

# New Year's Prayer Guide

**Acts 4:31** “And the place where they had prayed was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with all boldness.”

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and to fill this church
- Ask God for boldness in your faith
- Ask God to make us a church that is excited about Jesus inside and outside our walls

**Psalms 9:1-2** “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult (rejoice) in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”

- Spend some time thanking God for who he is and what he has done!
- Ask God to create in us a heart of gratitude.
- Ask God for faith to believe that He is good and he is working all things for your good.

**1 Corinthians 3:19** “The wisdom of the world is folly to God.”

**James 1:5** “If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”

**2 Timothy 3:15** “the sacred writings (scripture), which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

- Ask God for wisdom to navigate in this world as a Christian
- Ask God for the humility so that your life is shaped by the truth of Scripture
- Ask God for understanding of His word, so you can apply it

**James 5:16** “Pray for one another”

**Galatians 6:2** “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ”

- Pray for as many people in the church **by name** that you can think of.
- Ask God to fill them with His Spirit. Ask God to grow them in grace and faith.
- Pray that we would know the love of God for us in Christ.
- Ask the Lord to be kind and merciful. Pray that we would trust the Lord to work in our needs in the exact way that is best for us.

**Matthew 28:19-20** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And truly I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**2 Corinthians 5:18&20** ....”Christ gave us the ministry of reconciliation....We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”

- Pray for our witness as a church in our community. Pray God would help us obey and fill us with boldness through His Spirit to share the gospel.
- Pray for lost family members. Ask the Lord to convict them of their sin, lead them to repentance, and give them faith to believe in Jesus.
- Pray for the salvation of neighbors, coworkers, and others in your life that are not Christians.
- Pray God would give wisdom to the Elders as we seek the Lord in how to be part of taking the gospel to “all nations”.

**1 John 1:9** “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

**Psalms 51:1-2** “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgression. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”

**Romans 8:1** “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

- Ask the Lord to reveal hidden sin in your heart. Spend time confessing your sin.
- Ask the Lord for strength to walk in obedience.
- Thank God for the forgiveness that is found in Christ’s sacrifice. Ask God to help us believe that we are truly saved by grace (not by performance) and we are no longer under condemnation.

**2 Timothy 2:22** “Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

**Hebrews 10:25** “Not neglecting to meet together; as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

- Ask the Lord to give you a hunger for righteousness and to help you pursue righteousness this year.
- Ask the Lord to grow you in spiritual disciplines – (prayer life, bible reading, meditating on God’s word, stewardship, fellowship, etc)

- Ask the Lord to bless our worship gatherings. Pray that God would use singing, and conversation, and the preaching of His word to shape us into the image of His Son.

**1 Timothy 2:1-2** “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

- Pray for our President – “the Lord holds the king’s heart in his hand”. Pray that God would draw our President to himself. That he would humble him. That he would give him wisdom to lead us well.
- Pray for our Senators and Governors. Pray for our local authorities. Pray for our fireman and police officers. Thank the Lord for their service to us. Ask the Lord to bless them and use their service for His glory.
- Pray for the Elders of our church (Brian, Dave, Kevin, Darren). Pray God would give them wisdom to lead well. Pray God would keep them pure. Pray God would safeguard their hearts and minds. Pray for their marriages. Pray they would be committed to God’s word.

**Ephesians 5:31-32** “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, the two will become one flesh”. This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church.

- Ask the Lord to protect marriages.
- Pray for struggling marriages that you are aware of.
- Ask the Lord for grace for spouses to love, serve, and encourage one another well to the glory of God.

**John 17:20-21** “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

- Pray for unity and harmony among the members of our church
- Ask the Lord to make us a people that display our “oneness” in such a way that the onlooking world would believe in Jesus
- Ask God to help us be slow to speak and quick to listen to one another; to be quick to repent and seek forgiveness for wrongs we have done; to be quick to forgive those that have wronged us.

**1 Peter 5:7** “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”  
What burden is on your heart? Throw it on the merciful, strong shoulders of God.