



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 29th of November 2020

1. A prayer of confession

Heavenly Father,

We come before you this week knowing that we have often failed to love you as you deserve. We have done what is right in our own eyes and failed to do what you have commanded us to do.

Lord, we thank you that when we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Create in us a clean heart Lord, that we may place our trust and joy in the love you've given us in Jesus.

In his name we pray, Amen.

2. A prayer for the world

Heavenly Father,

We pray for the people of this world who experience all sorts of terrible affliction. We pray for war torn countries where violence and death are common. We pray for people experiencing sickness and plague, where death is always at the door. We pray for people experiencing persecution and cruel oppression from their government. We pray for countries where crime and corruption run rampant at every level of society. We pray for Christians who are tempted to give up their faith for fear of death or cruelty.

Father we know that your son is the king over all these things and nothing escapes his dominion. For this reason, we pray Lord that you would bring the gospel to shine its light in every corner of the earth so that people might hear and attain to the hope of resurrection through faith in Jesus Christ. Please cause great gospel proclamation in every land, that all might hear and prepare for the day when there will be no more pain, sickness and death for those in Christ Jesus,

In His name we pray, Amen.

3. A prayer for Sam and Kate MacDowell (CMS Missionaries: Paraguay)

Heavenly Father,

Please continue to protect and provide for Sam and Kate MacDowell in Paraguay, along with Thomas, Lydia and Benjamin. Keep them safe from sickness, but also from discouragement and doubt. May they continue to remember your wonderful grace to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. For although we are all guilty of treating you faithlessly, you are faithful in your promise to preserve those who trust in the blood of Jesus. And so we ask that Christ might strengthen them by his Spirit to persevere.

We pray too for those whom you have placed the MacDowells in relationship with in that place. Please have mercy on them. Please provide for their physical needs. But more than anything, please bring them to trust in the blood of Jesus too, and so share with us in the sure hope of eternal life.

We ask these things for their good and your glory.

Amen

4. A prayer for Gospel Teams at SNAC

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for our gospel teams here at SNAC. Thank you that so many of us have been able to meet around your word throughout the year to read together, discuss, ask our questions, and apply your word to our lives. Even though we could not meet in person, we are grateful we were still able to encourage one another and study your word together.

Thank you for our gospel team leaders; for their service, preparation, dedication, and love as they have cared for, taught, encouraged, and challenged the members of their gospel teams. Please help them to end the year well, and that in all our groups we may reflect well on how we have grown and give you all the glory you deserve.

May the relationships that have been formed in our gospel teams this year continue to flourish and bear fruit as we spur one another on to love and good deeds, as well as a deeper and richer faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen