

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

PRAYER GUIDE

Communion with God

Prayer is the way we come before God — to know Him, to be known by Him, and to align our hearts with His will. It is not a religious formality; it is a relationship. Through prayer we bring our praise, our confessions, our gratitude, and our needs directly to the Father, and we position ourselves to hear from Him in return.

Prayer is not reserved for the pastor, the prayer team, or the especially spiritual. Every believer has direct access to God through Jesus Christ, and He invites us to come to Him often, honestly, and without fear.

Why Prayer Matters

Prayer Connects Us to God

Prayer is the primary way we cultivate an ongoing relationship with God. Just as any relationship grows through consistent communication, our relationship with God deepens as we make prayer a regular part of our lives, not just a response to crisis.

Prayer Aligns Our Hearts

When we pray, we invite God to search us, correct our perspective, and shape our desires to match His. Prayer is as much about being changed as it is about asking for change.

Prayer Invites God's Power

Scripture consistently connects prayer with God's action in the world. We are instructed to bring our requests to Him, and He responds — in His timing and according to His wisdom.

Prayer Builds Faith

The practice of prayer strengthens our trust in God. As we bring our concerns to Him and watch Him move, our confidence in His faithfulness grows, even in seasons where the answer is still unfolding.

The ACTSI Model of Prayer

ACTSI is a simple framework for a well-rounded prayer life: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication, and Intercession. It's not a formula to complete, but a rhythm that keeps our prayers from becoming one-dimensional.

Adoration

Prayer that begins with praise — acknowledging who God is, His character, and His worthiness, apart from anything He has done for us.

Confession

Honestly bringing our sin before God, receiving His forgiveness, and inviting His correction.

Thanksgiving

Expressing gratitude for what God has done — His provision, His faithfulness, and His answers to prayer, past and present.

Supplication

Bringing our own specific needs and requests before God, trusting Him with the outcome.

Intercession

Standing in the gap in prayer on behalf of others — family, friends, our church, our leaders, and our community. Intercession moves our prayer life beyond ourselves and into active care for the people God has placed around us.

Prayer at CCC

Christ Community Church is committed to being a house of prayer. Prayer undergirds everything we do — our services, our decisions, and our care for one another. Corporate prayer gatherings and prayer opportunities are held throughout the year, and every ministry is encouraged to make prayer a first response, not a last resort.

You are invited to pray at any time — individually, with your family, or with others. There is no wrong time to bring your heart before God.

What the Bible Says About Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:6 (KJV)

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV)

16 Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

James 5:16 (KJV)

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (KJV)

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

1 Timothy 2:1 (KJV)

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.

Mark 11:24 (KJV)

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Testimonies & Prayer Requests

If you have a testimony for what God has done through prayer, we would love to hear about it and celebrate with you. Simply send an email to info@cccphila.org.

Our team will be honored to pray with you if you have a prayer need. Just send an email to prayer@cccphila.org.