

# A CALL TO PRAY AND FAST: PRAYER GUIDE

PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE—Acknowledging our need for God in everything.

- Pray for healing for those who are sick, protection for the vulnerable, and provision for those who have lost income.
- Pray for the organizations we partner with locally and internationally.
- Pray for peace and comfort for teachers, families, and students as they return to school during an unsettling time.
- Scripture John 10:10; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 11:28-30

# **FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC**—Trusting that God is bigger than our circumstances.

- Confess to God the ways you have struggled to trust him in difficulty, and ask him to fill you with faith.
- Give thanks to God that his promises remain the same despite our current reality.
- Pray for peace, freedom from anxiety, and the ability to release control over our circumstances to God.
- Scripture 1 Peter 5:7, Daniel 3:19-30

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**—Moving toward others with hope.

- Pray that we would be known for our love.
- Pray for God to give you opportunities to share the hope of the gospel with someone who has not heard your story.
- Pray for people of color in our community, for empathy, compassion, and understanding of challenges they face.
- Scripture Romans 5:1-11, Romans 10:9-15, Ephesians 2:11-17, Philippians 2:2-11

#### **BIBLICAL COMMUNITY**—Growing as we are known and know others.

- Ask God to be active in biblical community groups within our church.
- Ask God for faith and courage to confess sin and repent continually.
- Pray for your neighbors—ask God for opportunities to know them more fully, meet felt needs, and share the gospel.
- Scripture Galatians 6:1-3; James 5:15; Ephesians 4:25-31

### **LEADERSHIP IN OUR CHURCH**—Interceding for those who lead us.

- Pray for wisdom and courage for community group leaders to speak truth with grace and love.
- Pray for our student small group leaders as they make sacrifices to help their students know God and move toward him.
- Pray for endurance and wisdom for pastors as they lead and care for us.
- Scripture Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:17

## **WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT**—Obeying as we navigate uncertainty.

- Ask God to free us from the trap of fearing the unknown, and ask him to fill our minds with worshipful thoughts.
- Pray that our thoughts, words, and actions would be seasoned with grace.
- Ask God to make us guick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.
- Scripture Matthew 5:13-16, James 1:19-27