



MidWeek Prayer Guide

Take a moment to pause in your day to focus on one or all three of these prayer areas. Find a space where you can sit quietly. Spend a moment in silence as you prepare your heart and mind. Read through each of the prayers.

At the end of each section, take some time to listen to where the Spirit may be leading you - it may be an action, or more specific prayer or deeper reflection.

The Holy Spirit is with you and leading you as you pray.

NewCom Mission

We seek to be a city within a city, an alternate Chicago, that passionately loves Jesus Christ, intentionally engages in authentic community and radically advances the cause of Jesus.

Passionately Loves Jesus Christ

Jesus, we confess that it is challenging to love you passionately with all of our heart, soul and mind. Although we desire to love you, we don't always surrender or respond to your deep love for us.

Lord, we acknowledge that it is your love that transforms and changes us. It is you who loved us first and that love enables us to love you deeper. Help us to recognize and receive your love for us. Give us a willing heart and an open mind to accept your love. And in turn give us the courage to love you deeper.

Jesus, loving you is not checking off a list of things to do or being more productive. Loving you passionately is to know your heart and that requires spending time with you to hear your voice and to continue to say yes to your invitations.

May you reveal where we have said no to you, where we have ignored you and where we have pretended you have not spoken. Transform our hearts and lead us to places of obedience and surrender to your great love.

Christ

Community

Intentionally Engages in Authentic Community

Jesus, we thank you for our NewCom community. We thank you for the people who you have placed in our lives to know and for us to be fully known. We thank you that this community is never a perfect place or a destination to be reached. Rather, you have given us each other to grow in deep fellowship and relationship with.

Jesus, please give us grace to navigate this season and help us to be willing and open to forgive one another and keep short accounts. Help us to carry each other's' burdens creatively – whether that may be on zoom, driving by, dropping off something, through calls, texts etc. Lord, help us to be open to taking steps of courage towards one another in unconventional ways.

In these difficult times, Lord we acknowledge that building and maintaining community is really hard. Although technology is great, we grieve the losses of being together physically. We know that this way of community is not ideal but we ask for your wisdom to guide us in how best to serve one another.

We pray specifically for those in our community who are struggling with feeling alone, with anxiety, fear and grief; for those who feel stressed and burdened financially, mentally and emotionally in this season. Lord we ask that you bring comfort and love to our brothers and sisters and that you would open our eyes and our hearts to the needs of one another.



Radically Advances the Cause of Jesus

Jesus, we acknowledge that the needs of our communities and our world are so many and that can cause us to feel overwhelmed or paralyzed in our ability to act. Lord, we ask for your discernment in this season to know how to serve our brothers and sisters who are the most vulnerable in our world.

Lord give us your heart of compassion for those who are facing hunger, homelessness, food insecurity or illness. Lord, teach us how to be generous with our time, talents and resources. Give us courage to give sacrificially to the needs of others knowing that when we give to the least of these, we are giving to you.

Lord we ask for wisdom to know how and where we can tangibly help our brothers and sisters. Give us a willing heart to partner with existing ministries that serve the vulnerable, marginalized and disenfranchised. We pray for you discernment to know how we can show tangible love with our hands and our hearts.

Cause