

PREPARATIONS FOR “*LORD TEACH US TO PRAY*”

Friday, Nov. 8 (6:30-8:30 pm); and Saturday, Nov. 9 (9 am-12); includes Lunch (1:15-4:30 pm); includes Dinner (6-8 pm)

“*LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY*” is an event designed to encourage God’s people to become people of prayer. The event WILL CHALLENGE and encourage individuals to take another step towards **Christian maturity in their faith & trust in Jesus thru prayer.**”

Monday (10-21): Hebrews 13:18 *Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.*

God has placed leaders in your church - men and women of conscience with a love for the Lord. But they face the same struggles you do in your life. Do you pray faithfully for them?

Prayer: Lord, I lift up the leaders in my church and ask that you would strengthen them and fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they may live a life that honors You. In preparation for this *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event, help me to remember to keep them in my prayers. May the lessons I learn continue to empower my prayers for my spiritual leaders.

Tuesday (10-22): Daniel 9:3 *So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.*

When you pray, do you humble yourself before God, fasting and repenting of your sins? There are many types of prayer – prayers of petition, of praise, of intercession, of healing. Regardless of the type of prayer you pray, it is always more effective when accompanied with fasting and repentance.

Prayer: Almighty Lord, help me to repent of my sins and to prepare for the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event with a period of fasting. Allow me to experience a new effectiveness in my prayer life.

Wednesday (10-23): 2 Kings 20:5 *This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you.*

Is your heart troubled? Are there things in your past that cause you pain? You don’t have to live like that. Take them to the Lord in prayer so He can heal you. Expect greater healing.

Prayer: Lord God, you know the pains that I carry in my heart. Help me to bring them before you and lay them at the foot of the cross. Heal me, Father. Use the upcoming *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event as a way to open my heart to Your healing in new ways.

Thursday (10-24): Jeremiah 42:3 *Pray that the LORD your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do.*

Are you looking for direction in your life? Do you know where you should go and what you should do or are you still seeking? Pray for wisdom and direction.

Prayer: Lord, I know you have a plan and purpose for my life. Please use the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event to teach me how to listen to you and hear the plans You have for me. Open my ears, Lord.

Friday (10-25): Philippians 4:6-7 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Is your life full of worry? Are you anxious about things that you have no control over? Are you concerned that if you come to the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event that you won’t be comfortable?

Prayer: Lord, I worry about so many things, many of which I can do nothing about. You are the Prince of Peace. I rejoice in You and thank you that I can bring these things to you and you will give me the peace I need – a peace that transcends all understanding. Lord, give me the peace that I need to be open to all that You have waiting for me at the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event.

Saturday (10-26): Luke 21:36 *Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.*

If Jesus were to return today would you be ready? If God calls you home today are you prepared to stand before the Son of Man?

Prayer: Lord, I ask for your protection and the strength to resist sin so that I will be prepared to stand before you on the Day of Judgment. Please use this *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event to make me more prepared for what is to come. Teach me how to watch and pray.