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ADORATION

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.
¹²Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen! Psalm 72:18-19
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

Our Father, we acknowledge that You are God Almighty, the maker of Heaven and Earth. You are the one and only true God, full of power and majesty. You also are Love, and your eternal love extends across the firmament and reaches deep into our souls. In You, we are fully known and fully loved. By you, we are fully redeemed. Help us to drink this in! Please deepen our understanding of You, and therefore our desire to praise, love, and serve You. May Your praises continually be in our mouths! In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

CONFESSION

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. Psalm 130:1-4

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Heavenly Father, we pause now, before praying any further. In these quiet moments, we open our hearts and minds fully to Your examination. Please shine light into the darkest corners and reveal our sins, Lord, so we can confess them, and cast them on You, and be freed from their grip. We are exhausted by the weight of hiding, and blaming, and making self-centered choices that we know are not at all what would please you. Every single day we do things and think thoughts and languish in feelings that separate us from You. Please forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves. We are incapable of extricating ourselves from this muck; please lift us out and cleanse us so that we can serve you with reverence. Thank you for your promised mercy and faithfulness. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

THANKSGIVING

I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1

Your Word says "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Isaiah 43:25. Thank you that you are a God of grace and forgiveness!

Your Word says, "And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'" Isaiah 43:19. Thank you that no matter what we have done or how awful we feel, your mercies are new each day.

Your Word says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8. Thank you for the gift of faith. Thank you for saving us.

Your Word says, "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. Thank you for Your provision and goodness in our lives and in the life of our church!

Your Word says, "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18. Thank you that you are a God of transformation, and You will not stop until Your work is complete.

Your Word says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Jesus, thank you for your stooping love that would come to live with us, to die for us, and to walk out of the grave into eternal life, all on our behalf. Thank you for releasing us from death's shackles and for the gift of eternal life with You. Help us to receive that gift every day—to open it and reopen it with gratitude and joy.

Your Word says, "For God has said: I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you." Hebrews 13:5. Thank you for this extraordinary promise which frees us from fear and comforts us in loneliness and grief.

Your Word says, "The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him" John 4:23. Thank you for prayer, which is a gift from Your hand. You have given us the privilege of prayer because You love us and want our fellowship. How profound to imagine that Almighty God desires our fellowship! Thank you.

Father God, once we get started, it is impossible to stop thanking You for all the blessings You pour out over us! Thank you for every gift, great and small. We know that all good gifts come from above. Thank you for the hope we have in You. Thank you for Your peace. Thank you for holding all things together. Your Word says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8. We are so grateful. Please help us to stay humble and grateful before You.

SUPPLICATIONS

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14 I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers! Isaiah 65:24

Heavenly Father, having confessed our sins, and aware that we are unable to do one thing in our own strength, we bring you these prayers for our family, friends, and world. We are so grateful for the avenue of prayer that is our pathway to you, for your willingness to forgive us, and for your love that envelopes all of us.

For our church family: Thank you. Holy Spirit, please be present among us in all our words and actions. May our church family be a loving, welcoming community—a place for all to call home. Please create an urgent desire in us to follow you more closely, to learn more and more about you, to live out our faith more authentically in the day to day. Please protect us from being only surface-deep Christians. When others look at us, as a body, may they see You, not us.

For our Pastors and others in leadership: This is a season of fresh starts and new beginnings. Holy Spirit, our Pastors, Session, and other leaders seek Your will and Your way. We are grateful for the way they love You and bend to Your leading. Help them to trust You as they step out in faith on behalf of our church family. Please hold and protect their marriages and their families.

For the children and those leading Children's Ministries: Our children are such a blessing! Thank you for their innocent, joyful, and trusting natures. We praise You, Father, for our amazing Children's Ministries team and volunteers. Please give them extra measures of creativity and stamina (!) as they shepherd the little ones toward life in You. With all our hearts we pray for a hedge of protection around the children—all the children—at home and at school.

For the Youth and those leading Youth Ministries: Father, we give you these young people who are tiptoeing to the edge of adulthood. We are so blessed by them! Bring them into saving faith in You. As school begins, help each one to understand how valued, worthy and beloved he or she is to You and to us. Protect them, we pray, from injuries to their souls. Please give the leadership huge doses of wisdom as they shepherd Your young people with the truth and power of the Gospel.

We pray for this particular Confirmation Class, and we thank you, Holy Spirit, for your undeniable Presence as we welcomed them into church membership during worship: Lilliana, Lucy, Brody, Adam, Alexander, Natalie, Zachary, Kaitlin, Lauren, Lucas, Reilly, John D., John H., Asher, Declan, Madeleine Me., Madeleine Mi., Harris, Emma, Gemma, Wesley, Liam R., Simona, Liam S., Logan.

For our Worship Services: Thank you for those who share their gifts of music, preaching, greeting, praying—all to Your Glory. And thank you for every person who works behind the scenes. Please help us never to take for granted the privilege of being able to worship regularly, in freedom and peace. We remember those around the world who are unable to do so. Thank you for being near to the brokenhearted and saving those who are crushed in spirit.

For Connection and Community: We praise You for so many answered prayers! May each person in each community or study group become more deeply rooted in You and in our church family.

For our cross-wearers: Please bless Heather, Suzy, and Katie—chosen specifically by You for an added adventure in faith this year.

For all those in mourning: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4. We trust in Your Word and thank you for your promised comfort.

For those who are homebound or lonely or sad: Lord, please bring fellowship and connection where it is most needed. May these precious ones be overcome by Your love and their value to You. Please encourage them and bring them new avenues of purpose, meaning You are the Great Physician. Please bring healing to bodies that are sick and in pain, wisdom for medical professionals, and grace/endurance for those who are caregivers.

For our Country and World: Father God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, You are united, three in one. To the contrary, we are so very divided. Even among Christians, we are sliced up into factions and angry about our differences. You cannot possibly be pleased with the way we are going at one another. Far away, there is war with all of war’s hideous ramifications. And yet, there is war right here, too, in each one of our souls. We are sorry when, out of fear or frustration or whatever, we contribute to the problem instead of the solution. We are grateful for Your promise never to leave or forsake us. We claim that promise in deepest humility, aware that we are wholly undeserving of it on our own. We ask for Your mercy and love to reign over all the Earth, forever and ever, beginning with each of our own hearts.

We pray for the specific needs of our Mission Partners’ ministries locally and around the world:

Agape Italia (Joel & Amy Hardman, Rome, Italy)

Heavenly Father, we pray for students in Italy to experience healthy Christian community, where they can grow spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. May believing students find organic ways to share the Gospel’s good news with their friends and classmates. We ask for participants in their first ministry training internship (spring 2025). Father, we also lift up Amy’s health; she has seen some progress but has a long way to go. We ask You to help her recover from surgery and strengthen her body.

Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (Bill & Addie Likens, Dunlow, WV)

Father, we pray for Bill and Addie, for good health, wisdom, and joy as they provide basic needs for their community families. With the kids back in school, we pray You would protect them and give C.A.M. opportunities to love them through their after-school programs. Lord, you know that food insecurity is a huge concern for this community, so we ask for more food donors, as some sources have become limited, and we thank you for Your faithful love.

Campus Outreach (Artie & Kittery Van Sciver, Charlotte, NC)

Lord, we pray for new staff who are fundraising, that You provide them a strong and faithful network of ministry partners to invest in and encourage their campus ministry. We ask for opportunities to meet with students who need Your love; please give them a hunger to investigate Christ in community and the local church. May older students grow in devotion and obedience to You, be willing to follow wherever You lead them so that more students may experience Your love, healing, and grace.

Christian Mission to Gaza (Pastor Hanna Massad, Gaza & Jordan)

Jesus, we continue to pray for peace in Palestine. We cry out to You for peacemakers in Israel and Gaza who are committed to bringing an end to this historic conflict. Empower CM2G staff to reach the people of Gaza with Your love, providing both spiritual and physical support to those in desperate situations. Please protect all those who are putting themselves on the line to offer compassion and hope.

Crossing Thresholds (Rev. Carter Via, Nairobi, Kenya)

Father, we pray that CT's building team stay safe as they complete the new Center of Hope school. We ask that You bless all that happens in that school, make it last for generations, and help thousands of children to follow You. We pray for protection and good health for all 5 CT schools, and for staff to be godly examples to students and the Kibera community. And we ask you to bless the November gala to draw new donors and mentors.

Forman Christian College (Rev. Roger Dermody, Lahore, Pakistan)

Jesus, we pray for the students at FCCU to build lasting friendships, develop godly character, and grow to become the leaders Pakistan needs. We ask for safe travels for Rector Jonathan Addleton when he heads to Boston re the accreditation process through the New England Commission on Higher Education and a favorable reception. We lift up FCCU's launch of the Pakistan Center for Biblical Teaching and Research on campus (similar to Tyndale House at Cambridge). May you use this Center to equip church leaders and bless the larger Pakistani Christian community.

HopeCo (Tanzania & Kenya)

Lord Jesus, we lift up HopeCo's Tanzanian students who are going to universities in the US; please give them great study habits, new friends, and knowledge of who You have made them to be and do. Please grant health to ailing students. We pray for HopeCo staff and teachers to stay strong physically and spiritually as they equip students to be life-long learners and disciples of You. And we ask you to bless leadership efforts to expand their donor base.

Hopeline Pregnancy Center (Stamford)

Father, we thank you for providing new financial supporters and encouragement for their ministry to mothers and babies. We pray for the retreat planned in October, that mothers in need of healing and hope will come. Please give wisdom to staff members as they listen to the concerns of women and seek to share the gospel with them. And we pray for the Recovery Care clients, that they have the courage to reach out for help and apply it to their unique situations so that mothers, babies, and fathers can flourish.

The Initiative (various US locations)

Lord, we ask Your blessing on upcoming Initiative chapter gatherings in the Midwest, and for Scott Brill's time in Memphis in mid-October at the annual meeting of Christian Churches Together (Evangelical, Pentecostal, Mainline, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Historic Black traditions) committed to collaborative work. We ask for wisdom as our Mission Team plans an event on Jan. 18, 2025, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; help us to build relationships with local churches to put on this event together. And please bless the November Board meeting, gathering for long-term planning.

LIFE Ministry (Kenya)

Lord, we pray for fruitful ministry this semester with students, young professionals, and church partners. Please help the leadership transition to go well and the new National Director to lead with humility and wisdom. Grant Maina/Paul safe travels as he goes abroad to set up operations for meetings and Caroline wisdom and health as she ministers to staff and students and cares for kids at home.

Nambale Magnet School (WIKS-USA) (Nambale, Kenya)

Father, we pray for Evalyn and her staff to lead their students with wisdom and love. Would you comfort and protect all learners and schools; a school in Central Kenya lost 21 children in a tragic dormitory fire and 17 others went missing. As Nambale prepares for the Grade 6 National Exams and other assessments in all grade, may You help students to focus and do their best. We thank You for bringing NMS this far, and ask You to lead them as they set goals for 2025.

Open Doors (Norwalk)

Lord, we thank You for the strategic ways that Open Doors is providing and equipping people and families with safe and stable housing. Please protect our neighbors in need and help them to find their way to OD so they can receive essential resources that they need.

Pivot Ministry (Bridgeport)

Loving Father, we ask You to come alongside the men in recovery and break all physical and spiritual addictions. The men also need stable work, restoration with family members, and healthy relationships that encourage good choices. And they need Your grace and mercy to make a fresh start, with Your power. We lift up Pivot staff, that they will serve in Your power and their families would thrive.

Roma Networks (various parts of Europe)

Jesus, we pray for Dora as she gets to know new students and staff and manages her English classes. We thank You that Roma Networks is expanding into the area of business as mission, and that NPC will be coming alongside them for a mission trip in spring of 2025! (Tom is on the Jobs Creation Team, because education and employment are huge needs among the Roma/Gypsies in Europe, and this program is helping the Roma to get jobs and start businesses that support their families and churches.) Please help Tom equip pastors and church planters through Bible Pathways; he and other missionaries are bringing the program to the 60 million marginalized Banjara (Gypsies) in India.

Rossholme Education Centre (Nairobi, Kenya)

Father, we pray for Joyce and her staff to be of good health and to serve their students with caring and wisdom. Please help grade 6 students to do well on their final primary school exams in late October; they will leave Rossholme at the end of the year to join junior secondary schools in 2025. Father, we ask you to grant Joyce success in obtaining a visa so that she can come to the US and find refreshment and support for her ministry.

Tumaini Children's Home

Father, we pray for good academic performance for students taking National exams and in general (university e-learners, high schoolers, primaries, and special needs). We lift up their social worker and manager, asking that You bless her work with kids and

Do you have a praise report of a way that God has healed or moved? Please email prayer@norotonchurch.org so we can include it in the next guide and we can praise Him together as a church!