

## **Emphasis: Pray for Many to Come to Faith Throughout Central PA and at Penn State**

**Start With Psalm 51: And spend time in getting right with God.**

**Matthew 9:35-38:** *And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

**Ask God to raise up more harvest workers for our neighborhoods, communities and for the campus. Pray for campus leaders and neighbors that they would boldly and joyfully proclaim the gospel.**

**Matthew 24:9-14** *"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

**Pray that our love would not grow cold for those who do not yet know Jesus. Pray that we would be passionate about bringing Jesus to all nations including the nations that have come to Penn State.**

**Romans 10:14-15** <sup>14</sup> *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

**Ask God for beautiful feet! Pray that we would join Jesus on His mission to proclaim Good News to our neighbors and all those to whom God leads us. Pray that our fears of speaking to others would be overcome by His love.**



## **Emphasis: Pray for a Spiritual Awakening and Revival to Pour Out From Penn State and the Next Generation.**

### **Start With Psalm 78:1-8 and Pray for the Next Generation**

**2 Chronicles 7:12-15** *Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves & pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.*

**Ask God to start a revival within the Church. Pray that we would humble ourselves before God and live in accordance with His will as a reflection of His grace.**

**Daniel 9:18-19** <sup>18</sup> *O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.* <sup>19</sup> *O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."*

**Pray that God would look upon our spiritual desolation, from PSU to "Happy Valley" to all the communities and neighborhoods of Central PA and that for His name's sake, for His glory, because of His righteousness, that He would forgive and do great work of salvation.**

**Acts 2:36-41** *Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart & said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent & be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins & you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you & for your children & for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

**Pray that we would not be ashamed of the Gospel; that we would preach Christ - crucified for our sins and risen and empowering us. Pray for students and people in our communities to follow Christ in Baptism. Pray for those people from Penn State and central PA to be sent out to the world to be the light of Christ.**



## Emphasis: Pray for Unity between Pastors and Churches

State with Psalm 133 and ponder what happens when we live in unity.

**John 17:20-26** <sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

**Pray that our love for each other in the Body of Christ would be so evident that others will desire to be a part of such a family. Pray that we would more clearly see the glory of Jesus shining forth from the cross. Pray that our unity, love and care for each other would be a compelling witness to the world around us.**

**Ephesians 4:1-6** *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

**Pray that God would give you humility, gentleness and patience with others, doing everything we can without compromising truth to maintain unity. Praise God for your Baptism, that He has united you with Him and has placed His name on you, adopting you into His family. Praise God for the Baptism into this same faith that others have received, making them your brother or sister in Christ. Praise God for the unity we have with believers all over the world from every nation, tribe and people group.**



## **Emphasis: Pray for Families, Both our Biological and Spiritual Families**

**Start with Psalm 127 and be reminded that God must build our house!**

**Joshua 24:14-15** *“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

**Pray that our children (both biological and spiritual) would walk with the Lord. Pray that our lives would be consistent with the testimony of our lips so as to put no stumbling block before our children. Pray for strength to put away any idols in your own life. Pray that those idols would be overcome by the beauty of the grace of Jesus.**

**Matthew 12:46-50** *While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”*

***Pray for opportunities to be a friend and spiritual mentor to others. Pray for an openness of hospitality to single people, neighbors and co-workers. Pray that single people would embrace this time in their life by caring for and loving others. Pray for married couples to “adopt” single people into their family life.***

**Ephesians 5:18-27** *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...*

**Pray for marriages to be strengthened during this time. Ask God to give us hearts of submission to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ask for forgiveness for “lording it over” another. Pray for a sacrificial, agape love to be practiced in your household.**



## Emphasis: Racial Reconciliation

**Start with Psalm 47 and remember that God is King over all the Earth**

**Romans 10:10-13** *For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

**Galatians 3:28** *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**Pray for forgiveness that, instead of reflecting unity in the midst of diversity; our churches settle for uniformity, denying the Word of God that God values us all equally, no distinction between Jew and Greek, slave nor free, white, black or brown. Pray that we would begin to celebrate the beautiful diversity of God's people united as one under the grace of Jesus.**

**Acts 10:34-35** <sup>34</sup> *So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.*

**Acts 17:26-27** <sup>26</sup> *And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him.*

**Ask God for forgiveness for the times when our hearts, minds and attitudes have not reflected the Biblical truth that we are all one race, descended from Adam and Eve. Pray for those who have suffered under the yoke of oppression and prejudice, sometimes at the hands of Christians who have distorted the truth of the Bible. Pray for courage to speak up when we see or hear of prejudice.**

**Revelation 7:9** *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes.*

**Pray that we would work towards that day, that we would remember it is where we are heading and may it be here on earth as it is in heaven.**