

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 (10-14): Luke 6:27-28 *But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

It is easy to pray for those you love. But do you find it hard to pray for your enemies, for those who mistreat you? Sometimes the people who hurt us most are in the church. What is the answer?

Prayer: O Heavenly Lord, forgive me for not loving, for not blessing, for not praying for those that have hurt me or offended me. During the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event, soften my heart and show me how you want me to pray for all your children. Empower me to forgive!

Tuesday (10-15): Matthew 26:41 *Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.*

Do you ever look back at the end of a day or a week and wonder why you just couldn’t find the time or the way to do something good that you felt God wanted you to do? How can we know God’s will and His purposes for our life?

Prayer: Lord, I desire to fulfill every good work you have ordained for me to do, but too often my own desires or the things of this world get in the way. I ask that you would remove any and all obstacles that would prevent me from attending the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event so that my spirit can be strengthened in times of prayer with You.

Wednesday (10-16): James 5:16 *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

Unconfessed sin is a major stumbling block to effective prayer. Do you have sins in your life that you have not confessed to God and to others? Today is a great day to confess before the Lord.

Prayer: Lord, I come to you now to confess and repent of my sin(s) of _____. I ask your forgiveness. I ask that You give me the strength

to resist those temptations in the future so that I may be righteous. Empower me to live a lifestyle of forgiveness.

Thursday (10-17): Psalm 69:13 *But I pray to you, O LORD, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.*

Does it seem as though the only time you pray is when you are in trouble and are desperate for God’s help? God wants to hear your prayers in the good times as well because His favor is upon you and His love and salvation are yours.

Prayer: Dear Lord, You know how often I come to you with requests and how often I come with praise. As I attend the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event, allow my heart to be filled with praises to You. Teach me balance in my prayer life with adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication.

Friday (10-18): Ephesians 3:16-17a *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

Do you know the Holy Spirit? Can you feel Christ’s presence in your heart? Have you ever experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? God wants to strengthen you with power today.

Prayer: Jesus, when you left this earth you promised that you would send the Holy Spirit to teach us, to give us power, and to reveal yourself to us. I pray, Lord, that during the *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event, You would strengthen my faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit so that you may dwell in my heart always through faith.

Saturday (10-19): Luke 18:1 *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*

When your prayers seem to be unanswered do you give up? Do you think that God isn’t listening to you? Remember that God answers prayer in three ways; “yes”, “no”, and “not yet”. If there are prayers you think He doesn’t hear, His answer may be “not yet”. Don’t give up!

Prayer: Lord, at this *Lord, Teach Us To Pray* event, teach me how to be persistent in my prayers and to learn to listen so I can hear your “yes”, “no”, or “not yet”. Give me greater boldness in prayer.