



**Christ Church New York City**  
**24 Hours of Prayer 2025**

**6:00 PM Friday, August 22 – 6:00 PM Saturday, August 23**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER**

Thank you for joining together in prayer. Prayer is a response to God and what he's revealed about himself in his Word. You may like to meditate on the following Scripture as you go to the Lord in prayer, trusting that he hears and responds to the prayers of his sons and daughters who pray to him in the name of Jesus.

*Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*

*Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.*

*It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,*

*eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.*

(Psalm 127:1-2)

*And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.... And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

(Luke 18:1, 6-8)

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

(Philippians 4:4-6)

As you work your way through some of these prayer points, keep in mind the mission of our church. According to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), we are called as a church to make disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus for the glory of God. Make that mission the focal point of your prayers.

As you begin, it's good to have God's Word in front of you as you pray. You might also like to begin by acknowledging to God just how gracious and merciful he has been to us, that he has not given us what our sins deserve. And thus even in the midst of hardship, we have much for which to give thanks. May the Lord bless us and bear much fruit through our prayers (James 5:16).

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving – from the Book of Common Prayer:

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people; We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for your amazing love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the*

*means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may declare your praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

- Praise and thank God for:
  - The good news of Jesus – that we have been delivered from the consequences of our sin through Jesus' perfect life, his sacrificial death in our place, and his victorious resurrection from the dead. That this is a gift we cannot and have not earned or deserved.
  - The relationship we now have with God through repentance and faith in Christ – that we're forgiven, regenerated, and adopted as his sons and daughters.
  - A healthy and vibrant church that loves Jesus, loves each other, and is committed to God's Word.
  - God's continued faithfulness and provision to us over the years at Christ Church.

### **THE 2025-2026 PRAYER FOCUS FOR CCNYC**

The prayer focus for this upcoming year that the elders have set for the church is to pray for an increasing *culture of encouragement* at CCNYC. Would you please join us in praying that we would grow as a community that seeks to build each other up in Christ through a ministry of Word-driven, Spirit-empowered encouragement?

*Hebrews 10:24-25, And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:11, Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

### **THE WORLD AND ITS NEEDS**

*So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12)*

*But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Jeremiah 29:7)*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)*

Focus: Pray for the needs of the world around you: family members, neighbors, medical workers, government officials, those who are suffering financially, and those who are sick. Ask the Lord to sustain, provide, heal, and guide. Ask him to give his people endurance, wisdom, and hope.

- **Both National and International Events**
- **The Forsaking of National Sins and a Renewal of Godliness**
- **The Sick, Suffering, Dying, and Grieving**
- **Government Officials**
  - Wisdom and righteousness in their decision making
  - Commitment to justice
  - For federal leaders
    - President
    - Vice President
    - U.S. Senators
    - U.S. Representatives
    - Supreme Court Justices
  - For state leaders
    - Governor
    - Lt. Governor
  - For local leaders
    - Mayor and city officials
    - Judges
    - Police and fire departments
    - School authorities (public and private)
  - For our military
- **NYC**
  - Peace and safety
  - School and campus communities as they return for a new academic year
  - Spiritual awakening

### **MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20)*

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)*

Focus: Consider those in your life who do not know the Lord. Pray that they would seek the Lord. Ask the Lord to open their eyes, ears, minds, and hearts to the truth of his Word. Pray that they would turn to the Lord and find salvation, refuge, and help. Pray for the evangelistic work of missions and missionaries throughout the world.

- **Mission Mindset** – pray that we would all be increasingly shaped by the fact that we are a people on mission in this world, sent to verbally communicate the good news of Jesus and to live out its implications for the glory of God and the good of others.
- **Personal and Church Evangelism** – pray for the evangelistic efforts of those in our church; pray for the Word 1-1 outreach efforts using John's Gospel; pray for evangelism courses like Christianity Explored to be used effectively by our church.
- **Bounce Around** – thanksgiving for the renewal of this ministry to the community this summer. Pray for continued spiritual fruit for the contacts that have been made and for wisdom for the future of this ministry beyond the summer.
- **Church Planting** – pray that the Lord would give us a clear vision for how we can be about the work of multiplying churches in the world.
- **Church Renewal** – pray that the Lord would give us a clear vision for how we can encourage the renewal of dying churches through prayer, support, and the equipping and sending of leaders.
- **Leadership Development** – pray that our church would be a place of theological and ministerial training, equipping gospel workers to go into this city and throughout the world.
- **Conversion and Worldwide Revival** – that God would be pleased to use CCNYC to partner in that work, and that his Spirit would draw many people in from the wider community. Pray for an increasing strategy, intentionality, and vision for how we participate with God in this work.
- **Serving the City** – pray for local ministries that seek to show practical mercy to those in need, such as:
  - The individual efforts of so many in our congregation who work to show compassion to those in need
  - Hope for New York
- **George Whitefield College**
  - Pray for its work of training ministers, missionaries, and theological students for effective gospel work in South Africa and beyond.
  - Pray especially for our previously sponsored student Wisdom Mpofu – that the Lord would continue to heal him and restore him to his studies.

- **Robert and Lisa Stewart** – Mission to the World missionaries in Japan
  - Pray for wisdom for our church's leadership as we consider an invitation to send a team to visit the Stewarts in 2027.
  - Pray for their work in Nagoya.
  - Pray for their visit this month to the U.S. that it would be a time of refreshment and encouragement among friends.
  - Please pray for Robert's sister, Donna, who was recently diagnosed with MS. Pray for many decisions to be made for her care.
  - Please pray for Lisa's father, Jim, who recently fell. He is recovering, but this has forced the decision to have him move into an assisted living facility. Please pray for this transition for both he and Lisa's mom, Diane.
  - Pray as they seek to raise an additional \$3000 in monthly support. Pray that they will be able to connect well with 3 churches they would like to have partner with them.
- **Alex Sserwadda** – former GWC sponsored student now a gospel worker in Uganda supported in part by CCNYC.
  - Pray that we would be able to send a few people from CCNYC to visit Alex in Uganda in the next year.
  - Pray for his work of teaching at the Uganda Martyrs' Seminary.
  - Pray for his gospel work among youth.
  - Pray for the orphanage being built.
  - Pray for his family – for Rhoda his wife, and for his children – Shalom, Raphael, and Theophilus.

### **THE CHURCH AND HER LIFE**

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)*

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

Focus: Consider the physical and spiritual needs of our church community. Pray for individuals in the church you know who are struggling. Pray for health, growth, peace, and unity. Pray for reconciliation of members where needed. Pray for deep faith in the Lord Jesus in an age of fear. Pray for joy for Jesus' bride. Pray for a spiritually fruitful and God-honoring ministry among us.

- **Sunday Morning Gathering** - for joyful worship in the Lord's presence and deepening fellowship with one another.
- **Music Ministry** – that the Lord would help us to all sing with joy and in truth when we meet together as a church

- **Children's Ministry** – for the hearts of our children to be transformed by Jesus + gospel opportunities to children and families in the wider community + more families to make CCNYC their home.
- **Youth Ministry** – for fellowship and encouragement among the youth of our church, as well as for their outreach efforts, especially for the Youth Nights this fall.
- **Men's and Women's Groups** – thanksgiving for the men's study group that grew this past year. Pray for continued solid discipleship for both men and women in the church.
- **Godliness, Unity, Love, Peace, and Humility** – pray that these things would define us as a community sharing in life together.
- **Community Groups** – for true fellowship and a commitment to the work of evangelism and discipleship among those who attend, as well as for leaders.
- **Deep, Christ-Centered Community** – pray that our conversations would be filled with the Word of God as we seek to love and serve each other.
- **Discipleship Relationships** – for the formation of relationships among members of the church that intentionally seek to do each other spiritual good.
- **Disciple-Making Disciples** – pray that the Lord would form in each of us such maturity that we would fully give ourselves to the work of the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20) by making disciples who make disciples for the glory of God.
- **Spiritual Fruit** – pray that the Lord would show us marvelous things in his Word (Psalm 119:18), that he would fulfill his promise among us that his Word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11), and that he would use his living Word in our lives to transform us into the image of Jesus (Hebrews 4:12).
- **Church Ministry Staff & Council** – for integrity, wisdom, and spiritual fruit – Daniel Bennett, Clara Park, Becky Pregitzer, Abena Frempong, Adam Harris, Mark Hastings, Sean Hoss, Joanna Justice, Bethany Martin, Dan Matheson, Keith Paulus, Matt Richards, and Miracle St. Kitts.
- **Church Elders** – for godliness, faithfulness, humility, and courage – Adam Harris, Mark Hastings, and Keith Paulus. Pray as well that the Lord would raise up more elders to help shepherd our church.
- **Finances** – thanksgiving for God's provision + pray that we meet our financial needs this year, that we'd be good stewards of the resources God's given us, and for cheerful, percentage giving amongst us all at CCNYC.

- **Growth of the Pastoral Staff Team** – pray for the Lord to connect us with the right Assistant Pastor and the income needed to support that work.
- **Apprenticeship Ministry** – pray that we would have the funds and other resources needed to grow this ministry. Pray for wisdom for Keith as he leads it. Pray for our new ministry apprentice this year – Brenton Ayers.
- **Special Needs** – for the elderly, lonely, sick, youth, and unemployed among us; for troubled marriages, broken families, and prodigal sons and daughters.
- **Upcoming Events and Gatherings this Year, Lord Willing**
  - All-Ages Equip Classes resuming this Fall
  - Children’s Ministry and Sunday School classes
  - Youth Ministry events
  - Evangelistic street fair (Sept 14)
  - Baptism classes
  - Church retreat (Oct 17-19)
  - Lessons and Carols evangelism service
  - New members’ classes
  - Global Missions Emphasis Week
  - Men’s and Women’s Impact events

*Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP)*

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)*