

GROW PRAYERS

"Grow" means that, with His help, we strive to become the people that God created us to be. Not only has God saved us from our sins, but He also gives us the power to change. He has given us the gifts of the Bible and the Holy Spirit so that we can put off our old sinful selves and be made more like Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to join together to learn from God's Word and grow in His amazing grace (Ephesians 4:20-24).

Pray that...

- ...God will give us a passion for His presence.
 - -- <u>Psalm 42:1-2</u> "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"
- ...God will give us a hunger for His Word.
 - -- Psalm 119:36 "Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain."
 - -- Psalm 119:20 "My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times."
- ...God will open our eyes to see and understand what His Word truly reveals.
 - -- Mark 8:17-18 "Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?"
 - -- Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."
- ...what we discover in God's Word will enlighten our hearts.
 - -- <u>Ephesians 1:18-19</u> "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."
- ...God will strengthen us against trial and temptation.
 - -- <u>Ephesians 3:16-17</u> "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."
 - -- <u>Matthew 26:41</u> "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- ...the Holy Spirit will give us wise and discerning spirits.
 - -- 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."
 - -- <u>James 1:5</u> "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."
- ...God will transform us into His likeness by the power of His Word at Work within us.
 - -- John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."
 - -- Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
- ...we will increasingly embody and exhibit the fruits of the Spirit.
 - -- <u>Galatians 5:22-23</u> "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
 - -- <u>Colossians 3:12</u> "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

- ...we will increasingly do good works for the blessing of others that give glory to God.
 - -- Colossians 1:10 "We pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."
- ...we will increasingly walk in obedient faith that blesses others and gives glory to God.
 - -- Philippians 1:10-11 "...so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."
- ...God will cause us to rejoice in His Word and will for us.
 - -- <u>Psalm 119:14-16</u> "I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."
 - -- <u>Psalm 119:92-93</u> "If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life."
- ...our hearts will be satisfied with God and not the world.
 - -- <u>Psalm 90:14</u> "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."
 - -- <u>Psalm 86:11</u> "Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."
- ...God will empower us to do good deeds that cause other people to praise God.
 - -- <u>Matthew 5:16</u> "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Pray for...

- ... a passion for God's Word in us and among us.
- ... radical spiritual growth in the church.
- ... power from God to transform us into the likeness of Christ.
- ... newness from Christ in the life of our congregation.
- ... a supernatural delight in the Person of God, the purposes of God, and people of God.
- ... love, joy, hope, and peace
- ... a deep and life-changing understanding of the Gospel
- ... unshakable confidence in Christ
- ... power from the Spirit against temptation and sin