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31

— DAYS OF —
PRAYER



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RENEW Us

As we seek renewal, we are completely dependent on the power and work of the Holy Spirit. Graciously, God has given us clear guidance in his Word on the ordinary way in which he accomplishes his purposes in the world. He uses the means of grace. One of those is prayer. Though God is perfectly capable of accomplishing things without our prayers, ordinarily he has revealed to us that he uses our prayer. Therefore, without prayer, renewal is extremely unlikely.

With that truth in mind, let us join together for 31 days of prayer as individuals, families, and gathered groups. Place this resource near your Bible or journal for personal prayer. Place this resource at the dining room table for family prayer so that together we will cling to the words of Jesus, “Apart from me you can do nothing.” Let us focus our prayer as Jesus taught us: for his glory alone as his Kingdom advances and as he accomplishes his will in all things. Let us fervently pray for renewal that would involve God reviving us as his people, restoring the place he has given to us, and releasing greater Kingdom resources to the mountain, the city, and the world.

DAY **1**

Pray that we would be a church that exalts Christ wholeheartedly.

PRAYER

O great God, you alone are worthy of our worship. You have created us for you. Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Yet relentlessly and tragically, we exchange the truth for a lie as we place created things above you in our hearts and lives. Forgive us for the ways in which we make good things ultimate. Give us fresh repentance for our forgetfulness, neglect, replacement, and disdain of you. Enliven us to see that our greatest idol is our self. We languish in the dependence, consumption, promotion, seeking, and love of self. In you alone we are satisfied. We ask that you, Lord, would help us this day to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, for this is the first and greatest commandment. Guard us from idols, and triumph over all that competes for our ultimate affection. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

DAY 2

Pray that we would be a church that engages people graciously.

PRAYER

Father God, giver and sustainer of all life, you have redeemed us and called us to spread the life and light of Christ. And yet, sadly, far too often we spread death with our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Rather than viewing people as humans to be loved, we view people as obstacles or vehicles to our self-absorbed agendas. We breathe hate and discord from our lips and our keyboards. We are far too rich in gripes, grumbling, and grievances and far too poor in graciousness. Forgive us for all the ways our words and our ways with one another are shaped by sinful motives and selfish intent. Rescue us from sin and self, and remake us into a people who engages all people graciously. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malice be put away from us. Let kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness mark us, both in the church and as we engage with our world. May all who come near us taste the compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience of our Savior. Empower us to bear with and love one another for the sake of your name and the good of all whom you place in our church and along our paths. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY **3**

Pray that we would be a church that equips disciples biblically.

PRAYER

Our Faithful God, who with delight chooses to reveal himself by his Spirit and Word, we praise and thank you. When we consider the way our Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, resisted the temptation of the devil with the weapon of your Word and the filling of the Spirit, we are rebuked in our arrogance. We so often seek to win the battle in our own strength and not by the sword of the Spirit, your Word. Forgive us, we pray, because of the finished work of Christ Jesus. We remember that, in the garden, the tempter questioned our first parents, “Did God really say?” Remind us that failure to remember what you have said to us ruins us with misery and death. Enable us to be a people who delight in the law of the Lord and meditate on your Word day and night so that we may be like a tree firmly planted, no matter what season or temptation. Strengthen us to remember that all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that we, servants of God, may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Empower us to neither add to nor subtract from your commands. Prevent us from shaping you according to our own insecurities, intellects, imaginations, and ideas. Convince us that our only offensive weapon in the armor of God is the Word of God. Enable us to know you as you have revealed yourself to us in your Word. For the sake of your glory and our good, we ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY

4

Pray that we would be a church that extends resources generously.

PRAYER

Lord of all creation and Giver of all good gifts, we adore your mighty rule and abundant kindness. We acknowledge that the chief reason that you have created us and bestowed gifts on us is to display your glory. For the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. And yet, we confess that we wrongly believe that we control our lives and that our agenda and desires are the highest authority in decision-making. Please forgive us by the grace of Jesus Christ. Convince us that we are stewards - a position of honor to please and promote the owner's purposes, but also a humble position in which we are not the ultimate source, goal, or guide for our lives. In every decision, with all of our resources, and in all our vocations, teach us to ask, "Lord and Owner of my life, what do you want?" Align our hearts with your ways that we might want what you want, and thus improve and advance all that you have entrusted to us for your honor. As parents, spouses, workers, and friends, convince us that we are stewards and not owners of our children, marriages, jobs, finances, and relationships. What we have, you own. So teach us to hold it with open hands and to handle it with biblical direction. Would you please make your flock at LMPC faithful with all of our resources in both big and small things, regardless of how much we have or lack? You tell us that it is "required in stewards, that they be found faithful." Find us faithful. Make us generous. Help us depend on you alone to make us fruitful. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY **5**

Primacy of the Gospel

PRAYER

Father of mercies, we thank you for that good news that God saves sinners in Jesus Christ. We confess that we often believe that the Gospel is merely the entryway to our relationship with God rather than the pathway for all of our growth and life in Christ. Grant that we would believe all our days that the Gospel is not just the ABC's of Christianity but that it is the A to Z of Christianity. We ask that you keep us rooted and unwavering in the truth that the Gospel is found only in the person and work of Jesus Christ through the revelation of God's Word. Give us adoration and affection for the person of Jesus, and give us life-shaking clarity concerning his identity and nature. Deliver us from painful despair in our lack of works or from our deluded pride in our insufficient works. Overwhelm our lives with faith so that we rest in his work alone. Empower us to pay relentless attention to God's Word. Ensure that we have no higher authority than your Word and enable us to apply your Word to all things. May the primacy of the Gospel mark your people at LMPC for all our days. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Necessity of Prayer

PRAYER

Kind and compassionate God, who eagerly hears our prayers, teach us to pray. We confess that prayer often feels like nothing to us. Give us fresh repentance for such unbelief. Grant us faith to believe that prayer is indeed something immeasurable, necessary, and transforming. Make prayer the first thing among us rather than the last thing. Gather us to pray faithfully and fervently in private, as families, in small groups, and in corporate worship. Where we neglect prayer because of our ruthless independence, frustrate our self-consumed endeavors that we might come to the end of ourselves and truly believe that apart from you we can do nothing. Enthrall us with the ultimate end of your glory in all things so that we petition your throne for the advancement of your name and fame in all things rather than our own. As we pray for the advancement of your grand and glorious Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, may our little empires of self be toppled by your benevolent Kingship. As we approach your throne of grace, make us mindful of those who are the least, lonely, lost, and little, not only in our community and city but also throughout the nations. May the mind of Christ our Savior guide our prayer so that your love and power guides all we do and say. We offer this prayer to you so that in all things Christ might be preeminent. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY **7**

Vitality of Worship

PRAYER

Great Lord, you are most worthy of praise. While we certainly cannot fathom your greatness, how often we forget. Our hearts are so easily distracted by lesser things that can never deliver what you alone can. We confess that we often exchange the truth of God for a lie and sadly worship created things rather than the Creator. We beg that you would move powerfully among us so that nothing is set above us for worship but God, and nothing is set below us but creation. Please be merciful to us by keeping idolatry, irreverence, and unbelief far from our lives. Each week as we kneel before you in corporate worship, our Maker, would you enable us to come with thanksgiving, songs of joy, honest confession, sincere listening, and glad expectation. May our gathering be like that of a flock in the pasture under the care of a Good Shepherd. As you enliven our hearts each Lord's Day, keep our hearts inflamed for worship in every conversation, vocation, and recreation that follows. By the mighty power of your Spirit, transform us into a community of believers who respond to your amazing grace with worship and wonder. Give us faith to offer our lives in worship to you, because from you and through you and to you are all things. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory forever. Amen.

Indispensability of the Church

PRAYER

Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. We worship and adore the chief cornerstone, Jesus, from whom we are built together as living stones. You have made us a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people belonging to you. Enable us to shine your light on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Embolden us with the wonderful security that the church is not only indispensable: it's indestructible. For we rest in the words of our Savior, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." Abide with your church locally and globally, while on earth her faith is tried. Keep the doctrine and life of the church pure in this broken and crooked world. Grant unity to your church in truth and charity, so that the world knows of our faith in you because of our love for one another. Arm the soldiers of your church with the cross, who are brave to suffer toil or loss because we count earthly gain but dross. Knowing that you love and cherish the church more than any of us ever could, we offer this prayer in your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY **9**

Centrality of Community

PRAYER

Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, for all eternity you have existed in perfect community together, and we praise you for the startling reality that, in Jesus, you have lavishly welcomed us into your community. We confess that we are not the community that we should be as we compare ourselves to one another, neglect the least and lonely, and prefer to love ourselves instead of loving our neighbor. All too often, we view each other as vehicles to be used or obstacles to be removed, instead of loving one another honestly and humbly. Would you kindly form us into a gospel-centered community, where we no longer feel like we have to hide from you or from one another? Grant us the courage, the energy, and the patience to live vulnerably and sacrificially for each other. Great God, give us the wisdom to know how to steward our time and resources, so that we can live others-centered lives. Father, Son, and Spirit, you are always giving glory to one another; teach us to build relationships on trust instead of fear, giving instead of taking, compassion instead of cynicism, and forgiveness instead of resentment. Would you so transform us as a people, that as unbelievers see us, your people, they would see you too? In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Priority of Mission

PRAYER

Our Redeemer, our Savior, who is presently making all things new, we praise you for leaving the comforts of heaven to take up the cross that we might have life and love everlasting. You are exceedingly generous in your mission for us, gracious in your sacrifice for us, and glad in your service to us. Make it so for us as well, as we live and move in this fallen and needy world. Give to us abundance of generosity, grace, and gladness. Cause us to lay down our comforts, our treasures, and our very lives for the sake of the Gospel on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Use our gifts and our vocational callings to bring peace and good where there is chaos and lack. Unleash our resources for the advancement of the Gospel where there is darkness, despair, and distress. We pray that your Spirit would make us servants. For you, Jesus, came not to be served but to serve and to give your life as a ransom for many. Help us not to neglect the priority of your mission each day in the many small acts, obscure places, and common ways in which you call us to faithfulness. Through both the little and the large moments of faithfulness, extend your fame and make your name great in every square inch of the earth. We pray with thanks and hope that you delight to use your broken people to bring healing in every sphere. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY 11

The fruit of the Spirit - Love**PRAYER**

Loving Father, we praise you that you did not just describe love to us, but clearly revealed true love to us through the sacrificial gift of Jesus. As you love us with an unbreakable bond, empower and equip us now to love one another. Mark our love with action and truth rather than just words and speech. Keep us from mere sentiment toward one another, but instead propel us to sacrifice and service. Teach us to love others when they are unlovely, since you loved us when we were dead in our sins. Direct our thoughts, words, and desires according to the love of Christ. Overrule our self-consumption, self-protection, and self-promotion so that in all our relationships we live by faith in him who gave himself up for us. May we love one another in such a way that others know that we belong to you, and in this way may behold you. For you tell us that no one has ever seen God, but that if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. Show off your glory through us when we love one another. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

The fruit of the Spirit - Joy

PRAYER

Joy of the World, we adore you as the one who fills our hearts with joy because of that great morning of resurrection. We rejoice that you are alive and nothing can separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus. By your Spirit and because of the truth of your arrival in the flesh, empower our hearts to leap with the joy of John the Baptist in the womb. Though we have not seen you, fill us with an inexpressible and glorious joy, by faith, until we behold you face to face. Strengthen us to consider it all joy when we face trials of various kinds, because we know that when we have stood the test, we will receive the crown of life that you have promised to your beloved. Teach us to discern, with wisdom and in perseverance, the difference between happiness and joy, comfort and contentment. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. And we ask with great expectation that you, the God of hope, will fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in you, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY **13**

The fruit of the Spirit - Peace

PRAYER

Prince of peace, our world is full of trouble, division, and disorder. It is as if the earth is giving way underneath us, as if the mountains are falling into the heart of the sea and the waters are roaring over us. Grant us stillness to know that you reign and that you have overcome the world. We beg you to lift your face upon us and give us your peace. Wherever there is injustice and hatred, let the peace of Christ rule in the hearts of your people since we know that we are members of one body. Wherever there is the approaching storm of war and death, speak as you did to the violent waters: "Peace, be still." Wherever there is relational bitterness and division, convince us that deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil, but those who promote peace have joy. Enable us as your followers to cast our anxiety on you when we face unrest within us and around us. We confess that we far too often try to fix the turmoil according to our own wisdom. Sadly, we then diminish our joy and increase our strife by fragmenting your world into godless factions that pursue our agendas over your law. Forgive us, by the mercy of Christ, and show us the way to peace that is found in knowing you through your faithful and timeless Word. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

DAY 14

The fruit of the Spirit - Patience

PRAYER

Long-suffering Father, we praise you that you are slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. You are graciously patient, not wanting anyone to perish but for all to come to repentance. In contrast to your perfect character, we are consumed with instant gratification and we confess that we despise waiting. We scramble to satisfy our own hearts with earthly things rather than waiting on you to satisfy us with your unfailing love. We grumble and complain when our plans are inconvenienced and our schedules are interrupted. Because of Christ alone, we ask that you would forgive us, and we thank you for your patience with us. Enable us, by your Spirit, to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Empower us to live like farmers who faithfully sow with patience and dependence while waiting and trusting you with the harvest that is to come. Give us wisdom to trust you when you say: “Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.” Make us into those who renew our strength because we wait for the Lord. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY **15**

The fruit of the Spirit - Kindness

PRAYER

Loving Savior, thank you for leaving the wonder of glory to enter the darkness of our peril so that you might show us the particular tender care of our Father in heaven. How often we fail to express your kindness to others whom you have placed in our lives. We confess that we bite and devour one another with our words, thoughts, and actions, and thus fail to live out the summary of the law: "Love your neighbor as yourself." We confess that we live harried, busy lives that focus on our own agendas and needs rather than lives attentive to the needs of those around us. Each day, we function without awareness of your presence, and we miss opportunities that you give us to express kindness in our world. Forgive us and form us so that we embrace our identity as your chosen people, holy and dearly loved. May the activity of our lives flow out of that identity so that we treat others with compassion. You teach us that whatever we do for one of the least of these, the hungry, thirsty, stranger, needy, sick, and imprisoned, we do for you. Give us eyes that see, hearts that care, and hands that serve. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The fruit of the Spirit - Goodness

PRAYER

Our good and benevolent King, we honor your perfect goodness in all your ways. We join the psalmist in proclaiming the greatness of your goodness, which you have stored up for those who take refuge in you. Using the words of your beloved saint, John Newton, we affirm our assurance of your goodness in the midst of a broken world: "Though troubles assail us and dangers affright, though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, one thing secures us, whatever betide, the promise assures us, 'The Lord will provide.'" We look to you in faith, trusting that we will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. By your grace and for your glory, you have rescued us so that we might display your goodness to a world full of guilt and grief. And so we humbly and boldly ask: empower us not to be overcome by evil but to overcome evil with good. Enliven our hearts so that we hate what is evil and cling to what is good. You have clearly revealed to us what is good: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen and empower us in every opportunity and realm where you place us, to do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Out of the goodness of your love and in your great mercy, hear our prayer and turn your face toward us. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DAY **17**

The fruit of the Spirit - Faithfulness

PRAYER

Faithful God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments to a thousand generations, we honor and adore you. We give exuberant thanks that your never-ending love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your character is unchanging and trustworthy. You keep all of your promises and we are glad. We confess that we are not like you. We are promise breakers who struggle to keep our vows and honor our word. Forgive us for the countless ways that we fail you and others in our wavering and wandering. Help us to keep our allegiance to you, day by day and moment by moment, in thought, word, and deed. Enable us to keep every vow that we have taken, whether in marriage, vocation, baptism, or in membership in your church. Grant us faithful friendship in community as we serve others above self and endure together with patience in trial and trouble. Beloved Master, when our race on earth is finished, we long to hear you say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." Please make it so, Lord Jesus. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The fruit of the Spirit - Gentleness

PRAYER

Almighty Holy Spirit, you alone can make people like us truly gentle. You have designed gentleness to be the most precise and appropriate approach to a fallen person or circumstance. It is the address of a fallen world with grace wrapped in wisdom and tempered by love. So it is neither too harsh nor too soft for each specific need. The ruin of the fall has made people shell-shocked by an intensely painful world. And brash, thoughtless choices litter the landscape. Cultivate in us a desire to address a pain-stained and wound-weary world with gentleness. We ask you to produce this fruit in us through your mere presence with us. Lead us to understand that gentleness requires as much to be withheld as it commands to be given. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, whose responses to every situation were wisely restrained, carefully aimed, and faithfully sustained. Like our Master, make our manner as beautiful as the message we bear. Like our Master, shape the way we live by the grace of your hand, Holy Spirit. We cry out in the matchless name of our perfectly gentle King. Amen.

DAY **19**

The fruit of the Spirit - Self-control

PRAYER

Father God of grace, we confess to you our profound lack of self-control. If we are honest, we'd much rather control the actions of those around us, instead of stewarding our own choices. Our urges and desires hold sway over us even when we promise that they won't. We struggle to restrain our tongues, our appetites, and even our careless whims. But your Son, when hungry and tempted with food from the devil, chose the Word of God instead. When tempted to test his father's love for peace of mind, he rested in God's will for him. When tempted by false glory, he chose what is holy instead of what was easy. Give us the resilience to do the same, and a reliance on your Spirit that we might bear Kingdom fruit. We don't want to conform; we long to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Cause us to love and serve those around us humbly instead of being slaves to our own cravings. Inspire us to cling to your Word in times of temptation and look for the promised way out that you always provide. Make us shine like stars so that others around us will see Jesus. And help us to see your Word as our food and your will as our comfort. In the matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

**To glorify God by giving ourselves away on
the mountain**

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we seek to glorify you by giving ourselves away on the mountain, we pray today for our community. We thank you that, in your kind providence, you have placed us on Lookout Mountain at this time. We know that you determine the times set for us and where we will live, and we thank you that it is here and now that you have placed us. We pray for our community on the mountain and our place in it. Help us to be a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. Cause us to let our light shine before the men and women of this community, that they might see our good deeds and praise you, our Father. We thank you, Jesus, that you left your throne above, took on our flesh, and dwelt among us—you moved into our neighborhood! We thank you that you came not to call the righteous, but sinners like us. Open our eyes to see the lost and the hurting in our community. Motivate us to move towards them in friendship and with the glorious good news of the Gospel. Please give us opportunities to get to know our neighbors, new and old, and share with them the hope that is within us. Finally, Lord, we pray for revival. Lord of the harvest, add to your church every single day the ones being saved. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY **21**

To glorify God by giving ourselves away in the city

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we seek to glorify you by giving ourselves away in the city, we pray today for Chattanooga. We pray for our leaders—we know that even the hearts of kings are streams of water in your hand that you turn wherever you wish. We pray for our mayor and city council, that you would give them wisdom, understanding, and knowledge to govern according to your will and Word, that we might lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. We pray for our strategic partners and support partners, laboring in every corner of our city and seeking its welfare. Bless their work today, for the advancement of your Kingdom. We pray for our sister churches throughout the city—since there is one body, one Spirit, one hope to which we are called, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all, please join us together in one heart and one way. We pray for the lowly in our city. Satisfy our poor with bread. Use us to help make Chattanooga a city where every family dwells in safety under their own vine and fig tree; where the widow and the fatherless are defended, and the afflicted and needy find deliverance; where justice rolls like a river, and righteousness as a mighty stream that never stops flowing. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY 22

To glorify God by giving ourselves away around the world

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we seek to glorify you by giving ourselves away around the world, today we pray for the nations of the world. Make known your way of salvation throughout the earth, that all the nations may praise you. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Lord, we pray for our World Missions Partners around the globe. How will the nations call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how will they hear unless someone preaches? And how will they preach unless they are sent? We thank you for our missions partners around the world who are preaching the Good News, and for the joy and privilege of partnering with them. Bless their work today. Renew our zeal for evangelism and mission. We ask you to raise up new missionaries from our congregation to preach the Gospel across the world. Lord, we long for that day pictured in Revelation 7 when we will worship around your throne with people from every nation, tribe, and tongue. So we ask that you continue to build your church. Bring your saved offspring from the east and gather them from the west. Say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back!' Bring your sons from far-off places, and your daughters from the ends of the earth. Let all the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY **23**

Church officers

PRAYER

Jesus, we acknowledge that you alone are Head of the Church. And yet you call particular children of God to serve within your body as elders and deacons for the good of your people. We pray now for the church officers that you have called at LMPC. For all of them, keep your call fresh in their hearts and refresh them in their service to you. May our elders and deacons seek your counsel daily in Word and prayer. Enable the elders of LMPC to shepherd this little flock of God not under compulsion, but willingly; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in their charge, but being examples to the flock. We pray that you will empower each LMPC elder to be above reproach and without arrogance, quick-temper, violence, or greed. But instead, by your grace, grant to each elder an abundance of hospitality, goodness, self-control, integrity, holiness, and discipline. Ensure, by the power of your Spirit, that our Session of elders holds firm to the trustworthy Word of God and that they remain resolute to hold to sound doctrine and to rebuke those who contradict it. For our deacons, who mercifully serve and faithfully care for the physical and tangible needs of the flock and the building, enable them to live lives of dignity without falsehood, addiction, greed, or dishonesty. Give to each LMPC deacon a servant's heart, a merciful spirit, and a prudent mind. May our elders and deacons work together in unity of spirit, in solidarity of heart, and in minds fastened to truth. Through your faithfulness to our elders and deacons, we trust that you will demonstrate your faithfulness and love to each of us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

DAY 24

Church pastors and staff

PRAYER

God of all comfort and Father of all mercies, pour out your sustaining power on those doing the work of ministry on our LMPC staff. Grow them each in grace so that they take delight in making much of Jesus, and making less of themselves. We bring to your throne those who serve as “spokes in the wheels” in our church — our administrative and operations staff. Remind them of their importance to you in their day-to-day service, never hidden from your eyes, never insignificant or incidental. Bring contentment, fulfillment, and perseverance in small and large tasks, as they help lessen others’ loads. For our facilities staff and all who labor to care for the gift of our beautiful campus, help these gifted servants push back the fall on a daily basis – from the installation of the new to replace what is old and tattered, to the maintenance of what would otherwise repeatedly break down or wear out, to the repair of that which has come to a screeching halt. Also, please bless and protect all of our information technology systems from those who would seek to do harm and steal. For our worship staff, fairest Lord Jesus and beautiful Savior, use them to help us know your beauty, grandeur, intimacy, redemption, and rule. Grant to them ingenuity, thoughtfulness, coherence, and skill to create liturgy that draws us to our glorious King. We bring to you our pastors and ministry staff. Please give them the perseverance to not give up, even when the victories seem small and the losses seem so common. Fill them with hope amid despair, and grant them courage to confront the kingdom of this world with truth and love. Humble and mold them into prayer warriors. And Father, for all of the staff, make your grace ring clearly and shine brightly in their hearts and empower them to serve your church, that your Kingdom may come! In the name of Jesus, our good Shepherd. Amen.

DAY **25**

Children

PRAYER

Gracious and loving Father, on this day we lift up our covenant children to you. Your Word reveals to us that your heart is for the smallest of those whom you have created in your image. For Jesus himself said in Luke 18, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Lord, we plead for your mercy on our covenant children who have yet to find eternal life in Jesus Christ. Draw each one to a saving knowledge of him, who was crucified for the forgiveness of their sins, and who rose again for their salvation. We pray that your living and active Word would become a sweet joy in our children's lives. Show them your faithfulness and steadfast love. Shine the light of your truth into their hearts to guide them in the paths of love and righteousness. Cultivate in our children a love for you that manifests the fruit of the Spirit to others. Grow them in compassion, mercy, endurance, patience, kindness, peace, and purity of heart. Through your Spirit's power, may our children love the very things you love and learn to obey your commands. Lord Jesus, lead our covenant children in the way of the Gospel day by day, so that it informs the way they think, feel, speak, and act. We pray for your protection over these, your beloved children. Preserve and uphold them by your powerful right hand. We boldly pray these things in the strong and matchless name of our gentle Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Youth

PRAYER

Sovereign God, we praise you, Lord of the harvest, and thank you for showering us with resources to love the youth of this mountain. We pray for their minds - that they may develop a worldview shaped by both your Word and Spirit, so that they may walk in a manner worthy of you. We pray you would grant them sight to see their need for dependence on that same Word and Spirit, even when all around them shouts for independence. We pray for their hearts to please you, to rest in you, and to have the joy of you, Lord, as their strength. We pray they would have a deep sense of connection within the LMPC family while simultaneously embracing their unique imago Dei - the image of God stamped on them. As they are drawn into this Christ-centered community, may they be fully and palpably connected to you. Help them to seek out Christian community in whatever school setting you place them. We lift up the emotional and mental health of our students, and we pray that our community, as we glorify Christ, would offer protection from discouragement and isolation. In whatever "growing pains" you may bring into their lives, may they cling to you and recognize your presence with them. We pray for our youth leadership, that all would be refreshed by your Spirit and constantly renewed in love for students, even as we pray for meaningful partnerships with parents. We pray you would raise up leaders among our students and grant them skill to bear witness of you in their schools. Unify us all in your Spirit. Amen.

DAY **27**

Adult Discipleship

PRAYER

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we humbly petition you to make good on your glorious promise to complete the good work you have begun in the lives of your people. Would you teach us more of what it looks like to work out our salvation with fear and trembling? We desire to grow in your grace and experience the fruit of abiding deeply in you. We confess that the distractions of this life often capture our attention, and we neglect the very means of grace that you have given to us – the Scriptures, prayer, the sacraments, fellowship, and serving. Forgive us and help us to return to you as our source of joy, contentment, rest, pleasure, and intimacy. Remind us that you have given us everything we need for life and godliness. Holy Spirit, transform our wandering hearts, that we might invest more in the eternal things of your Kingdom than the temporal things of this world. Fill us with abundant strength to engage in the daily battle against our flesh, the world, and the devil. Grant us perseverance as we seek to grow in the likeness of Christ. As iron sharpens iron, strengthen your body here at LMPC to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Your Son, our Savior said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” Lord Christ, grant us boldness to wisely and winsomely proclaim your Gospel in the lives of those you put before us. We long to be formed into a family of faithful disciples carrying out your mission for the glory of your great name. These things we ask in the name of our righteous elder brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Senior Adults**PRAYER**

Lord and King, we suspect that our perspective on renewal is a bit different than that of those who are older. Some of our elder brothers and sisters have gone, as you have instructed all of us, “to the house of mourning” many more times than either they or we would have expected. They have likely tasted the loss and stood by the sides of those who have lost family and friends to death more times than we have. We pray that they, O Lord, will heed your counsel and “take this to heart.” As life’s limits and losses become a more vivid reality to these more mature servants, we ask that you make your refreshing, reviving, and renewing grace far more defining of their lives than the losses of this fallen world. Savior, please settle their hearts and minds restfully in this foundational truth; there is simply no other person, no practice, and no principle that can even vaguely compare, in any help they might render, to knowing and trusting you. Help them to “cast all of their anxiety upon you because you care for them.” For older saints, renewal and revival are not an idealistic option. Rather renewal is a life and death matter. Mediocre Christian game-playing and superficial spirituality are hardly potent enough to help one face the pains of life, let alone the end of life. Jesus, hear our cry! Renew! Remake! Revive! Reshape the older men and women of our fellowship, and grant them robust and repentant faith that pulses with the vitality of life in Christ! Come, Holy Spirit, and make them into “normal,” not “nominal” Christians. Hear our cry, O Lord. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

DAY **29**

For the revival of God's people

PRAYER

Living God, humbly and desperately, we pray for the power of your Spirit to move among us afresh. We are far too often dull to your presence and drifting from your Word. Forgive us for being taken in by all the deceitful allure of this world and for allowing lesser things to become more important in our lives than you. We bring you all the places where we are hurting, broken, enslaved, burdened, and hopeless. You know where we truly are in our heart and our mind. Set us free through the power of the Gospel. We pray for your healing power to mend every broken place, to liberate every chain of bondage, and to renew our hearts in you again. Wake us up, Lord! Help us, by faith, to put off the old nature of sin and to put on the new nature of Christ daily. Teach us to look carefully at how we walk, not as unwise but as wise, and enable us to make the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Revive and renew us as your people, O Lord. We pray that, by your Spirit living and breathing among and through us, you will shine your light brilliantly upon us and clearly through us so that many are drawn to know you as Savior and Lord. Your same power that broke prison chains, raised the dead, healed the sick, and parted the seas — may that same power work among us today. For your glory and in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DAY 30

For the restoration of our place

PRAYER

Benevolent Giver of all good things, we thank you for the gift of this church building and campus on Bragg Avenue. You tell us through your servant Peter, “You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” We are reminded of this truth when we look at each beautiful stone that makes up this building. But Lord, these stones that serve as symbols for us are in desperate need of repair. We need your help to restore our building and we call on you for help and provision. You see the water intrusion throughout the building that comes from above, below, and beside. Help us see it and discern how to stop it and prevent it for future generations. You see every mortar joint, vulnerable wall, and slate shingle that needs attention. Enable the workers, contractors, and architects that engage in this work to see the depths of the damage and the clear path to repair. As we expand our campus with a new building, give all who work on the project wisdom and ingenuity to create the best possible space that would make us the most faithful stewards of your resources. As we repurpose, renew, and reimagine spaces in our current building, give us fresh insight and clear paths to develop this physical space for the most beneficial spiritual use and impact. May all that we create and restore point all who enter to the beauty, creativity, and order of our Maker and King. Please protect all who will engage in the physical labor of renewal and repair. And enable us all to receive the gift of patience and gratitude as we endure the process of physical renovation of the sacred space you have given us. In the name of Jesus, we ask these things. Amen.

DAY **31**

For the release of Kingdom resource

PRAYER

Our Provider and Master, you tell us, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” Gracious God, enable us to be good stewards of all your blessings. Help us to use our time, talents, and resources wisely and to your glory. We hear you warn us, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Father, forgive us for thinking that this life is about getting more stuff than our neighbors have. Our homes, cars, appliances, gadgets, and toys do not make life worth living—only you do. Lord, you free us in calling us to remember this: “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” King Jesus, grant us joy in giving. Light a passion in our hearts for building up your body and providing for the work of your Kingdom. Immanuel, God with us, you remind us, “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” Understanding that our lives are not our own, we cannot save ourselves and have been bought with your precious blood; may we live not for ourselves but for you alone. Lord Jesus, you yourself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” We ask and we beg, for your honor and the advancement of your Kingdom, reorient our life direction from being getters to being givers, so that we might know the joy of your blessed life and spread the joy on the mountain, in the city, and throughout the world. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

“Will you not revive us
again, that your people
may rejoice in you?”

PSALM 85:6

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