

Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Appointment Task Force

Week 1 Announcement

Prayer Individual

Day 1: Prayer to prepare my heart (Psalm 139:24, Psalm 51:1a;10)

Omniscient God, you know when I sit down and when I rise. You understand my thoughts from a distance. Search me now and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. Lord, have mercy according to your loving kindness. Remake my heart and renew my Spirit, so that I may know and do your will.

Day 2: Prayer for discernment and wisdom (James 1:5a; 3:17)

Generous God, today I come asking for wisdom and wise judgement that comes from above. I believe when I ask without doubting, you will give generously and without finding fault. Reveal to me all that is pure; peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, capable of bearing good fruit, impartial and sincere. So that all of my ways will be pleasing to you. Amen.

Day 3: Offer Support (Isaiah 53:1)

Like the birds hovering overhead, so may the LORD of hosts so protect (Congregation's Name) and (Pastor's Name). The LORD will protect and deliver us, he will spare and rescue us. As a bird from heaven may I support the (Pastor's Name) and (Congregation's Name) to accomplish God's will. Amen.

Day 4: Prayer for unity in body of Christ (Psalm 133:1; 1Cor 12)

How good and pleasant it is when your people live together in unity. Help us remember we are all baptized by one Spirit to form one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Cause us to celebrate the many parts that have been placed in this church, every one of them, just as you wanted them to be. May (Congregation's Name) have no divisions in this Body, but have equal concern for each other. May we never be found saying one to another, I have no need of you. Amen.

Day 5: Prayer for Pastor (and Pastor's Family) (Matthew 6:26-30)

As the Father in heaven cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of field, may God care for (Pastor and/or Pastor's Family). Care for their basic needs, take away their worries and clothe them in your glory. Give them such faith so it overflows to share the treasures of heaven with (Congregation's Name). Amen.

Day 6: Prayer for Blessings on Congregation (Psalm 66:8)

Bless our God, (Congregation's Name). Let the sound of our praises for our gracious Lord be heard. May be blessings of heaven fall upon (Congregation's Name) and may we share God's salvation to our community and all the world. Amen.

Day 7: Praise and thanksgiving to God (Isaiah, 25:1; Psalm 150)

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name,  
All glory and honor belong to You, and You are worthy of my praise.

I praise You in the sanctuary; I praise You in your mighty heavens;  
I praise You for the acts of power; I praise your forgiveness, peace, and love  
If I don't praise the rocks will cry out. Let all my breath - Praise You Lord.