

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.*

[1 Thessalonians 5:23–24]

PRAY:

- For God's people of Maranatha to experience God's own peace as they face surprises, challenges, unexpected detours, and disappointing turns
- that what we do as a church build up the spirits, souls, and bodies of the people of Maranatha
- that God's people at Maranatha long to live consistently holy/sanctified lives in private and public
- that the people of Maranatha have great courage to believe that "God will do it!" in both earthly and heavenly matters

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. [2 Thessalonians 1:11–12]

PRAY:

- For believers of MEFC to live up to the expectations God has for those called to live holy lives.
- that Women's and Men's Ministries may fulfill God's good purposes of building up the faith of many through those ministries
- that the name of Jesus Christ is spread to thousands more around the world because of the work of our missionary heroes around the world



Remember tonight's *Prayer and Worship Gathering*
at 6:00pm at Church
Childcare is available for those through age 5.

Week of Prayer Guide

MARANATHA EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
January 4-11, 2026

As we step into this new year, please take time each day this week, Sunday to Sunday, to pray for your church. We will use the Apostle Paul's own prayers for the churches that he loved (in Rome, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, and Thessalonica) as our guide for how we can pray for the church we love, Maranatha.

Simply read Paul's prayer and then pray for Maranatha in line with what Paul prayed. Specific requests are noted with each prayer.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [Romans 15:5–6, 13]

PRAY:

- For Maranatha to have a deep spirit of unity; that we demonstrate one heart and mind in relationships in our church.
- that our people may experience God's own joy, peace and hope
- that broken relationships within our congregation may experience healing and restoration
- that we move as 'one' church family into Maranatha's future

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. [Ephesians 1:17–19]

PRAY:

- For MEFC's Elders to lead with the Holy Spirit's wisdom
- for our people to know Jesus Christ personally & follow him closely
- for all our Ministry Leaders to be driven by the vision that every generation here in our community needs to experience the hope, riches, rewards, and power of Christ

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. [Ephesians 3:14–19]

PRAY:

- For the people of Maranatha to experience the inner strength for living life that God's Holy Spirit can give
- that Maranatha remains theologically rooted in the truth, and demonstrates it in loving actions and attitudes toward others
- that Maranatha may show togetherness with all the saints in every church throughout the Rice Lake region
- that we not be satisfied with a surface understanding of our faith
- that the communities served by Maranatha may come to know the love of Christ because of the lives of our church's attenders

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. [Philippians 1:9–11]

PRAY:

- That our actions of love toward each other and the community are guided by real knowledge and spiritual insight
- that decisions made in the next months by MEFC's leaders (Elders, Staff, Ministry Teams, Transition Team) are truly the "best" for Christ's purposes and plans to be fulfilled at Maranatha
- that leaders of the church and leaders of families maintain pure personal lives that cannot be reproached



"He has infinite attention to spare for each one of us. He does not have to deal with us in the mass. You are as much alone with Him as if you were the only being He had ever created."

-C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. [Colossians 1:3–14]

PRAY:

- For our whole staff to be filled with God's knowledge and wisdom to do their roles well: Interim Pastor Jeff MacLurg, Pastor Tony Nord, Angela Michaels, Justin Peterson, Stacey Wenzel, Carmen Gil, Gale Anderson, Jenn Kaus
- that our Worship Services please the Lord in every way
- that we see the fruit of new believers and more faithful believers through our ministries
- that genuine joy is spread through everything Maranatha does!
- that Maranatha's Youth Ministries help solidify the faith of teens to face a world that is hostile to believers.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. [1 Thessalonians 3:9–13]

PRAY:

- For genuine love to flow between all members of Maranatha and that all interpersonal tensions are resolved because of our commitment to Christ
- that the people of our church learn to be strong in Christ's strength to handle life's challenges, and be blameless in their behavior
- that until Jesus Christ returns --"Maranatha!" = "Our Lord, come!"-- we all live as people who daily walk in the presence of our God.
- that MEFC's Children's Ministries may effectively help young lives start to live out a lifetime of following Jesus as disciples