

"You may as soon find a living man who does not breathe, as a living Christian who does not pray." Matthew Henry

## **Adapted from Matthew Henry's A Way to Pray and other resources**

### Praise

*"Let us come to the one true God who is subject to no change in his manner of being, his perfections, his thoughts, his desires, his purposes, or his determinations. He is now who he always has been and always will be." Adapted from Behold Your God: The Weight of Majesty*

**"Unchangeable God, we know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You, O Lord, do not change; therefore, we, your beloved children in Christ Jesus and filled with your Holy Spirit, are not consumed. You saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of your own purpose and grace, which you gave us in Christ Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. You are light, God in three persons, and there is no darkness in you."**

Adapted from Job 42: 2, Malachi 3: 6, 2 Timothy 1:9, Hebrews 13:8, and 1 John 1:5

### Confession

Note: be willing to confess not only personal sin but also corporate sin of family, our nation, our church as needed, etc. Let us also ask the Lord to shine his light upon us and show us any sin in our lives individually, as a family, as a church, etc.

**"We have panted after the dust of the earth, and have been full of care about what we eat, what we will drink, and how we will be clothed. Instead of seeking your kingdom and your righteousness, we have focused our whole life on things central to godless unbelievers."**

**Amos 2:7; Matthew 6:31-33**

### Thanksgiving

**"You have held to your oath when you swore that the waters of Noah would never again overwhelm the Earth. You remain faithful to your covenant commitment that so long as the Earth continues, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease. Your covenant of the day and of the night has never been broken. You give the sun for a light by day, and the moon and the stars for lights by night."**

**Isaiah 54:9; Genesis 8:22; Jeremiah 33:20; Jeremiah 31:35**

Petition/Intercession

Examples of what to pray for; this is not a conclusive list but ideas.

| Renaissance Church<br>Pittsburgh(based on 9 Marks)  | The United States, including<br>Pittsburgh  | The World   |
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| <p><b>"Make us a church where we are not worrying about tomorrow but seek your kingdom and your righteousness today, knowing that you will provide for our needs today. <u>Let us judge righteously and without hypocrisy, removing the planks from our own eyes before we remove the specks from the eyes of our brothers and sisters in Christ.</u> Let our pastors be full of power, justice, and might by the Holy Spirit, to show your people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. Let them not labor in vain."</b><br/> <b>Adapted from Matthew 6:34-7:5; Micah 3:8; Isaiah 58:1</b></p> <p>Pray the main points from the latest sermon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Faithful, expository preaching of Scripture alone</li> <li>● Devotion to Christian doctrine and theology</li> <li>● A deeper understanding of the gospel</li> <li>● Devotion to evangelism</li> <li>● Biblical discipleship and unity in the faith</li> <li>● Our pastors to be men devoted to prayer and to the word</li> <li>● The provision of a building in East Liberty where we can all gather</li> </ul> | <p><b>"Bring genuine repentance to the people of our nation for their sins, O Covenant Lord, God of hosts. Cause your face to shine with favor toward our nation. <u>Let your salvation be always near those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.</u>"</b><br/> <b>Psalm 80:3; Psalm 85:7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revival of God's work in the church.</li> <li>● Raise up pastors and plant biblical churches or revive biblical churches</li> <li>● Salvation for our leaders and wisdom for leaders to lead in a manner that Christians might live quiet and peaceable lives.</li> <li>● Mercy, grace and courage in the midst of trials</li> </ul> | <p><b>"We pray for your Sovereign help in the spread of the gospel, for who else can thrust forth laborers except you, the Lord of the harvest? <u>Let the people who walk in darkness see a great light. Let light dawn on those who live in the regions of death's gloomy shadow.</u>"</b> <b>Matthew 9:38; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Afghanistan</li> <li>● Travis in North Africa</li> <li>● The Honays in Germany</li> <li>● The Wainwright in France</li> <li>● Strengthening for brethren being persecuted</li> <li>● Christians in prison for the gospel</li> <li>● Nations in which COVID is still widespread</li> </ul> |

Closing: spend time praying for each other.