

## 5/09/21 PCC Prayer Guide - Week 61 (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.

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### Worship

Pray together that our worship this week would endeavor to always keep before us the person of Christ. Just as the grieving mother in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:8-37 sought to get in front of Elisha, a forerunner of Christ, identified as a man of God, may our worship be such that it draws us into the presence of God, and places our hearts before him.

Psalm 42:1-2 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Psalm 84:1-2 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

### Confess and Repent

Pray together that our hearts might be recalibrated in how we think of affliction. Not that we rush headlong towards it in a destructive manner, or that – more commonly – we try to avoid it at all costs, but that we would confess our tendency to prefer comfort over conviction, letting our relative safety deafen us to those lessons and facetime we get with Christ in times of trouble. Let us repent and throw ourselves at the feet of Jesus.

Psalm 119:71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

### Intercede

Pray together that our hearts might be renewed and restored by witnessing those ways God will journey with us and bring about the surprise of resurrection. Just as he used Elisha to literally breathe new life into the woman's dead son in this passage, may he through Christ breathe new life and restoration into our lives, our church, and our city.

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Isaiah 40:31 But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

### Praise

Just as this woman worships and gives thanks, may we pray together that our hearts would reflect her own: rejoicing in the knowledge that God has brought new life to that which was once dead; that Christ has made a way where before there was none. May our joy and hope be always found in Him as we press onwards.

Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.