

Prayers for our Church – Week 6

DAY 1 – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God, we praise you as the God of all comfort and compassion. You have been our comfort in times of trouble not just for our sake but also for the sake of others. Help us respond to those in pain with the same comfort we have received. One of the greatest gifts we can give is the gift of mercy and compassion. Help us to remember that it is our calling and our command to do so as your disciples here on earth. AMEN

DAY 2 – Acts 9:15-18

Jesus, thank you for using someone like Saul to teach us about grace and release. He was released from a life of deep sin and evil in order to be an instrument of release for others. Thank you that we are not called in our perfection and strength but in our weakness and sin. Teach us to be instruments of release and restoration to others. AMEN

DAY 3 – Judges 3:9, 15; 6:7 – Matthew 25:40

Glorious God, you hear our cries and you meet our needs. You hear our audible cries and the cries of our hearts. Teach us to hear those around us and not be blind or deaf to their needs. Help us remember that the cries come from those you you're your children. When we touch them, we touch you, and when we ignore them, we ignore you. Let us not pass you by. AMEN

DAY 4 – Mark 12:28-31

Jesus, you not only ask us to love our neighbor, but you command it. You also tell us the only thing greater is love of God. Impress upon us the magnitude of this! Help us to remember that this is the only other reason we are here other than to worship and glorify you. As James said, "No one has ever seen God, but if we love another, then God's love is made complete in us." AMEN

DAY 5 – James 2:1-2

Lord, let us remember that we tend to judge and favor one person over another and one group over another. Our neighbors are not always those whom we would choose and our neighborhoods are not always what we would choose, but it is where you have placed us. Give us the grace and spiritual eyes to see and love all equally, regardless of place or position. AMEN

DAY 6- John 4:5-7

Jesus, you know what we really need. You place us in circumstances that will minister to us and where we can minister to others. Help us balance the two. Help us to minister and be ministered to. You are the God of Grace. Allow us the refreshing gift of that grace and encourage us to share your grace that is so freely shared with us. AMEN

DAY 7 – John 13:14-15

We want to follow that example, Jesus. We want to be able to bow in humility to serve and be served. Help us teach one another to wash another's feet and to let them wash ours. Give us the grace and humility of a little child. Teach us that humility and service are the true marks of your disciples. Give us joy in serving you and joy in serving each other. AMEN