

Wednesday Prayer Points July 22nd

Awaiting Our Heavenly City Read Revelation 21:1-5

Lord, we thank you for this promise of the heavenly city. Help your church to...

1. Live For It

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth..." (v. 1)

Martin Luther once wrote, "Everything that is done in the world is done by hope." Pray that our Gospel hope and the promise of heaven would motivate Christians to live godly lives across our community. Ask for God's help to speak words of hope to the world.

2. Labor For It

"And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God..." (v. 2)

The day is coming when God is going to redeem His people and all of creation (Romans 8:19-23). This reassures us that our labor is not in vain. All work is important and we must ask God to give us a proper perspective of our earthly labors in light of eternity.

3. Long For It

"...prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (v. 2)

This image of a wedding shows us how wonderful this moment will be: we will experience God's presence with His people, perfect beauty, eternal life, and endless joy! Spend time praising God for this glorious future. Ask God to speed up its arrival: 'Come, Lord Jesus' (Revelation 22:20).

4. Be Comforted By It

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (v. 4)

Life can be difficult. Thank God for the comfort that comes from knowing that our troubles are only for a time. Think particularly about anybody you know who is suffering — pray that they would know the comfort of heaven in the midst of their difficulties.

5. Hope In It

"Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (v. 5)

Our hope is not just wishful thinking or misguided optimism: it is based on the trustworthy and true promise of our Savior. Pray that this hope would be an anchor for the soul, giving you a fixed point to cling to. Pray that the church would boldly proclaim these glorious truths in our community.