

First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Prayer Preparation

Prepare your mind and heart to come before God with reverence and awe and to worship Him in spirit and truth. Ask God to hear your prayer. *Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!* (Psalm 143:1).

Prayer Focus: Jesus Christ

Praise God for Christ's Incarnation (that He took Humanity to Himself) ~ Christ assumed humanity to perfectly identify with us, to live our life, and lay down his life in our stead. *'The only-begotten Son, one of the holy and consubstantial Trinity, who is perfect God by nature, has become a perfect human being in accordance with his will, by truly assuming flesh that is consubstantial with us and endowed with a rational soul and mind,'* (Maximus the Confessor, early 7th Century). You may want to read John 1:1-4,14-18 and Phil.2:6-7.

Praise God for the Son's obedience to fulfill the demands of the Covenant, to fully identify with humanity ~ how glorious this truth is in our day of fear, anxiety, worry, sadness, and grief. Let's pray that people will turn to Him!

Prayer Guide: ACTS

Offer praise and worship to God by expressing your **adoration** and reverence for Him through your prayers. **Confess** and repent of corporate and personal sin asking God for forgiveness in His mercy and grace. Offer genuine and sincere **thanks** to God for what He has done and will do. Humbly bring your **requests** to God in prayer using the prayer points provided.

Pray for the Congregation

Please pray for -

- **The Armstrong Family** (Katelyn)
- **The Ashley Family** (Julia)
- **The Askew Family** (Fran)
- **The Atkins Family** (Quida)
- **The Augustine Family** (Wyeth)

Pray for FPC Ministers and Staff

Please pray for -

- **The Congregational Care Ministry** (Wiley Lowry, Brister Ware, Sebastian Bjernegard, Marie Phillips)
- **The Deacons, Women's Ministry, and Pastoral Staff** who are coordinating the Mercy Ministry to the congregants and community (needs@fpcjackson.org)

Pray for the World

"pray for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life..." (1 Tim.2:1-2)

Please pray for -

- **the Governments, Cities, and communities hardest hit**. Pray that, as the Lord brings national and regional leaders to the end of their human wisdom and resources, our Merciful Lord would awaken leaders to cry out to the living God; truly humbling themselves, repenting, and pleading for mercy. 'Father, as your people turn from their wicked ways...' (2 Chronicles 7:14) AND pray that through this, many people would be 'cut to the heart,' repent and believe.

Brothers and sisters, if you have any needs (physical, emotional, spiritual, or prayers), or become aware of any needs within your neighborhoods, we encourage you to submit those requests to needs@fpcjackson.org or by calling (601)353-8316.

