



**CPC Fall Season of Focused Prayer
Week 62 November 15-November 21, 2020**

PRAISE

“I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.” Isa 43:15

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations, before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, ‘Return, O children of man!’ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.”

Ps 90:1-4, 12 ESV

INDIVIDUAL REPENTANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Beloved CPC Pray-er, as we come to the Lord with our requests, let us **begin by allowing the Word of God to shine in our hearts and the Holy Spirit to nudge us to humbly repent both for ourselves, our church and nation.** From this week’s Bible reading plan, John 21:3b-6, ESV “...So they went out and got in the boat but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.” Would you consider comparing your own following of Jesus to that of the disciples. This story reminds us that regardless of our gifts and abilities, our experience or our strengths, we are unable to follow Jesus apart from **his work in our lives.** Any effort to serve Jesus in our strength will be as effective as the disciples’ fishing. We can do an effective job on our own in living selfishly, pursuing instant gratification and promoting ourself. But if we desire to give up our personal comfort for someone else’s eternal good, be contented, pursue godly relationships in our family or have victory over a sin that continuously trips us up, we will fail on our own. But this story encourages us that we don’t need to rely on our own strength; Jesus will provide exactly ***what*** we need exactly ***when*** we need it, even though we don’t always recognize the provision in the moment.

- Consider asking Jesus if your confidence is in your own strength or in his sovereignty? ***If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*** 1 John 1:8-9 ESV
- Credit for ideas: [Christ-Centered Exposition Exalting Jesus in John](#) by Carter and Wredberg

AS A CHURCH FAMILY, MAY WE FERVENTLY PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Those in CPC leadership: our Session, Deacons and Staff

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”

Ephesians 4:11-12

- *An anointing by the Holy Spirit*
- *A passion to carry out God’s vision to equip and build up this body of Christ.*

The Pastor Nominating Committee

Please continue to pray for PNC as they move forward in their search for our next pastor. Seek God for clarity and discernment in the process.

Andy Tolsma, Jacque Cauwels, Debbie Land, Adam Saxon, Steve Cook, Seth Medefind, Henry TeVelde, Mark Holman, Susanne Roberts, Marcia Jones, Mark St. Pierre, and Stephanie Wendel

- Patience as they wait for God’s timing
 - Having the mind of Christ
 - Word-centered wisdom
- Agreement and unity in committee and with Session

For our next pastor

- A passion for preaching the Word of God
- Desire to be an effective shepherd for CPC
- Strength and blessing for the pastor and family during time of transition

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Our Church Family

- That the Holy Spirit would **grow love in our hearts for one another**
- All CPC family members would feel loved, honored and like they belong
- Seriously engage the call to care for widows and orphans in creative ways; adopt, foster or support those who do
- Continued ministry to those who are lonely, ill or have financial struggles
 - A fresh spirit of **repentance and outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

Our City

- Our government leaders
- Protection and wisdom for **medical personnel as COVID spikes** in many locations
 - Those who have been **victims of the wildfires**
 - Restore Merced: the poor, jobless, homeless, struggling and our neighborhood children
- Our **educational system** and COVID’S impact on students, parents, teachers

Our Nation

- A just and honest resolution to the Presidential vote count and in any other disputed elections
 - That the Church would be a winsome witness in these turbulent times
- That the Holy Spirit would bring peace and truth to the civil unrest in many cities across our country

The World

- Protection, vision, and strength for missionaries and the Persecuted Church