



SERVE PRAYERS

"Serve" means that we joyfully serve others for the glory of God. God's all-sufficient grace is growing in us a sincere love for all people, especially for the people of this church and this community. And because people are so dear to us, we are delighted to share with them not only the Gospel of Jesus Christ but our very lives as well (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

Pray for...

...the heart of a servant.

-- Mark 10:45 – *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

...the humility of a servant.

-- Philippians 2:3-7 – *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."*

...God will greatly increase our joy in serving others.

-- John 15:11-12 – *"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."*

...God will greatly increase our love for others, especially for unchurched people in our community.

-- 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – *"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else."*

-- Philippians 1:9-10 – *"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ."*

...God will give us an unshakeable desire to reach out to our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

-- 1 Thessalonians 2:8 – *"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."*

...an ever-growing desire to be a blessing to others.

-- Acts 20:35 – *"You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

...God will energize and equip us to live and give to bless one another.

-- Galatians 6:10 – *"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

...God will energize and equip us to live and give to bless this community.

-- Hebrews 13:16 – *"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

...we will grow greatly in our understanding that our gifts and talents belong to God.

-- 1 Chronicles 29:14 – *"But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!"*

...we will use the time, talents, and treasures that God has given to advance His glory and not our own.

-- 1 Peter 4:10 – *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”*

...God will give us opportunities to reach out.

-- Colossians 4:3 – *“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.”*

...God will give us grace to accomplish our mission to reach out for the glory of God.