

# Day of Prayer and Fasting

First Colony Church of Christ | January 27, 2021

## Pray for Faith & Hope

Jesus Christ is the true hope of the world. May we put our trust and confidence in the Lord alone, and desire Him above all else.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13*

*Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. - Psalm 9:10*

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. - Psalm 28:7*

## Pray for Love & Unity

May we embody the love of Jesus in ever-increasing measure, and may we value unity over divisiveness and seek to be peacemakers.

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. -*

**1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13**

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. -*

**Ephesians 4:2-6**

## Pray for Wisdom & Discernment

Let us take in God's Word as the true source of wisdom, and may we remain open to the teaching and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. - Proverbs 3:5-6*

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. - Psalm 119:11, 32, 105*

## **Pray for Renewal & Growth**

May we give God first place in our lives as he renews our hearts this year. Let us grow in Christ-likeness as we learn from Him and follow his ways.

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31*

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. - 2 Corinthians 4:7-11*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

## **Pray for Marriages & Families**

We ask for protection and health for our families – physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual. May our marriages, families and relationships thrive in 2021.

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

## **Pray for an end to the hardships brought on by Covid-19 – physical, economic, emotional, & spiritual.**

We pray for healing, relief, help, and hope. We give thanks for and ask God's blessing and protection over all those who are serving our communities – health care workers, first responders, teachers, and so many more.

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. - Psalm 121:1-2*

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. - Psalm 40:1-3*

## **Pray for Ministry & Mission**

We pray that many more will come to know, love and follow Jesus this year. May we be available for service as the Lord's witnesses and ambassadors in 2021.

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. - 2 Corinthians 5:20*

## **Pray for Unity & Reconciliation**

Let us pray for the removal of every hint of prejudice, bigotry, racism or animosity within us. It is God's will that we love and respect all. It is the will of God that we intentionally and proactively embrace fellow believers who are racially, chronologically and ethnically different from us.

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. – Romans 15:7*

## **Pray for Peace & Healing In Our Land**

Let us pray for peace and healing in our nation. May we as followers of Jesus be examples of love, respect and Godly character as we seek the welfare of our land. Let us pray for President Biden and Vice President Harris, and all leaders and civil servants at every level of government. May God keep them safe and grant them wisdom. Finally, let us pray that the people of our nation will humble themselves and turn to God – beginning with each of us.

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. – 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

*13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. – 1 Peter 2:13-17*