

Family Worship Liturgy Guide

Hope - March 29, 2020

Call to Worship

An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.

Psalm 146:5-10

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets
the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm Reading

Psalm 46: 1-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be
moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the
mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,



the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be
exalted in the earth!”
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Confession & Assurance

***A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another,
and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the
finished work of Christ.***

Confession

God of hope, You are the giver of all joy and peace as we believe in you. We ask now
for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit that we may abound in hope.

TOGETHER:

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you are our only hope.

Our world is interrupted. Our careful plans and sacred routines have been shaken.
We find ourselves in uncertain days. You are the God who has ordered our steps and
numbered our days, yet we rage against the invitation to be still and trust in your
path for us.

Jesus is the Rock upon which the church is built, who not even the gates of hell can
prevail against. Yet, we build our security on the shakeable foundations of wealth,
health and our own strength.



God you promise to never leave us nor forsake us. Yet, we are desperate for other relationships to be our source of joy and fulfillment rather than your presence.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you are our only hope, have mercy on us and forgive us.

Assurance

LEADER:

People of God, Remember that you were at one time separated from Christ, alienated from the provisions and promises of God, having no hope and without God in the world. BUT NOW, You are no longer orphans and strangers, but sons and daughters of a Father who has secured an eternal future for you that is untouchable by the cares and anxieties of this world. Take heart, the tomb is empty! Jesus is the first-fruits of the resurrection and we as his people follow-in after him. All of your needs are supplied through the riches of his grace toward you. There is no power of hell, no disease in this world that can snatch you out of the Father's hand. In him our hope is sure.

Having received this assurance, hear this instruction from Romans 12 - Rejoice in hope, Be patient in tribulation, Be constant in prayer.

TOGETHER:

Thanks Be To God!

Intercession

The church's offering of prayer through Jesus for God to save the lost, right injustice, and shape the world.

Let's pause and pray for these specific groups of people in our city, state, and country:

1. The uniquely vulnerable, our homeless population, and our senior population

These are people who are often unable to care for themselves, don't have the means to provide for themselves and are staring down a future of unknowns with a likelihood of hardship.



- Pray that God would provide care, comfort, food, warmth, and protection for these divine image-bearers in our city.
- Pray that God would renew their hope in Jesus in a time that can feel hopeless.

2. The medical community

These individuals are on the literal front lines of caring for the sick and fighting the ongoing spread of Covid-19. They're working long hours in challenging environments, missing sleep and their families.

- Pray that God would provide sustaining grace, wisdom, renewed courage, and strength for those in our medical field.
- Pray that God would make them people that bring hope and kindle hope in times and places of darkness.

3. The Church

- Pray that God would do this miraculously through his Spirit and use his people.

pause and pray

LEADER:

Let's make our common petitions one voice by praying the way Jesus taught us:

TOGETHER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.



Sending

A charge to live and work as the faithful presence of God in our city.

*Six Days to Love God, People, Push Back Darkness

*A charge to go back, scattered into the city with Gods heart as missionaries in all occupations.

Benediction

A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

“With the authority and grace of Jesus... you are sent to go love our city.”

