



PLC PRAYER PRINCIPLES

Prairie Lutheran Church embraces the Five Holy Habits as guiding principles for its ministry. One of these Holy Habits is **Prayer**. The following are guiding principles which inform our programming, staffing and budgeting.

Prayer is, by its very nature, always responsive. God is moving and speaking even before we think to pray or speak words in prayer. Our prayers come out of a reality and relationship established by God. (Psalm 139:4)

Jesus taught us to pray with words that are eternally significant and daily relevant. The Lords' Prayer is the ultimate prayer of the faithful. We are committed to praying this prayer when we gather for corporate worship. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Jesus intercedes for us. We are never alone in our prayers but have the voice of Jesus supporting our prayers. When members gather we will always take time to pray either at the beginning or at the end of our time together claiming His presence. (Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:26, Matthew 18:20)

Prayer is powerful. Prayer avails much. We will lift up in prayer those for whom we know are in need and those who have been blessed. (James 5:13-16)

- a. Prayer requests will be sought and shared at Sunday worship
- b. Prayer requests will be sought and shared through the electronic Prayer Chain
- c. Quarterly we will hold a service of prayer and healing on the fifth Sunday of the month

Prayer is our mother tongue. For many people the language of prayer has been forgotten, almost becoming like a foreign language. (Matthew 7:7-8)

- a. We will teach prayer to all ages
- b. A chief tool for instruction in prayer is the *Daily Texts* and the TRIP prayer method