

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

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**If you had one request for God, what would it be?** In light of what is happening in the world, it is obvious that Satan is alive and well. John 10:10, I Peter 5:8, & Ephesians 6:10-12. Pray the prayer of Ephesians 3:14-21. **Why should you pray it? "For this reason..." Eph. 3:14, 3:1**  
**In light of all God has done for you and for our church. We all need prayer! Amen?**

### 1. Kneel in prayer before God the Father – Ephesians 3:14

- Most Jews stood to pray. You can pray in any position but...
- Kneeling is an act of submission to the highest authority. Pray...
- Recognizing that God has all the resources & power you need. 3:16,20 Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."

### 2. Pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen you – Eph. 3:16-17

- Why do you need strength? Because there are fierce giants all around you. Like David against Goliath! What giants are you facing right now that are trying to intimidate you?
- Because it's hard to do the right thing: love & trust God and love others. God calls His church to unity in love (Eph. 4:1-6). One of the hardest things you will ever do is forgive those that hurt you.
- How can you find the strength you need? You tap into God's resources by faith. 3:16-17 Faith is like a muscle. Use it. Read...

### 3. Pray for Christ's love to flow in and through you

- Pray for God's people to be rooted in agape love like a tree. 3:17  
Where can you find more love? I Cor. 13 In Jesus, the Holy Spirit
- **Love is the foundation.** Are you rooted in grace & love? Do you realize how much God has forgiven you? Eph. 2:1-5 Cry out to God like the chorus, "More love, more power, more of you in my life." **Love grows as you serve God & others. Do it!**
- **How wide is this love?** John 3:16, Eph. 2:11-18. A love that reaches out to the whole world. A love that breaks down walls and binds us together. They will know we are Christians...
- **How long is this love? It's eternal.** I Cor. 13:8 "Love never ends
- **How high is this love? How about heaven? Is that high enough for you?**
- **How deep is this love? It can rescue anyone from the depths. It never gives up. Story of Nicky Cruz, "The Cross & The Switchblade."**
- Impossible right? "I love the word Impossible." Eph. 3:20-21