

BEST GIFT

Prayer Guide

SUNDAY, NOV 14: WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Luke 12:34

Prayer: Lord, we give you thanks. All our treasure is a gift from you. As we count our many blessings, soften our hearts, deepen our hearts, widen our hearts as we make space for your spirit to work. Teach us to be good stewards of all you have entrusted to us. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, NOV 15: WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY OF FAITH

“And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” Acts 2:44-47

Prayer: God, Thank you for Community of Faith! Thank you for those who work with me in COF’s ministries. I pray for those who worship with me every week and for those who cannot come. I pray for our young members and our aged members, for newcomers and long-familiar faces, for the newly baptized, and the pillars of our community. Draw us deeper and closer to you. Thank you for pursuing us. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOV 16: WE CONSIDER THE FUTURE

“Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.” Colossians 1:10

Prayer: Lord, please fill us with a vision for eternity. Help us bind our hearts, our hopes, our dreams to your vision so that we may help fulfill your mission. Show us our part in the ministry of Community of Faith. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 17: WE CONSIDER OUR CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

“But forget all that — it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-19

Prayer: Lord, please go into this day before me. Let your grace precede me. You know how deeply I crave security. In times of stress and worry, when the future seems a dark cloud, and the

lightning starts to strike, when I begin to be afraid about my health, my financial security, and the well-being of those I love, remind me again, God, of how you have prepared a way for me and mine. Grant me the assurance that somewhere up ahead, you wait for me with miracles and surprises in store. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOV 18: WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF COMMUNITY OF FAITH

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now." Philipians 1:3-5

Prayer: Lord, today, I pray for the person who sits in front of me and the one who sits behind me at Community of Faith. Unite us in your spirit. Show us the power and influence we can have in the world as we join our prayers and our offerings and offer them to You. Thank you for my COF family. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOV 19: WE REMEMBER WE ARE STEWARDS

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11

Prayer: Lord, you have blessed me with spiritual gifts. Please reveal your gifts to me. Show me how to use my gift well to serve others. As I open my eyes to the world, I offer my gifts to you that they might build up the work of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, NOV 20: WE PRAY FOR THE BEST GIFT OFFERING

WE PRAY THAT WE ARE GOING FORWARD WITH GRATITUDE.

"Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his." Psalm 100:1-3

Prayer: Lord, I look forward with gratitude for what you are going to do in the Best Gift Offering. Please make me a living witness to your provision and of your unfailing care for your people. Show me how to live generously through the Best Gift Offering. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOV 21: WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.” Psalm 139:1

Prayer: Lord, make me an accurate reflection of you to the world. Please fill me with your spirit; search me and cleanse me. Let my actions reflect your mission and vision. Let your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control flow through me to everyone I encounter today. May they see Jesus in me. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen

MONDAY, NOV 22: WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY OF FAITH

“For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26-28

Prayer: Lord, we pray Community of Faith would be a place of refuge and hope for each person who enters the doors. Please open my eyes to those around me. We are all wounded and broken. Let me always offer grace. Let each person I encounter feel seen, heard, understood, and loved. I pray that all people who come will feel at home at COF. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOV 23: WE CONSIDER THE FUTURE

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.” Ephesians 6:10-11

Prayer: God, as we, your church, join together in unity, let us stand firm against the devil. As we join together, let us move mountains! Give us the courage to step into the future together. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 24: WE CONSIDER OUR CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20

Prayer: Lord, thank you that you are the God of surprises and glory! Open our hearts and minds and our eyes to behold your wonder. Please surprise us by all you do in and through Community of Faith in the next year. Surprise us with the Best Gift Offering. Let us recognize it is you at work and give you praise. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOV 25: WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF COMMUNITY OF FAITH

“So now you are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.” Ephesians, 2:19-21

Prayer: Please unite us at Community of Faith as your family. Help us to understand that you are our Father and that we are your beloved children. Let us be Jesus in the flesh to each other. Please bring hope and freedom to each of us. Thank you for being our redeemer. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOV 26: WE REMEMBER WE ARE STEWARDS

“And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

Prayer: Lord, help me to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive. As I pray and consider the Best Gift Offering, surprise me by the amount you call me to give. Help me step into this challenge and experience your pleasure as I generously give to your mission. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, NOV 27: WE PRAY FOR THE BEST GIFT OFFERING

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.” Colossians 3:16-17

Prayer: God, please make me a messenger of the Gospel. Let my life and my story be a reflection of your saving grace. Please use the Best Gift Offering to go into the world and bring new life. Thank you for my opportunity to be a part. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOV 28: WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12: 2

Prayer: Lord, today I set my mind on you. Thank you for the spiritual wisdom of the past, for devoted teachers and leaders who have prized truth above all. Thank you for your word, which clears away confusion and prejudice. Give me the will to do what is right and good. Remind me that I’m never out of reach of your mercy. I offer myself to you today. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, NOV 29: WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13

Prayer: Today, we give thanks for all the ministries of Community of Faith, both within and outside our congregation. Let COF be light in the darkness, a beacon of hope and freedom. May we learn year by year to let light shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet. May we always welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. May we offer a home to those who come, our hands quick to help, and our hearts ready to serve. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOV 30: WE CONSIDER THE FUTURE

“May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

Prayer: Lord, we live in unusual times. Please teach us and prepare us for all the future holds. Grow our faith. Plant your word deep in our hearts. Please bless and protect our families. Please bless and protect Community of Faith. Let us not fear the future but look forward to experiencing even more of your faithfulness toward us. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 1: WE CONSIDER OUR CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” For his Spirit

joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children." Romans 8:14-16

Prayer: Lord, today, I pray the Holy Spirit would reveal possibilities where I see only challenges. Let your spirit fill my heart and kindle in me the fire of your love. Let me see every encounter today as an opportunity to communicate your love. Help me look for where you are leading me, and give me courage to follow. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen

THURSDAY, DEC 2: WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF COMMUNITY OF FAITH

"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." Ephesians 3:16-19

Prayer: "Lord, I pray for all those who worship with me at Community of Faith. Please empower and strengthen them through your spirit. Grow their roots down into your love and keep them strong. Let them experience your love and be made complete in you. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, DEC 3: WE REMEMBER WE ARE STEWARDS

"Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

Prayer: Lord, teach me to lead a life worthy of your calling. Let all that I do and say be bathed in love. Teach me to walk in your spirit. Show me how to be a faithful steward of the resources and gifts you have given to me. Let generosity and faithfulness define my character. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, DEC 4: WE PRAY FOR THE BEST GIFT OFFERING

"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 first gave us!" I Chronicles 29:14

Prayer: Lord, please remind me that everything I have comes from you. Teach me to hold loosely to my possessions. Mold my heart into a heart of generosity. Open my eyes to see the world's desperate need for you. Give me vision to see that my Best Gift Offering will change eternal destinies. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

SUNDAY, DEC 5: WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

"If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:8-9

Prayer: Lord, today I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have not loved you with my whole heart and mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbors as you have called me to do. Today I offer up my darkest parts – those things that hold me back from obeying you. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me make necessary changes, and delight in your will, and walk in your ways. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, DEC 6: WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." Hebrews 12:1

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the people you have surrounded me with at Community of Faith. Thank you for our leaders. Thank you for those who volunteer. Thank you for all those who quietly work behind the scenes. Thank you for those who care for and love our children. Thank you for all COF has been in the past, but thank you that COF's future is even brighter. Thank you for the prayers that have been offered and the tithes that have been given. Thank you that I can be a part of what COF is doing today! In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, DEC 7: WE CONSIDER THE FUTURE

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." Jeremiah 29:11-13

Prayer: Lord, please continue to pour out your Spirit on Community of Faith. Let me take my place in the line of Community of Faith's dreamers who've brought us to this day. Open the eyes of my hearts to see where we are privileged to serve you on this corner, in this city, in this nation, and in our world at this moment in time. Please give me vision to follow you into the future as you continue to build your Kingdom among us. Help my unbelief. Help me keep my eyes on you. May we, your church, be salt and light in our world. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 8: WE CONSIDER OUR CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

“But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Prayer: Lord, today, I pray for energy and wisdom to face the opportunities and challenges you present to me. Please be my patience when I am frustrated. Please be my endurance when I am tired. Please be my wisdom when I am uncertain, and be my inspiration when I am out of ideas. Comfort me. Guide me. Forgive me. Let me run and not grow weary, walk and not faint. Thank you. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, DEC 9: WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF COMMUNITY OF FAITH

“Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.” 2 Corinthians 13:11

Prayer: Lord, please encourage each person who worships with me at Community of Faith. Grow us to maturity. Teach us to live in harmony and peace. And please show each of us what you are calling us to give to the Best Gift Offering this year. Give us courage and faith to live generously. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10: WE REMEMBER WE ARE STEWARDS

“Think of us as servants of Christ who have been given the work of explaining God’s mysterious ways.” 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Prayer: Lord, thank you for letting me be a steward of the mysteries of Christ. You are so much more than I can imagine or understand. And yet, you have given yourself to me. For this, I praise and glorify you. Help me to rest in the mystery of faith. Teach me more about your mystery as you multiply my Best Gift Offering. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.

SATURDAY, DEC 11: WE PRAY FOR THE BEST GIFT OFFERING

“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Prayer: Lord, what do you want to do through me to accomplish your purposes at Community of Faith? What do you want to do through me to accomplish your purposes in the world? We’ve come this far by faith, trusting in your Word. You have never failed us. Give me wisdom and courage to be a giver, in the same way you have given to me. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12: WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

“The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord...” I Chronicles 29:9

Prayer: Lord, today we offer our whole selves to you. As I give my best gift to Jesus today, let me go forward with faith and gratitude! May this day be a day of praying and singing, confessing and hoping, dreaming and planning, trusting and giving. This is a day of celebration! Thank you for the way you multiplied and magnified our Best Gift offerings last year. Thank you for taking what we gave and using it for your purposes around the world. Thank you for what you are going to do through us today as we faithfully, generously, and sacrificially give to the Best Gift Offering. Please use my sacrificial gift to bring hope and freedom to many. This day is your day, Lord. I will rejoice and be glad in it. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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