

Friday

"Then all the believers were united as they lifted their voices in prayer." – Acts 4:24a

Reflection

1. Scripture frequently encourages us to pray with others. How is this different from praying alone?
2. Take some time to gather with your family members or friends and pray for WCC together.

Saturday

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:13

Reflection

1. Review some of the notes you have made this week. What has God revealed to you?
2. Is there anything standing in the way of your hearing from God (i.e., unconfessed sin, a distracted mind)?

Prayer Points

Acts 2:46-47 tells us that the early Christian believers worshiped at the Temple, met in homes, shared meals, and praised God – *together*. We strive to follow their example as we gather for worship, small groups, meals, and music. Ask God to guide the direction of our worship services, as well as the many small groups who meet throughout the following ministries, that we would be able to use these times to glorify Him.

- Leadership
- Children's Ministries
- Student Ministries
- Adult Ministries
- Mission & Outreach
- Community Care & Counseling
- Worship & Creative Arts
- Support Ministries

Personal Prayer Notes

Do you have any personal prayer requests? Do you want to thank God for something specific He is doing in your life? Use the space below to record these things. Be sure to review them later to see how God responds.



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Whole Hearted

Jeremiah 29:13



*Seeking the will of God for
 our church and community*

Week Two: Gatherings

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Gatherings:

Worship & the Word

Nehemiah 8 & 12

Our prayer is for God to reveal His desires to you about how we can grow together with our community. If you would like to share what God has been revealing to you, follow these simple steps:

1. Record your thoughts in our online prayer journal at wccconnect.com
 2. Record your thoughts in the printed prayer journal and drop it in the offering basket or at the info center.
- You may download a pdf from wccconnect.com to print a second copy to record your thoughts on and turn back in.
- We will select some thoughts to share for reflection online, however these will be displayed anonymously.

“When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet. Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, ‘Amen! Amen!’ as they lifted their hands toward heaven.” – Nehemiah 8:5-6

It has been a week since the wall was completed – finished in only 52 days. Families have moved into the city, bringing their servants and animals with them, and settled into their homes. And now, the men, women, and children gather together to hear Ezra the priest read from the Bible.

Ezra steps onto a platform so everyone can see him. When he opens the Bible, everyone stands. Some of the Levites (people who helped the priests) stand interspersed throughout the crowd, explaining the meaning of the passages Ezra was reading. And the Israelites respond to what they hear. Sometimes they lift their hands in praise. Other times, they bow to worship God with their faces to the ground. And sometimes, all they can do is weep.

The next day, many of these same people gather again and study the Bible more in-depth. And later on, everyone in their community worships together with music, singing and praising God so loudly that “the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away” (Nehemiah 12:43).

This time of corporate worship was vital for the Israelites, and it continues to be vital for us today. We gather every week to hear God’s Word, to worship God through music, and to fellowship with one another. We also study the Bible more in-depth, both on our own and in small groups.

As we continue to seek God’s will for our church and community, we must not forget to keep gathering together to worship Him. This week, pray for our time together during worship services and for our small groups. How does God want us to use this time?

Monday

*“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...”
– Hebrews 10:25*

Reflection

1. Why is it important for us to gather together on a regular basis?
2. Pray for our worship services and small groups, and for the individuals who lead them.

Tuesday

“Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” – Colossians 3:16

Reflection

1. What role does Scripture play in our walk with God? Why should we take the time to study it as a group?
2. Spend some time thanking God for the way He has worked through our worship services and small groups.

Wednesday

“Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord...” – Exodus 15:1

Reflection

1. In the Bible, people often sang songs to celebrate God’s work in their lives. What are some of our celebratory songs?
2. Ask God to guide our worship leaders as they set the direction for our worship ministry.

Thursday

“So a time was set, and on that day a large number of people came to Paul’s house. He told them about the Kingdom of God and taught them about Jesus from the Scriptures...” – Acts 28:23

Reflection

1. Paul made it a practice to welcome people into his home. Why do you think he did this?
2. As you spend time in prayer, consider how we can follow Paul’s example.
