

Prayers that Change the World: Christ's Intercession
John 17:6-26



Main Point: While we are weak, sinful, and often slow to pray, God changes us and the world through Christ's prayer for us.

I. Why Christ Prays for Us (v. 6-11)

II. How Christ Prays for Us (v. 11-26)

III. The Result of Christ's Prayer for Us

August 27, 2023

Prelude Liz Eberspacher
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship Revelation 7:9-12
*Song of Praise
Crown Him with Many Crowns
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness Romans 8:31-37
*Song of Assurance
Before the Throne of God Above

THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of New Members
(Children's Church)
Scripture Reading John 17:6-26 Page 1073
Sermon "Prayers that Change the World: Christ's Intercession"

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Hymn #81
*Affirmation of Faith First Catechism #71, 74
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude Mary Holle

*Congregation standing if able

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

“It is a consoling thought that Christ is praying for us, even when we are negligent in our prayer life; that He is presenting to the Father those spiritual needs which were not present to our minds and which we often neglect to include in our prayers; and that He prays for our protection against the dangers of which we are not even conscious, and against the enemies which threaten us, though we do not notice it. He is praying that our faith may not cease, and that we may come out victoriously in the end” (Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, 339).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. Elder on call for August is Rob Danforth (920-467-1446)

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings

Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
For people to hear the gospel hope
A heart of submission to Christ
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Boldness and grace toward falsehood
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Paisley Ewing – is having outpatient surgery to remove a kidney stone on Tues. August 29
Sam Rauwerdink –had another appt. on Thursday.
Gail Meerdink – all spots in remission except one. She will have maintenance done on that one every 3 weeks for 3 months
Wayne Navis - is home and continues to get therapy
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – still having back pain but doing a little better.
Donna Caljouw –continuing with treatments every 3 weeks along with oral medication for her kidney cancer.
Don Schreurs – had a scan this week and was told the cancer tumor is shrinking, continue to pray for healing, peace, and comfort

Shut-ins

Neil Bruggink
Delores Droppers
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

Mission & Outreach

Love, Inc.
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am

Tuesday – 7:00pm Churchwide Prayer Gathering

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

September 6th – Start of Quest and Connect

September 10th – Promotion Sunday

September 14TH – Food Pantry

October 21st – Fall Fest

Ushers for August: Jim Obbink, Al Holle, Nate Wieberdink

Ushers for September: Craig Droppers, Wayne Bloemers, Bruce Lukens

Nursery for August 27: Janice Hesselink & Nolan Meinen

Nursery for September 3: Mary Broetzmann & Rebecca Tarter

Refreshments for August: Care Group #3 (Mary & Linda)

Refreshments for September: Care Group #1 (Carol & Barb)

Greeters August 27 – **Narthex:** Zach & Emily Tarter Family

- **Great Room:** Brent & Corrina Torrenga

Greeters September 3 - **Narthex:** David Veldboom

- **Great Room:** Dane & Emily Van Allen

Serving in the Military:

Jackson DeRuyter

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Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 53 families at the August Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, September 14th. **Right now, we are still low on_CEREAL, PASTA, and PASTA SAUCE.** Please check the expiration dates on your donations! If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Reformed Church will be supplying a meal once a month for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter. We are responsible for the last Wednesday of each month. We need to provide enough food for 35 people. The meal will include Tater-tot Casserole, applesauce, dinner rolls and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please prayerfully think about how you can help out with this mission. If you have any questions you can talk to Wendy Wonsler.

Love Inc. –In August we are collecting– new standard size bath towels and hook & loop Velcro. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

Small Groups this Fall: The purpose of our small groups is to grow together in Christ through the Bible, prayer, and relationships. While there are many ways this can happen, small groups help to foster our spiritual growth not only as individuals but together. So if you are not in a small group, we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one this fall. As many groups are just starting up, this is a great time to get started. So grab a small group booklet, pray, and then jump in!

If you signed up to donate clothing to a local student, please have all of your donations brought to church by next week Sunday, September 3rd. They can be placed on the table in the Great Room. Also- we are collecting gently used Rocket gear as well. Thanks!

Churchwide Prayer Gathering: On Tuesday, August 29 at 7 pm, the entire Faith family is welcome to attend a time where we will be lifting up every area of our church's ministry in prayer to the Heavenly Father. We will begin in the Great Room but then break off into groups that will rotate from station to station throughout the church. Accommodations will be made at each station for people who would prefer to remain seated, and nursery will be provided for small children. Everyone is invited!

Family Life at Faith

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the cards and special greetings expressed to us on our behalf of our 80th birthdays. All were greatly appreciated.
Al & Mary Holle

Thank you for all the birthday cards and wishes on my birthday. They were all very much appreciated.
Muriel Meinen

QUEST: Starting September 6, all K5-5th grade students are warmly welcome to participate in our Wednesday night ministry that bears the new name “Quest”!

- **Why:** Our aim at Quest is for children to discover the foundational truths of the Bible in a grace-filled community so that they will become passionate followers of Jesus Christ
- **Who:** All students entering 5K – 5th grade
- **What:** Although the format of Quest will be very similar to that of Adventure Island, the content will change over to the First Catechism, which summarizes the core truths of Scripture in kid-friendly language. Children will learn these truths through large-group Bible lessons, songs, and small-group activities
- **When:** Wednesday evenings from September 6, 2023 – April 24, 2024. Large group lasts from 6:30-7:00, while small groups run from 7:00-7:30. Students can arrive as early as 6:10 for check-in and play time in the Great Room/basement (or south lawn when the weather is nice)
- **Where:** Large/small groups will be held in the Faith Reformed Church basement

***Informational Parents’ Meeting:** Parents are encouraged to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the new curriculum, receive resources for continuing the learning experience at home, and ask any questions they might have. Meetings will be held **Sunday, Aug. 27 at 10:30 am** in the Sanctuary and **Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm** in the Great Room while students are having their first Quest lesson. Note: parents only need to attend one meeting as their content will be identical.

Save the date – Fall Fest will be Saturday, October 21st. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

The Ladies of Faith will meet Tuesday, September 5th at 1:30pm. We will do Bible study #7 and it will be led Muriel Meinen. Hostesses are Muriel Meinen and Shirley Wieberdink. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer reports in the information center.

Youth News

Missionary Biographies Due Today! - Students grades K-8 must turn their summary sheets into the box in the Narthex by today (**Sunday, August 27th**) to receive up to 3 prizes on promotion Sunday! Also, if you have checked out a biography, please remember to return it.

Quest (grades 5K-5th) begins Wednesday, September 6th.

Connect (grades 6-12) begins Wednesday, September 6th.

Sunday School (all ages) begins Sunday, September 10th.

Core Small Group Bible Studies (grades 6-12) begin Sunday, September 10th.

If you have not done so already, please see your mailbox for the letter concerning officer nominations. For male professing members age 21 and over, this is the time to consider whether you are willing to serve as an elder or deacon if nominated. **If you desire to remove your name from the nomination list, please communicate so in writing to pastor Zach or an elder by September 10th.**

For more than 50 years, Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County has been serving the widowed, poor and homebound neighbors throughout our community. Many meal recipients are our retired teachers, business leaders and neighbors. As our list of clients grows, so does our need for volunteers to help distribute meals. We would greatly appreciate anyone willing to join us in this mission by volunteering once a week, or once a month, to help deliver meals (substitute drivers are great too!). Meals are picked up in Sheboygan daily at 11:10 a.m. and the route will take less than an hour. For more information, or to sign up please contact Fresh Meals On Wheels at Volunteers@FreshMealsOnWheels.org, or call 920-451-7011. As always, if you or someone you know would benefit from meal delivery, please call us at 920-451-7011.

School Supply Collection - Once again, we will be collecting **school supplies** for students in need. They are always in need of pencils, markers, notebooks, scissors, glue, glue sticks, and crayons. You can place items in the yellow cardboard school buses in the great room.

All information for the September Newsletter is due **TODAY**.