



*churchwide day of*

**prayer & fasting**

**PRAYER GUIDE**

# Sunday Evening

## ADORATION

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*Psalm 90:1-2*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Spend some time reflecting on God's eternity. Contemplate his being as having no beginning, and no end. Allow these things to lead you to a time of prayer in adoration and worship.

## CONFESSION

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*Psalm 90:12*

So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Spend some time reflecting on the way you have used your time in this last season. As you identify ways in which your choices have contradicted the wisdom of God and the priorities of Scripture, confess those to God. Ask him, as this passage commands, to receive a heart of wisdom.

## THANKSGIVING

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*Psalm 103:2-5*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Think deeply over the complete and total forgiveness that God extends to you through Jesus Christ. As you reflect on this forgiveness, allow your heart to move into a time of thanksgiving. Thank God for his grace, and also for the good things he gives to you, as the passage declares.

## SUPPLICATION

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*Psalm 90:12, 16-17*

So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom...

Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Ask God for a greater focus, clarity, and a sense of "numbered days." Pray for a season of spiritual fruitfulness in your life, in your work, in your family, and especially in the relationships you have with those who do not know Christ. Pray that God's favor would be upon us as a church in these things and that we would see his power displayed in fruitfulness of evangelism of the lost, and a real penetration into the city in which we live and in other relationships we have with those far from Christ.

# Monday Morning

## ADORATION

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*Isaiah 6:1-7*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Spend some time considering the Holiness of God. Consider the sheer power and might that He possesses. Consider the terror that Isaiah experienced when he caught this glimpse of God on the throne.

Take an extended time to allow this picture of God to sink in. Pray, even, that this vision would go deeper in your soul as you consider to whom we are speaking.

Lastly, spend time in statements of praise, worship, and adoration of God. *“Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.” - Psalm 96:9*

## CONFESSION

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*Isaiah 6:5*

And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

When Isaiah saw clearly the holiness of God, the almost instantaneous reaction was for Isaiah to see himself more clearly. He saw, with new clarity, his own sinfulness. Take some time to consider, and confess, whatever ways in which you have - in thought and word and deed - gone astray from God's commands. Confess your own sinfulness to him at this time.

## THANKSGIVING

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*Isaiah 6:6-7*

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Having confessed your sins, think and meditate deeply on the response of God to Isaiah. God's instantaneous response to Isaiah's confession was to assure him that his "guilt is taken away" and his "sin atoned for."

In John 12:41, John tells us that Isaiah "saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him" (NIV). John explains that what Isaiah was seeing in the temple was a picture of Jesus Christ. The sacrifice to which the angel makes reference was none other than God himself - Jesus Christ.

When we look deeply at God's holiness (and our own sinfulness), we are led to see with greater clarity the "glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). God's glory is most distinctly seen in the person of Jesus Christ, who offers himself for all of our sin and guilt.

Take some time to thank him for his grace and for his sacrifice.

Next, spend some time thanking God for all of the things he has done for you recently. Thank him for his provision, for answered prayers, and for whatever other things come to your mind.

## SUPPLICATION

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*Isaiah 6:8*

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Immediately after Isaiah sees God in the temple, confesses his sins, and then is assured of God's forgiveness, God speaks. God asks, "...who will go for us?" God invites Isaiah to represent him as his ambassador. Take this time to pray for God's power to represent God, his gospel, and his kingdom to those in your life who are far from him. Pray for power and boldness, and success in being faithful to deliberately engage concerning the gospel with people God has put in your life.

Next, write down 3-5 names of specific people God has given you regular contact with who do not know Christ. Pray for each one by name.

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# Monday Afternoon

## ADORATION

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*Job 38:34-37a*

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings,  
that they may go

and say to you, ‘Here we are?’

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts  
or given understanding to the mind?

Who can number the clouds by wisdom?

Take some time to think about the sheer knowledge and power that God possesses. The passage reveals just the beginning of what this looks like. God’s power extends not only to natural power in general, but to specific lighting bolts, to clouds that are numbered. This is truly one of the most magnificent realities of the Christian faith. The God of the Bible has unlimited power, and utterly personal and detailed knowledge. The God of the lightning bolts is aware of your thoughts this morning, he is intimately aware of your anxieties and your dreams. The hairs on your head are numbered.

Take some time to pray, expressing your praise and adoration to this great God.

## CONFESSION

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*Jonah 3:10-4:2*

When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

This passage from the book of Jonah shows, in striking candor, how a follower of God was displeased with God’s desire to show mercy to others. Jonah hated the people of Nineveh and desired God’s judgment to fall upon them. When God showed incredible mercy, it made him deeply angry.

While it might be easy to look down on Jonah and find no commonality to him, a deeper reflection on our own lives may show that we are not all that different. When we fill our lives with distractions and commitments that result in an inability to join God on his mission, are we not all that different from Jonah? Does this pattern reveal in us a profound disconnect and disinterest in God’s mission?

Take some time to confess to God ways in which you have failed to follow God in his mission. As you reflect on your life, confess to God any disinterest in his mission. Confess any times you have knowingly neglected to pursue others whom God has provided you with an opportunity to pursue.

## THANKSGIVING

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*Jonah 4:2*

O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

Reflect on the words of Jonah, noting how he describes God.

God is **gracious**. God is **merciful**. God is **slow to anger**.

God abounds in **steadfast love**. God **relents** from disaster.

Take some time to specifically thank God for the depth of his grace that is shown to us. Thank him for his lavish forgiveness toward you, and the forgiveness he longs to extend to others who do not know him.

## SUPPLICATION

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*Acts 13:48-49*

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

At this time, we will turn our hearts to specific intercession for the people of Phoenixville and for the greater community of Iron Works Church. Take an extended time to plead with God.

1. Ask God to deepen a movement of prayer inside Iron Works Church that outlasts this time of prayer and fasting. Pray that a critical mass of the church (greater than 50%) will continue to pray regularly for others who do not know Jesus Christ. Pray that the fire of prayer would not go out but would deepen and expand.
2. Ask God for success in training us how to share Christ winsomely and respectfully with others. Pray for Pastor Stan and the training he is starting; pray for a critical mass of Iron Works' membership to attend, and for the training to successfully enable us to share Christ with others.
3. Ask God for spiritual power to boldly, winsomely, and respectfully engage others with the claims of Christianity.
4. Ask God for a harvest. Ask God to grant early success in these efforts so that the church would be encouraged as we see others come to Jesus Christ.
5. Ask God for fruitfulness in church planting that results from seeing a harvest of souls.