the teachings of Jesus Christ, we are also called to live them.

A disciple bases his or her life on the teachings of Christ “like a person building a house, who dug a deep hole to lay the foundation on rock” (Luke 6:48).

As we read God’s Word, we learn about Jesus and how He lived. We begin to understand what it means to be like Jesus. We learn to put Him first in all things (Mark 8:34-38).

We become equipped to listen to the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. He helps us resist temptation and overcome trials (Ephesians 6:10-18).

We learn how to examine our thoughts, actions, and words—always comparing them with Scripture. We want to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only (James 1:22).

We begin to understand what it means to “abide in Christ.” As we abide, the Holy Spirit produces fruit in our lives—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These aren’t things we can conjure up on our own. They are produced by the Holy Spirit—a change from the inside out (Galatians 5:22-23).

We start loving other people through action (John 13:35).

We long to share our faith with others and tell unbelievers about the changes Jesus has made in our lives (1 Peter 3:15).

Your light is the only light I need, as I travel through life's mystery .

Your word the only voice I hear, that still small voice that leads me
to the place where I should be.

Your presence is the only company I need, as I walk this narrow road.

Your fellowship the warmth I crave, to help me on my way.

A few ideas:

- ❖ Read about the early church in Acts & list the ways they learnt.
- ❖ Read a book of the Bible you are not so familiar with & ask God to speak to you through it.
- ❖ Think about the things you do/say/have, what makes them Christian.
- ❖ If you were in court would there be enough evidence to convict you for being a Christian.

Challenge: Spend time thinking about the fruits of the Spirit, where do you need to grow?

Fellowship

friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.

what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

(1John 1:3)

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12)

Our walk with God is never a lonely walk, it is a family occasion,
if taken in the company of God's children.

If we lag behind, there are those who will turn and offer words of encouragement, hold out a hand and offer assistance over stiles and other obstacles, share refreshment, help us from our knees when we stumble.

Loving Lord, thank You for all my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord, Thank You that You have made us one in Him and are building us into a spiritual temple of living stones, each with our own peculiar function. Instill in each of our hearts an increasing thirst after holiness and righteousness, and give us an ever-deepening love for each other and for You.

Keep us we pray from petty arguments and careless words, may we minister to one another in true Christian fellowship and godly love.

Father, we pray that You would unite us as only you can.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen

A few ideas:

- ❖ Take time to meet with 2 or 3 friends for coffee or lunch.
- ❖ Invite someone you don't know very well to join you in an activity.
- ❖ Pray for members of the church, especially those you don't know.
- ❖ Share communion with a few others.
- ❖ Praise God for His willingness to fellowship with you.

Challenge: Think how you could make a greater contribution to fellowship in the church.

Service

The action of helping or doing work for someone.

Act of assistance, good turn, favour, kindness, helping hand.

Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God.

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:40)

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (Galatians 5:13)

Father,
Allow me to serve others with a joyful heart;
Never keeping score; always giving;
Never expecting to receive. allow me to give of myself,
To give of my talents and of my goods, to give of my time and of my energy,
To give of my heart and of my soul.
Help me understand the needs of others,
Never criticizing, never demeaning, never scolding, never condemning.
You have been so gracious to me,
Always Loving, always forgiving, always restoring;
Allow me to serve others as You serve,
With gentleness, compassion, and tenderness,
Never diminishing the worth of another,
Choosing to extend mercy to the brokenhearted,
Like You have repeatedly shown it to me,
Amen.

A few ideas:

- ❖ Think about all that goes on involving church, how can you get involved.
- ❖ Pray for each of the Ministry Teams in the church.
- ❖ Ask God to show you the talents He has blessed you with.
- ❖ Pray for those serving in a leadership capacity.
- ❖ Chose an action to serve the church in a way you never have ie serving coffee, moving chairs, washing up, helping someone.

Challenge: Reflect on Jesus as the perfect module of service, how does this challenge your idea of serving?

Evangelism

the commitment to or act of publicly preaching of the Gospel with the intention of spreading the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8-9)

for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:20)

Heavenly Father in Jesus' name , we pray for your Holy Spirits'
anointing and power upon us and upon the people you are wanting
us to share the Gospel with.

We pray that You would tear down the strongholds of Satan over them and over us,
and that You would prepare them to receive the message of Your love
and forgiveness through us,
and that you would prepare us to be the messengers of Your love and
forgiveness to them.Amen

Loving Father,

You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,
we might believe in him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew each day and live the Good News with joy.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the world and proclaim"
our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions.
Help us, as a body,to become more welcoming and missionary,
so that you may be known and loved by all people. Amen.

8 points to pray about to help with evangelism:-

1. "This day is yours ... your will be done in and through me."
2. "My mouth is yours. Let me speak words that will glorify you and point people to Jesus."
3. "Open my eyes to see the people around me the way you do."
4. "Let me know your peace and patience."
5. "Lord, draw near this person and show them your face and your grace."
6. "Open my mouth to ask good questions and my ears to listen attentively."
7. "Let the joy of your presence shine through me."
8. "Let the seed that has been scattered take root and grow for your glory."

Challenge: speak to someone about Jesus, offer to pray for them.