



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 18th of October 2020

1. A Prayer of Confession

Lord,

We are sorry for the ways we have done wrong, and failed to do what is right. We are sorry for the times we have failed to bring our struggles and our sins before you, trusting in our own strength rather than your Son Jesus. Despite all our failures, we thank you for your assurance, that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Heavenly Father, please help us to be earnest in prayer this week as we bring our struggles before you. As you sent your Son to die for us, please continue to shape us into His image, that we might live for the glory of your name.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

2. A prayer for our world

Heavenly Father, we pray for our world.

We pray for governments and rulers in every country. Please institute governments who will rule with wisdom and justice. May leaders in every place have a deep concern for the vulnerable members of their population. May they care for the foreigner, the widow and the fatherless. Please bring about good government for every country; please put an end to oppressive regimes, to corruption and to the persecution of Christians.

We pray for countries who are experiencing civil unrest and disasters of every kind. We pray that lives would be saved, that protest would be peaceful and stability be maintained. Please help those who are experiencing terrible circumstances to look to Christ and His return for hope and safety.

We also pray for the lost people of this world. May Christ be known in every place, and may many people be saved by trusting in him.

In Jesus' name, Amen

3. A prayer for CMS missionaries Sam and Kate MacDowell

Heavenly Father,

We pray for Paraguay. Despite many challenges, much grief and suffering, by your Holy Spirit please enlighten hearts there with the truth, joy and peace of the gospel.

Bring many in that place to your Son by faith, and please overwhelm new believers with your comfort. May all Your people in Paraguay keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, persevering in their faith, not growing weary or losing heart.

Please help Samuel and Kate to persevere in their ministry in Paraguay. Help them to be effective and faithful as they provide medical help as well as proclaiming the eternal cure for souls: the death of Jesus Christ in our place and for our sins.

Remind them of the imminent return of Christ and the day of reckoning that is coming with Him. Please let this drive them in love to reach out with the gospel. Help them to persevere in their own godliness, make them mature and complete, as you would have them to be.

We pray all this for their children as well, for Thomas, Lydia and Benjamin, especially that they would know and love Jesus for themselves.

In his name we pray, Amen

4. A prayer for the SNAC ministry team

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the leadership and ministry team you have placed over us here at SNAC. Thank you that each of them has been set aside to serve your people and equip us all for life and ministry as followers of your son Jesus.

Please guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Keep them from false teaching and from sin. May they always remain faithful to your word, and live lives of holiness in the power of your Spirit.

We pray too for their families. May their spouses feel loved and supported, even as they love and support our ministers. May their children grow up knowing, loving, and serving the Lord Jesus all the days of their lives. And may you keep them all safe and healthy that together they may serve Christ for your eternal glory.

Amen.