



Praying the Emmaus Prayer Vigil

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations.
Through Christ our LORD, Amen.

Adoration: Our confidence in prayer is not in our ability to pray, but in the One to whom we pray. Acknowledge God for His character and attributes and give Him praise.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. ~Isaiah 25:1

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. ~Ephesians 2:8-9

- Praise God for His grace that is extended to you personally and to all people.
- Praise God that He *is* love and His love knows no limits.
- Praise God for the gift of His amazing love through Christ who died on the cross that you might live.

Confession: God is holy. Un-confessed sin cherished in our hearts, inhibits our prayers while forgiven sin does not hinder prayer. Forgiven sinners are welcome in God's presence. Invite the Holy Spirit to bring your sins to mind so that you can confess them.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ~Psalm 51:7-10

I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. ~Psalm 66:17-19

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ~1 John 1:9

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sins or attitudes that will block the flow of the Holy Spirit in your life. Confess these to Jesus. Ask God to restore, refresh, and renew you.
- Ask for a spirit of humility and a servant's attitude in this hour of prayer and in all you do on this Walk to Emmaus.

Thanksgiving: *"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them only for His sake—not choosing nor refusing, liking nor disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will." ~John Wesley*

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." ~Philippians 4:6

- Take some time to count your blessings. Thank God for these blessings.
- Thank God for this Emmaus weekend and for His grace exhibited here on this walk.
- Thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Pilgrims.
- Thank God for the Emmaus model and for the team members that are God's vessels to bring the pilgrims closer to Christ.
- Thank God for all who have made and continue to make sacrifices for this Emmaus weekend.
- Thank God for the Community, sponsors, and 4th day Reunion groups providing Agape gifts.
- Thank God for the Spiritual Directors and the power and grace of the Holy Spirit in them.

Supplication: Intercessory prayer focused on the requests and needs of others.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ~Ephesians 6:18

Pray for the Pilgrims

- Those who can't seem to leave their thoughts and worries behind them.
- Those who are uneasy in the setting and those who cannot sleep.
- Those who feel they were forced to come.
- Those who are looking for miracles.
- Those who are transparent and open.
- For all the needs and all the conditions known to God.

Pray for the Team:

- The Lay director and the assistant lay directors – that they will walk in the Holy Spirit for any situations they are called upon to solve.
- Spiritual director and assistant spiritual directors – to be instruments of the Holy Spirit.
- Board Rep – to have the courage to keep the purity of the event and serve God
- Speakers – to remember they represent Christ, pray that they lay down self and glorify God.
- Pray for the talks to meet each person at their point of need.
- Pray for the musicians and that the music will bring God's message to those who hear.
- Pray for the cooks and for all who work behind the scenes in unrecognized ways.
- Pray for the team assistants – for their renewed strength and endurance.
- Pray for the fun and fellowship that will warm hearts and draw people to God.
- Pray for the agape gifts – for the hands that made them and the blessings they bring.
- Pray for special times such as Chapel, dying moments, candle light, closing, etc.
- Pray for the progression of the talks and the work of the Holy Spirit in the conference room through each message: Priority, Prevenient Grace, Priesthood of All Believers, Justifying Grace, Life in Piety, Growth Through Study, Means of Grace, Christian Action, Obstacles to Grace, Discipleship, Changing Our World, Sanctifying Grace, Body of Christ, Perseverance, and Fourth Day.

Scriptural Prayers for the Team and the Pilgrims:

Peter 3:18, that all will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

1 John 4:8, that all will “Love one another in the love of God and will know that God is love.”

Matthew 10:38, that they will “take up their cross and follow Christ.”

Luke 24:31-32, that their “eyes will be opened and their hearts will burn in the reading of the Scriptures, listening to the talks, sharing in prayer and fellowship around the tables, receiving agape, and in receiving communion.”

James 1:22, that they will “become doers of the Word and not hearers only.”

Galatians 6:8-10, that they will “sow to the Spirit, reap a harvest of everlasting life, and not grow weary in well doing. That they will “do good to all, especially in the Body of Christ.”

Romans 1:16, that they “will not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but will proclaim the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” and with whom they associate.

Pray that all that is said and done in this Walk would give God glory and honor. Give it all to God, asking for His blessings and presence to be with everyone connected to these Emmaus walks (including those left at home.) Thank God for this opportunity to talk with Him and for His faithful response to your prayers.

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