



Maundy  
Thursday

Prayer Guide

**Psalms 46:1, 10-11** Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth! The LORD of hosts is with us...

## 1. Praise God for who He is

**Isaiah 42:8** I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

**Exodus 34:14** ...for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God...

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**Job 38-40** “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Who determined its measurements—surely you know! On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. “Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home? “Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war? What is the way to the

place where the light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth? From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the frost of heaven? The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth? "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind? Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods stick fast together? And the LORD said to Job: "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it."

**Isaiah 40** Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD? Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket. All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? An idol!

**Psalms 50:6** The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

**Deuteronomy 4:24-31** For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God...seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul...the LORD your God is a merciful God.

**Numbers 23:19** God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

**Psalms 18:30-31** This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true... For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

**Exodus 33** Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight.

If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

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## **2. Time of Confession and Repentance**

**Isaiah 59:2** ...but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

**1 John 1:8-9** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- A. Sins of Thoughts and Attitudes
  - a. Unclean or lustful thoughts
  - b. Thoughts that are consumed with earthly pursuits
  - c. Thoughts of anger and bitterness
  - d. Unloving thoughts
  - e. Thoughts of fear and doubt and pride
  - f. Attitudes of lukewarmness towards God
- B. Sins of Speech
  - a. Course or profane words
  - b. Gossip, slander
  - c. Unkind or unloving words to or about others
  - d. Speech that is overly critical
  - e. Speaking words that are exaggerations or untruths
- C. Relationship sins
  - a. People you may have hurt or offended in some manner
  - b. Bitter or holding grudges against people who have offended you
  - c. Improper relationships
  - d. Neglect regular fellowship and meaningful service through the church body
  - e. Family relationships inconsistent with God's Word
- D. Sins of commission and transgression
  - a. Adultery, Fornication
  - b. Stealing or dishonesty
  - c. Destructive habits (smoking, overeating, drinking)
  - d. Watching or reading sinful material, Going to sinful places
  - e. Idolatry, putting recreation and material things ahead of God
  - f. Financial dishonest
- E. Sins of Omission
  - a. Neglecting Bible reading and prayer
  - b. Failing to witness
  - c. Failure to tithe
  - d. Neglecting regular worship
  - e. Refusing to use your spiritual gifts

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**3. Pray for our Church**--God put our Church in this exact location – in this exact town – for a reason. He wants to build together a group of individuals into a real community who love one another, support one another, and watch after one another with the love of Jesus Christ. He wants His church to be so attractive with His love that others will also want to be a part of what He is doing in us.

- Pray that each one of us, as individuals, will continue to pursue an ever-deepening love and relationship with Jesus.
- Pray that all of us will continue to draw closer together into a real family of God.
- Pray that our love for one another will continue to grow.
- Pray that we will develop a greater degree of concern for one another, a concern so great that our church family will always be on our minds and hearts.
- Pray that our church will be so close to one another and to Jesus that others outside our church will be attracted to the love and grace of Jesus they see in us.
- Pray for God's anointing on our services.

**Pray for the Lost and our Community**--Our town and our county is our home, our community. We may be far away from national centers of attention, but God has His attention firmly set on our community. He has many people here. There are also many people here who He wants to be His. They may be far, far away from Him right now, but through His church, God wants them to come to Him.

- Pray for your family members, preferably by name, who you think might not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for your friends, preferably by name, who you think might not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will open our eyes to the lostness of the people surrounding us in our community.

- Pray for the Lord to begin working in the hearts of those above, that they will be open to the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for God to break your heart for those who do not know Him.
- Pray that God will give us a strong concern for the people who live near us and around us.
- Pray for God to give us insight into the deeper problems in our community.
- Pray for God's love, grace, and concern to fill us as we interact with our community.
- Pray for God to give us bravery in standing for Him and grace to speak for Him in our community.
- Pray that God will use us to bring His salvation to lost people in our community.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-21** For the love of Christ controls us...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.