



MDPC Prayer Team

Prayer Guide

For the knowledge of God
Dear God, the Psalmist declares, "Be still, and know that I am God" {Psalm 46:10}. In their busyness, may our members have quiet moments in which they think and reflect about God in their lives.

For salvation
Loving God, the Apostle Paul reminds us that the Gospel "is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" {Romans 1:16}. Help all our members to trust in you always and remain faithfully committed to your ways throughout their lives.

For myself as a Christian
Gracious God, fill me with sensitivity and insight that I may understand the best ways to relate to my brothers and sisters in Christ so they may grow in your wisdom and love.

For patience
Loving God, help each of us to listen with patience to the worries, troubles, and problems that others may have, within the body of Christ and to those outside.

For kindness of speech
Gracious God, so many people have been deeply wounded because they have been the brunt of criticism, teasing, and taunting. May all members of MDPC exhibit kindness in their speech.. Let the words of Psalm 19:14 be true for our members: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight."

To recognize their mistakes
Dear God, I pray each of us recognize when we are wrong and take responsibility where we are at fault. Give us a deep and sincere desire to put things right as quickly as possible.

For love
Gracious God, let each of my brothers and sisters follow the command of Jesus to "love one another" {John 13:34}. Let them reach out with love to all within their sphere of influence.

For spiritual stability
Oh God, in times of moral uncertainty and temptation, empower all members of MDPC to exhibit spiritual

stability. May the words of Joshua have a firm grip in our hearts: "You are to hold fast to the Lord your God" {Joshua 23:8}.

To help bear burdens
Loving God, let it be that we Christians are the ones who quickly reach out, helping to lift the burdens of others. Through our example, may all who do not know Christ understand the importance of fulfilling the call of Scripture to "carry each other's burdens" {Gal. 6:2}.

To be instruments of peace
Gracious God, may my sisters and brothers guide their thoughts, words, and actions by the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: "Make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

To celebrate humanity
Dear God, this world is filled with beautiful people, all of whom are your creations. May MDPC be a

place that is free of discriminatory and judgmental attitudes toward others. Help us appreciate and celebrate the fact that people are red and yellow, black and white, tall and short, fat and thin, rich and poor, young and old.

For spiritual & emotional growth
Loving God, let the children of MDPC be like Jesus who "grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" {Luke 2:52}.

To be salt & light
Gracious God, may we members of MDPC learn how to cooperate rather than compete, to respect rather than revile, and to console rather than condemn. In our circles of influence, may we be "the salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" {Matt. 5:13-14}.

For protection
Eternal God, as we go out this day may your loving protection go ahead of us, be behind us, hover over us, and stand beside us. This day protect us from every danger, disease, and trauma.

For faith in times of difficulty
Dear God, whenever we Christians face trial, trouble, or fear, let us naturally turn to you for guidance and strength. May we know this powerful promise of scripture: "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" {Deut. 33:27}.

To remember the marginalized
Dear God, create in my the hearts of all of us love and compassion for those whom society overlooks. Let us understand the importance of this biblical command: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" {Heb. 13:3}.

For growth in grace
Loving God, day by day and in every way, let my brothers and sisters "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" {2 Peter 3:18}.

For contentment
Loving God, let all of us cultivate the same spiritual contentment as did the Apostle Paul, who said: "I

have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" {Phil. 4:11-12}.

To be unselfish
Gracious God, give our members more love, more self-denial, more willingness to sacrifice for others. Let us understand deeply that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

For wisdom
Loving God, may your spirit be so present in the lives of everyone in this church that our thoughts are your thoughts and our ideas are your ideas.

To offer confession & seek forgiveness
Gracious God, may there be in our members no propensity for denial of truth and reality. When we err and do wrong, may we offer you confession and seek your forgiveness. Let us take comfort in your

word, which says: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" {1 John 1:9}.

For humility in victory, dignity in defeat
Dear God, life is made up of valleys and peaks, wins and losses. There will be times when each of us will make important gains and other times when we will feel the sting of losing. May we have humility in victory and dignity in defeat.

For appreciation of God's creation
Loving God, show my sisters and brothers how to love all animals, birds, creatures, and all green and growing things. Help them to cherish and protect your creation.

For gratitude
Dear God, let gratitude, praise, and thanksgiving continuously flow from the lips of every member of MDPC. May they "give thanks in all circumstances" {1 Thess. 5:18}.

For the courage of convictions
Gracious God, convictions mean nothing unless there is the courage to stand up for them. May we members of the body of Christ "be strong and courageous" {Joshua 1:6}, standing up for those treated unkindly and unjustly.

For emotional & spiritual strength
Eternal God, when any of us feels the pain of rejection by friends or feels we are the objects of ridicule, infuse us with emotional and spiritual strength. May we always remember that you are the strength of the weak, the refreshment of the weary, and the comforter of the heartbroken.

To be joyful Christians
Loving God, bless us with the spirit of joy. May we smile naturally, laugh easily, rejoice in your gifts large and small. Let the words of the Psalmist resound in our lives: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" {Psalm 118:24}.

To be "clothed" in virtues
Dear God, may my sisters and brothers constantly and

consistently be clothed
"with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and
patience" {Col.3:12}.

To be free from materialism
Gracious God, even with all
our wealth help us to be free
from materialism. May we
enjoy the benefits,
privileges, and material
possessions without the
constant clamor for more
and more and more. And,
may we know the
importance of sharing and
using our abundance to
bless others.

For peace & justice
Eternal God, nurture in my
sisters and brothers a love
for the many people who
live in poverty and misery.
Arouse in their hearts a deep
and abiding hunger for
justice and peace.

To be filled with hope
Loving God, no matter what
may befall us Christians
may we be so filled with
hope that it prevents any
despair from taking hold.
With the Apostle I pray that
you, "the God of hope" {Romans 15:13}, will fill us
with all joy and peace.

For perseverance
Dear God, keep our
members from becoming
impatient and quitting
prematurely. Develop
within them endurance and
perseverance so that when
faced with major challenges
and crises they do not easily
give up. Let them be "joyful
in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer" {Romans
12:12}.

For a passionate love of God
Gracious God, cultivate in
all those at MDPC a passion
to love and serve you. May
they have the same kind of
passionate love for you as
did this Psalm writer: "I will
praise you, O Lord, with all
my heart; I will tell of all
your wonders. I will be glad
and rejoice in you" {Psalms
9:1-2}.

For generosity of spirit
Loving God, instill in your
children a desire to give of
themselves. May they
always be honorable in
action, sincere in words, and
gentle in their treatment of
others.

To be forgiving
Eternal God, fill us with the
spirit of forgiveness.
Whenever we are hurt, may
we naturally forgive and
thereby free ourselves from
the burden of resentment.
May we take seriously this
word from the Apostle:
"Forgive as the Lord
forgave you" {Col. 3:13}.

To have a teachable spirit
Gracious God, infuse in
every child and adult the
awareness that the world is
filled with teachers. May
they see others as being sent
by you into their lives to
teach them to learn better
patience, greater love and
more compassion.

For the wise use of their talents
Loving God, thank you for
filling each person in the
congregation with numerous
gifts, talents, and abilities.
Let them exercise wisdom
in using their gifts to help
others.

To be honest
Gracious God, let my fellow
Christians always exhibit
honesty of conduct and
honesty of speech. May
there be nothing deceitful in

what they say and do. Instill
in them the awareness that
life flows more smoothly
when it is built around
honesty.

To practice hospitality
Eternal God, may we who
love you be open and
affirming of all others. May
we be the ones who reach
out, embracing those who
are left out or left behind.

To be faithful in prayer
Gracious and loving God,
help each of us to live lives
punctuated by prayer. With
the Apostle may we "pray in
the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and
requests" {Eph. 6:18}. May
we be persistent and
powerful in our praying.

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