

What should be the subjects of our prayer?

“Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” (Matt 6:9–13 ESV)

- Praise and adoration of our great God.
- For the advancement of His Kingdom.
- For our own provision and the relief of the poor. (James 2:5; Gal. 2:10)
- For the sick (James 5:14-15)
- Confession and repentance.
- For grace to forgive others.
- For guidance and heavenly wisdom.
- For protection from sin.
- For the power of God’s Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13; Eph. 3:16; 1 Th. 1:5)
- For Revival, both personal and national. (Hos. 6:1-2; Ezek. 37:11-14; Ps. 85:4-7; Hab. 3:2)
- For the lost who know not Christ. (1 Tim. 2:4)
- For the establishment and growth of churches to proclaim the Gospel. (Titus 1:5, Eph. 6:18-19)
- For God to raise up workers for the harvest. (Luke 10:2)
- For kings and those in authority over us. (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

How is the prayer meeting conducted?

The elders will select a mature man from our body each Lord’s Day to prepare and lead the prayer meeting. That man will conduct the meeting according to this general schedule:

- Sing the hymn of the month that we are learning together.
- Read a Psalm and give a brief devotional exhortation from that Psalm or another passage of Scripture intended to encourage us to pray.
- Take prayer requests from those present.
- Lead the prayer of God’s people and ask others to join in petitioning our Father in Heaven, through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ, by means of the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Remind those present to pray specifically, humbly and boldly for God to answer us.

Who may participate in the prayer meeting?

We encourage everyone to attend the prayer meetings, members and non-members, children and adults.

Anyone attending is permitted to make requests known to the body (Acts 1:14). Children are encouraged to ask their parents before voicing requests.

All male members of GfBC are encouraged to pray as the Lord gives them desire to do so. (1 Tim. 2:8)

We remind all present—and especially those who pray publicly—of the solemn purpose of our corporate



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“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray...that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ...that (we) may make it clear, which is how (we) ought to speak.” (Col 4:2–4 ESV)

A Kingdom minded, Christ exalting, multi-generational community of faith.



What is the purpose of corporate prayer?

1. **To promote and increase the knowledge of the truths, ordinances, and works of God (Col. 3:16, Ps. 111:2).**
2. **To express and exercise mutual sympathy among the members (Rom. 15:1-3; Gal. 6:2).**
3. **To provoke and encourage one another to holiness and virtue, in all manner of conversation (Heb. 10:24-25; Eph. 4:15-16).**
4. **To communicate on another's gifts and graces to mutual edification (1 Pet. 4:10; Eph. 4:12-13).**
5. **To render members faithful and friendly watchers, counselors, and reprovers of one another (1 Thess. 5:14, Heb. 3:13, 10:24).**
6. **That members may join together in prayer, praise, and other spiritual exercises (Matt. 18:19-20).¹**

Why is corporate prayer important for GfBC Conroe?

We strive to be 'A Kingdom Minded, Christ Exalting, Multi-generational, Community of Faith'. To that end, we must humble ourselves before the mighty hand of God, bringing our burdens to Him (1 Peter 5:6-8), and cultivating a desire to see His name be great among the nations (Isaiah 56:7-8; Mal. 1:11; Mark 11:17).

Corporate prayer testifies publicly of our complete and utter dependance on the Lord Jesus Christ and the cleansing work of His sovereign grace, moving us by the power of His Spirit. It reminds us of our remaining weaknesses, both private and corporate (Rom. 8:26; James 4:3).

Corporate prayer unites our hearts together to Christ; and through Him to one another. Praying together we cultivate our affections for Christ and for one another, stirring up one another to love and good works, and reminding one another of the mercy found in our Lord Jesus Christ alone (1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 1:10; Rom. 6:5).

Corporate prayer awakens our affections for Christ's Kingdom. As we come into His presence, we pray for His Spirit to move among us to draw our hearts toward heaven and the glory of Christ Jesus (Heb. 12:28; 2 Pet. 1:11).

Corporate prayer is a helpful means of improving our private prayer. When regularly praying with other saints, we are encouraged regarding the importance of prayer and instructed by example how we might pray more earnestly and effectively (Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12).

When do we gather for corporate prayer?

GfBC prayer meetings take place at 9:45 am each Lord's Day prior to our Worship Service, according to the following general guide:

1st Lord's Day of each month

Prayer for the nations, including our own; praying for those in authority over us, confessing our national sins to God and asking His mercy on our nation. We will pray for the Gospel to be preached to all creatures (Rom. 1:5, 16:26; Gal. 3:8).

2nd Lord's Day

Prayer for the State of Texas. We will pray for state leaders over us and particular issues that need the light of Christ's Gospel. We will pray for the churches seeking to reach the lost in our state, including 'the nations' that are among us (Prov. 24:21; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; Titus 3:1-2).

3rd Lord's Day

Prayer for our local community, especially Montgomery and Walker counties. Pray for local civil leaders, the lost among us, and other local churches. Pray for opportunity for wider Gospel proclamation (Jer. 29:7).

4th Lord's Day

Prayer for our families, neighbors, and those immediately known by us. Prayer for salvation, peace and unity in Christ (Prov. 12:26; Dt. 24:12-19).

5th Lords Day

Prayer for the elders and this local body of believers. Voluntary corporate fasting, prior to the Lord's Day, to be broken together at the Lord's Table. The elders may request other specific needs or prayer focus (Acts 13:2-3, 14:23).

1. John Brown, *Christian Journal*, 18-19.