

Prayer Points

It is our privilege to come into God's throne room to intercede and lift up our church and its members. Church is not a place, it's a body. It is family, with blood ties through Jesus Christ. God does not force Himself on our situations. He waits for us to ask---to connect with Him in prayer. Let us join together to *regularly* and *faithfully* pray for God's presence and work in the ministry at Hope Lutheran Church.

To guide you in your prayer experience, consider these topics:

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Start your prayer with a time of worship to God for the attributes and characteristics you adore. For example, thank Him for the gift of grace or His faithfulness in your life. Be Specific.
- Consider using the hymnal and pray the words of a favorite hymn praising God for who He is.
- Thank God for the gift of health care workers and first responders during this pandemic.

Pray that the church stays true to God's message---and we proclaim it in season or out.

- Pray for us all to remain faithful to God's truth even as methods of ministry may change.
- Pray that we all will boldly share salvation through Jesus---the *only* way and *only* hope!
Read 2Timothy 4:2; Acts 4:12
- Pray that through our broadcasts during this time, we are able to Connect People to Jesus.

Pray that the church would be deeply committed to seeking God in prayer.

- Pray for us all to fully access the power available to us through Christ to know victory over any situation or crisis.
- Pray for each and every one of us to be aligned with Christ to pray according to God's will.
Read Colossians 4:2; Acts 4:31

Pray for the church's dedication to moving believers to maturity in spiritual growth.

- Pray for us all to actively participate in the study of God's Word.
- Pray that we have a passion and zeal for the Bible and prayer, seeking spiritual growth and discipleship.
Read Matthew 6:33

Pray for more servants to join Jesus in His Kingdom work.

- Pray for our eyes to be open to the harvest before us, and then go out in the fields and work.
- Pray for God to show us how to be involved in Kingdom work and motivate us to get to it.
Read Matthew 9:37-38
- Pray for our Seminary students as they await placement into their first congregations.

Pray for church leaders to prepare and equip believers for service.

- Pray for God to encourage leaders and reinforce their calling and commitment to serve.
- Pray for God to give them wisdom, knowledge, fortitude and zeal to train and equip the members to serve.
- Pray for God to supernaturally gift our leaders to build up the body of Christ.
Read Ephesians 4:11-12

Pray that the church will trust Jesus to grow the church, in His way and in His power.

- Pray that we stand in firm faith, covered in God's armor and armed with His word.
- Pray in confidence of God's protection, security and victory for His church.
Read Matthew 16:18