

# PRAYERS FOR SMALL GROUPS

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.
(Matthew 18:20)

Praying in small group settings is a powerful way to connect with one another and with God, but it can also be difficult for some. Consider these guidelines.

#### 1. WHEN SMALL GROUPS PRAY TOGETHER

- · connection grows and deepens.
- · trust is fostered.
- · faith matures.

#### 2. KEEP PRAYER SAFE

- Assure members that not everyone needs to pray every time.
- Keep prayers short so all members have an opportunity to pray.
- Put no one on the spot.

## 3. LET SCRIPTURE LEAD • CHOOSE A VERSE

- Ask: What does this verse ask of us? Turn those ideas into short prayers of gratitude.
- Ask: How does this verse prompt us to pray? Give each member an opportunity to respond with a short prayer.

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# **NEW IDEAS AND DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES**

Lord, thank You for bringing us together today. We are so grateful for Your Word. Grow our understanding of who You are as we lean into Scripture together and remind us to be open to new ideas and different perspectives. In Jesus' name, amen.

# TRANSFORM OUR HEARTS, LORD

Kind Father, Your Son not only taught us how to live and pray, but He also modeled what it means to be Your child. The way of Jesus is the way we long to live, even when it's difficult, countercultural, and upside down. Your way is so much better than our own. Transform our hearts with Your love. Refine our faith. Strengthen us, protect us, and root us deeply into the bedrock of Your love. Amen.

#### FILL OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION

Dear Lord, fill our hearts with love and compassion for others so we can show kindness and grace to all we encounter. Help us to see others through Your eyes. Enable us to extending forgiveness and mercy as You have shown us. May our words and actions reflect Your love, drawing others closer to You. Please work in our hearts, transforming us day by day into vessels of Your love and compassion in a world desperately in need of You. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### THE STRENGTH TO SERVE SELFLESSLY

Lord, grant us the strength to serve others selflessly. Help us to be a source of support and encouragement to those in need. May our service reflect Your love and compassion. Amen.

## WHEN WE FEEL WEAK OR WEARY

Dear Lord, grant us the strength to face challenges with courage and perseverance. Help us find encouragement in Your promises and trust in Your plan for our lives. When we feel weak or weary, remind us of Your presence and the power of Your love. Thank You for being our source of strength and for never leaving our side. In the week ahead, strengthen us, guide us, and comfort us. Amen.

## **GRANT US PEACE**

Lord, grant us peace as we navigate illness and pain. Help us find strength in Your love and help us support one another with compassion and understanding. May Your Spirit always be our guide. In Jesus' name, amen.

## STRENGTHEN OUR BONDS AS A GROUP

Lord, help us to grow in love for You and for each other. Strengthen our bonds as a group, helping us to comfort one another, encourage each other, and serve one another with compassion, kindness, and understanding as we are able. Be with us in all that we do. Amen.

# LAUGH, CRY, PRAY, AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, remind us to set aside our differences, listen with open hearts, communicate with respect, and foster understanding. Encourage us to laugh, cry, pray, and serve together. Thank You for the gift of this group. May our unity draw others to You. Amen.

## FILL OUR HEARTS WITH DEEP DEVOTION

Dear God, fill our hearts with a deep devotion to You. May our love for You be always evident, and may this group be a place where Your Presence is felt and celebrated. We are so grateful! Amen.

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