

PCC Prayer Guide - Week 26 (of COVID-19 Pandemic)

Purpose – To come together as a community of believers and focus our attention on the Lord in a time that is fraught with uncertainty. Using the Scripture as our guide we ask God to search our hearts and lead our prayers.

Worship

This week we begin a series through the book of Habakkuk. Take some time to read the book in its entirety. It is a book that begins with complaint, and ends with rejoicing, all amid troubles. Pray prayers of worship and praise to God in the midst of the storms and trials you may be experiencing.

Psalm 65:5-8 By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

Psalm 11:4 The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them.

Confess

Part of God's answer in Habakkuk is not to immediately grant his people comfort from their oppressors. Let us consider how this should drive us to confession and repentance, in order that God might strip away all our impurities.

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

Psalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Intercede

Habakkuk intercedes on behalf of the people, asking for deliverance from oppression and destruction. Likewise we bring our requests before God. Pray for the safety and protection of those battling the fires in our region, the first responders still tirelessly fighting the Coronavirus, and for a spirit of peace and brotherly love between all races and people groups that compose our communities and city.

Habakkuk 1:2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Habakkuk 1: 5 "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

Psalm 11:7 For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

Praise

May we like Habakkuk lift our voices in praise as we learn to wait on the Lord, to live by faith, and to trust in His timing and provision.

Psalm 65:4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Habakkuk 3:18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.