



24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Welcome to 24 Hours of Prayer & Scripture Reading. We are here to build an altar together, a reminder of all God has done in our history and looking ahead to a new future. We invite you to follow this simple prayer guide using the acronym PRAY as you go before the Lord. However, it is just a suggested guide. Please feel free to follow the Spirit and pray however He leads you.

“...but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead” – Philippians 3:13

BE STILL (5 mins): Listen. Take the first couple of minutes to quiet your heart. Don't feel rushed into your time. Simply sit and listen. Spend some time being quiet and still before God.

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” – Psalms 46:10

Pray that God would use this time to reveal himself to you and that He would do something unimaginable and unthinkable in your personal life, in our church, in our communities, nation, and world.

PRAISE (5 mins): Praise God for who He is and the great things that He has done (today, this week, this month, this year, in your life, in your family's life, in your friend's life, and here at Madison Park). Take time to remember things both big and small; the warm cup of coffee and the elimination of 8M dollars of church debt. If you aren't sure what to praise Him for, speak your faith by declaring who you NEED God to be. “Lord, you are power. You are grace. You are a healer...”

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.”
- Isaiah 25:1

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.” - Psalm 150:6

REPENT (5 mins): Confession and repentance brings healing to our mind, body, and soul. Confess your sins and shortcomings to the Lord. Trust Him and receive His grace. Ask Him to reveal anything in your actions or motivations that needs to be dealt with. Free yourself from the sin “that so easily entangles.”

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” - 1 John 1:9

ASK (5 mins):

- *Lost:* Pray for the lost. Ask God to open doors here at Madison Park for the lost and the broken. Pray for this Baptism Weekend, that many would come to know Jesus and be baptized.
- *Least:* Pray for God to open doors into our community and that He would break our hearts for the things that break HIS heart. Pray that people here would feel a burden for the community. Pray for those that Jesus named in Scripture as “the least”: the imprisoned, the poor, the sick, the hungry.
- *Leaders:* Pray for leaders in the church (people on staff, people on the board, volunteers). Ask for God’s blessing, provision, and knowledge to be with them. Pray for the community (the hospital, the teachers, the fire department, the police, etc). Pray for our county, state, and national government leaders. Pray that God’s wisdom and guidance would lead them.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6-7

YIELD (5 mins): This is the time in prayer that we say, “Not my will, but yours, Lord.” It’s both the hardest and the most freeing. Open your hands and release control of the things you’ve been holding onto; the things that you worry about, have lost sleep over, and are not yours to hold. Most of all, trust that God is good and kind.

“Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices; holy and pleasing to God. This is your true and proper worship.” - Romans 12:1

LISTEN (5 mins): Take time and reflect on all the things that you have just prayed for. Breathe deeply in His presence. Still your heart and mind as your prayer time comes to a close. He sees you. He is with you. He loves you.

**Now may the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make His face shine upon you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.
It is His peace that passes all understanding.
And it is His peace that will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.**