

Hope Community Day of Prayer - Monday, November 20, 2023

General Prayer Points:

- Express thankfulness to Jesus that, because of His death and resurrection, we can have life. (Romans 6:23) *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
- Realising we fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23) *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* but that we can confess our personal sin to God, knowing we can have His forgiveness. (Colossians 1:13-14) *"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."*
- Express thankfulness to our Sovereign Lord who has everything under control. Ask God to replace our worry and anxiety with His peace and provision. (Isaiah 41:10) *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*
- Pray for the leadership in our country - Municipal, Provincial, Federal
 - Ask that God would grant our leaders wisdom to lead well in their specific areas; godly wisdom that is pure, peace-loving and merciful.
 - Ask God to raise up peacemakers on Parliament Hill; for righteousness to abound on Parliament Hill
- Conflict in Israel
 1. Pray that the war will be successful in completely removing the terror threat of Hamas from not only Israel but the entire Middle East. May they never raise their heads again to harm Israel and suppress their own Arab people. Pray for decisiveness and resolve among Israel's leaders to pursue this battle to the very end (Psalm 18:34)
 2. Pray for the protection of all Israeli soldiers who serve their nation. May a divine hedge of protection surround them! (Psalm 91).
 3. Pray for unity among the people of Israel, that this war will become the catalyst for a new-found brotherly spirit throughout the nation (Luke 11:17).
 4. Pray for protection for all those in the region who love peace and seek to live in friendship with Israel and the Jewish people. Pray that God would send deliverance and a spirit of repentance and transformation upon the people in Gaza.
 5. Pray for the Arab churches in Israel, the territories, and the wider Middle East to have the courage and moral clarity to take a clear stand in that conflict and

distance themselves from the evil spirit of Hamas. Pray that God's Spirit will remove the veil of Replacement theology and Supersessionism from their hearts.

6. Pray that this conflict will become a catalyst for spiritual renewal in Israel. Pray that miracles of God would manifest in powerful ways. May this be the time when the Spirit of Grace and Supplication will be poured out on Israel as foreseen in Zechariah 12:10. Just as Abraham entered the Land of Promise on his 75th birthday to reach his divine destiny, let us pray that on this 75th anniversary of the state of Israel, its people would enter into their redemptive destiny in God.
- If we lack the words to pray, ask the Spirit to intercede. (Romans 8:26) *"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."*

Specific Prayer Points:

School:

- Increased enrollment in the Elementary grades.
- Remember our school staff - that God would equip them to do their jobs well and they would look to Him as their source of strength.
- Our Bethlehem Walk event to the greater community in December. Pray details will come together and it would be a successful outreach ministry.
- Financial strength for our school.
- Ask that God would move in a miraculous way to provide HLCS with a better solution for our middle school in the near term and a suitable future facility for the whole school long-term.

Church:

- For God's guidance as we start the new Year with our new Pastor
- Prayer for our members and leadership, that the Lord will continue to Guide us in His Word and Love
- Prayer for the upcoming Advent concert (December 2nd) kicking off Advent and Christmas Season