

Prayer Time

MARCH 2023

CREATED

in the

IMAGE *of* GOD,

SHAPED

by JESUS



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
~ Jesus at the Last Supper, John 15:9.

THIS TIME OF PRAYER:

Welcome the quiet! In a noisy world, silence may make us uncomfortable, but embrace its presence, and keep focusing yourself on remaining open to hear what God might want to say to you in the stillness.

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You may pray out loud if you wish. In spoken prayers for others, please be respectful of privacy & confidentiality boundaries; unless a matter is already public knowledge, avoid naming individuals and their personal situation without the express permission of those involved.

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If you wish, pray the words of a song from the hymnal,
or seek out a Psalm from the Bible.

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We will conclude the formal time at 6:55 by praying the
Lord's Prayer together.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

This Lenten season, we focus our gathered worship on the identity and life of Jesus. Our worship theme for this time is,
"Created in the image of God, shaped by Jesus."

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Prayerfully examine how your own being
might better reflect God's image.

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How is Jesus working in you
to shape you into the person God designed you to be?

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

At our annual membership meeting, the call was given to commit ourselves to prayer for our congregation and the community in which God has planted us.

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We decided to make decisions and develop ministries with the express purpose of reaching out into the community.

Let us pray for wisdom, courage and joy to do this.

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Let us pray for a church board chair to give visionary leadership to our teams.

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Let us pray for those among us who are grieving, particularly the loved ones of Maria Dyck and Peter Janzen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

Let us not grow weary of praying for peace in Ukraine; as military troops cry for more weaponry, innocent people cry for peace.

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The needs of the world's displaced are coming closer to us; many refugees are arriving on our doorstep, being housed in hotels in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

Let us pray for those who seek safety and hope, and consider how we as people of God may offer help.

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Friday, March 3, was the Women's World Day of Prayer.

Let us pray for justice, security, equality and harmony between genders in our own relationships, in our society, and around the world.

My Prayers throughout the month of March:

