## PRAYER LIST FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

# May the word be preached faithfully and with conviction.

2 Timothy 4:2: "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

2 Timothy 2:15: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

Titus 2:7–8: "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us."

Colossians 4:6: "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

1 Corinthians 2:4–5: "My speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

### May the word take root and bear fruit.

Isaiah 55:11: "So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Colossians 2:6–7: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Matthew 13:8–9: "Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

## May musicians play and singers sing with undistracting skill.

*Psalm 33:3: "Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts."* 

## May the people sing with joy.

Ephesians 5:18–19: "Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart."

Psalm 100:1–2: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

### May the people pray earnestly.

1 Timothy 2:8: "I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling."

### May visitors be welcomed.

Romans 15:7: "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

### May volunteers be faithful and eager to serve.

1 Corinthians 12:7, 25: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.... that the members may have the same care for one another."

# May the members not neglect to attend our worship gatherings and come seeking ways to encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:24–25: "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."

### May the church enjoy a spirit of unity.

Ephesians 4:1–3: "I. . . urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

1 Peter 3:8: "Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind."

## May the church excel in loving one another.

Romans 12:10: "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."

## May the members be generous, joyful givers.

2 Corinthians 8:2: "In a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part."

2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

## May the needs of the saints be known.

*Proverbs 27:23: "Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds."* 

# May the children be loved, protected, and taught the truth.

Matthew 18:2, 5–6: "Calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them.... Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

Psalm 145:4: "One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."

## May all who attend and do not believe come to believe in Jesus.

Romans 10:1: "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."