



Better TOGETHER



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Week 3 – Together in Prayer

Introduction:

Acts 2:42

They (the early Christians) devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

John 13:35

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Five Prayers for this Painful Time:

1. Pray for _____ workers
2. Pray for _____ to decline
3. Pray for the _____ in our community
4. Pray for _____ recovery
5. Pray for _____ as we seek to reopen

Acts 2:47b

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

National Day of Prayer...JOIN US!

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Thursday, May 7 at NOON

Pray with local pastors for our leaders, our communities, our economy...and the social, spiritual and mental health of our citizens.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS OR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Let's begin with a general well-being check! How are you handling things as we approach the two month mark of the shelter-in-place lives we've been living? If possible, try to name one thing you've been very frustrated with, and one thing you've found great joy in...

Ponderings:

2. Do you know any frontline workers who have suffered the emotional toll of serving in the hardest hit areas of our country? Why is it important that we not lose site of the seriousness of this pandemic, even as we (thankfully) enjoy life in a place that has not suffered nearly as many infections as some places?
3. When you see a daily death count on your favorite news app, do you see it mostly as a statistic or are you moved to the core by the scope of suffering that some are facing. Will you pray for those who have been affected by the fatalities of their loved ones?
4. There is a much larger pandemic than COVID-19, and that pandemic is fear. The stress caused by anxiety is a silent killer and an agent of heart disease, emotional disorders and other symptoms that steal lives every year. Why is it so critical to "cast all your anxieties on Him?" (1 Pet. 5:7). When you consider that this was written to Christians living under daily government-sponsored persecution, how does the verse come alive?
5. In praying for financial recovery, it is equally important that those who are able to do so find ways to support our local businesses. Do you know anyone who is suffering financially from this crisis? In what way(s) might our Life Groups help out?
6. Praying for favor as we seek to reopen business, church and overall life is so critical. The Church must rise above the mud-slinging and lead boldly yet humbly. What are some practical ways that we as believers can "set the tone" for a successful reopening and recovery in our community?

Promptings:

7. Will you pray every day this week for these five things? Will you stand in unity as the Body of Christ to believe God for what we have very little control over? Will you find gracious ways to take action as you are able?