



## “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...” FOR YOUR CHURCH

### Prayer Guide for NOVEMBER 11 & 14, 2018

#### I. ADORATION AND PRAISE

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky proclaims his handiwork.” Psalm 19:1 (ESV)*

**Our Father is worthy of all worship, praise, and adoration. He is:**

Accessible	Creator	Eternal	Faithful	Father
Glory	Good	Gracious	Guide	Holy
Just	Love	Merciful	Perfect	Preserver
Provider	Righteous	Savior	Sovereign	Wise

*(Praying the Attributes of God, A Guide to Personal Worship through Prayer by Rosemary Jensen)*

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity.”  
Psalm 103:2-3a (ESV)*

#### II. Confession—Silent

“The Lord’s prayer is the family prayer, in which God’s adopted children address their Father, and though their daily failures do not overthrow their justification, things will not be right between them and their Father till they have said ‘Sorry’ and asked him to overlook the ways they have let him down.”(J. I. Packer, page 79)

*“If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” Psalm 66:18 (ESV)*

**Admit your sin and seek his pardon using:**

*“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight” Psalm 51:2–4a (ESV)*

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9 (ESV)*

#### III. Thanksgiving

*“Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!” Psalm 107:8 (ESV)*

*“Singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:19b-20 (ESV)*

## **Spend time thanking God for Our Daily Bread And Forgiving Our Sin:**

Forgiveness	Our Bodies	Farmers	Shelter	Food
Friends	Clothing	Clean Water	Heat	Money
Family	Nature	Church	Prayer	God's Word
Health	Medical Care	Employment	Schools	Electricity

## **IV. SUPPLICATIONS**

“God cares about physical needs no less than spiritual; to him the basic category is that of human needs, comprising both.” (J. I. Packer, page 72)

“The Christian way is to live in a constant dependence on God, a day at a time.” (J.I. Packer, page 74)

“The true Christian will not only seek to find and face his sins through self-examination but will labor ‘by the Spirit’ to ‘put to death the deeds of the body’ (i.e., the habits of the old sinful self) all his days (Romans 8:13).” (J. I. Packer, pages 80- 81)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray for the church body as we have the opportunity to nominate candidates and/or volunteer for the Pastor Search Committee. Pray that those who God calls will search their hearts and respond to His call by agreeing to serve.
2. Pray for the Church Council as they continue to seek a Transitional Pastor. Pray that they will know and obey God's will concerning the person He is calling and the timing.
3. Pray that each member of Millbrook will actively seek unity and harmony in the fellowship of believers and intentionally pray and work to combat division and conflict wherever it is encountered.

“Will you believe that what comes to you, much or little, is God's answer, according to the promise of Matthew 6:33? And will you be content with it, and grateful for it?” (J.I. Packer, page 75)

## **Six Simple Guidelines for Prayer Time**

These simple guidelines are meant to serve as tools to help our meetings for prayer get started, encourage newcomers, and motivate the more timid to pray aloud.

1. **Small groups - 6-8 per group**
2. **Specific requests - gathered and distributed by the prayer group leader**
3. **Short prayers - secret of the success of small group prayer**
4. **Subject by subject - pray in one accord, one subject at a time**
5. **Simple prayers - keep it simple, resist temptation to impress**
6. **Silent periods - gives time for those who are more timid to participate**

