

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BLACKROCK

WEEK OF PRAYER

1ST-8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

EACH DAY THERE IS A DIFFERENT THEME BASED ON ONE OF OUR CHURCH'S KEY VALUES, WITH A SAYING FROM JESUS, A WAY TO REFLECT, AND THREE WAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH IN THE COMING YEAR.

DAY 1 - WELCOME

"Then Jesus said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.'" - Luke 9:48

Pause & Reflect - Jesus' welcome is wide, warm, and sacrificial. Give thanks to God for how you have been welcomed into his heavenly family.

3 things to Pray for Today;

- that everyone who walks through the doors of our church will feel like they have come home
- that we would be a welcoming and loving congregation to all types of people
- that God will be bringing new people to our church this year

DAY 2 - LOVING COMMUNITY

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." - John 15:9&12

Pause & Reflect - God's great love for you is immeasurable! How can you live by abiding in his love today?

3 things to Pray for Today;

- for the growth of our congregation; for new people coming to faith, for baptisms, new communicant members, and that each of us would grow in our own personal faith
- for the fellowship of our church, that God would be growing our love for each other so that our church would be like a family
- pray for the pastoral needs of our congregation; those who grieve, the sick, and the lonely

DAY 3 - PREACHING

Jesus said, “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.” - Matt. 7:24

Pause & Reflect - Read Jesus’ ‘Sermon on the Mount’ in Matthew ch.5-7.

3 things to Pray for Today;

- that God’s Word would work powerfully in our congregation
- that we would listen to the Bible and put it into practice
- for Andrew & others who will be preaching over the next year, and for the teachers and helpers of our Creche and Junior Church that they will rightly handle the word of truth

DAY 4 - PRAYER

Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened..” - Luke 11:9-10

Pause & Reflect - Start your prayer time today by slowly saying The Lord’s Prayer and pausing after each request.

3 things to Pray for Today;

- that we would be a church that prioritises praying together
- that God will use our prayers to build his church for his glory
- that God will hear all the prayers we offer him this week and he will answer them according to his will

DAY 5 - WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." - John 4:23

Pause & Reflect - Take a few minutes to worship God by reading a psalm out loud, or by listening to (or singing, or playing) your favourite hymn or worship song.

3 things to Pray for Today;

- that our worship would be genuine, & our praise pleasing to God
- that we would know God's presence with us as we worship him together each Sunday
- that God would be feeding our faith through the sacraments

DAY 6 - GIVING GENEROUSLY

"The Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" - Acts 20:35

Pause & Reflect - Spend 60 seconds making a list of the good things God has given you, and then thank him for his generosity.

3 things to Pray for Today;

- God's gracious provision for all our financial needs
- that we would be a congregation of cheerful givers
- for the Holy Spirit to help us to be generous with our money, time, and talents.

DAY 7 - SERVING LOCALLY

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Matthew 20:26-28

Pause & Reflect - Give thanks for all who serve in a variety of ways in our church.

3 things to Pray for Today;

- that God would help everyone in our church to know their gifts
- and that he would give us opportunities to use them
- that our church would be built up, and God glorified as we serve him and each other

DAY 8 - CARING GLOBALLY

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matt. 25:40

Pause & Reflect - Look at a map of the world and pray for a particular country or region that concerns you.

3 things to Pray for Today;

- for those who receive the food donations, that God will show them his compassion and lift them out of their difficulties
- that we would be a generous congregation with a sincere love for those in need
- that God would give us new opportunities to serve the practical needs of our world