# Mosaic Birmingham



# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

#### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

As we enter into the 21 Days of prayer as a community we want to find a way to continue to learn what it means to pray.

Being a Church that is fully operating in the life of the Spirit is birthed out of a deep intimacy with God fostered by a robust rhythm of prayer as individuals and as a community.

This is an invitation to silence and wonder with God, as we invite Him to come and usher us into deeper life with Him.

Take it slow. If some days you choose only to sit with part of what is laid out, that is enough. If you want to respond with worship, feel free to do so. If you want to have a conversation with someone close to you about what the Spirit stirs within you, do so. Our hope is that you will find new spaces of intimacy, wonder, peace, and joy with Christ.

Let the Spirit guide you however he may.

#### Silence

Quiet yourself and the space around you if possible. We come to prayer in a posture of listening.

"Prayer is never the first word; it is always the second word. God has the first word." – Eugene Peterson

#### Address

Father God, creator of heaven and earth,
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
God of Israel,
God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
True and Living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Have mercy and hear our prayer.

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate.

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

# Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.

#### Confession of Sin

Gracious and compassionate Father
Slow to anger and rich in love,
We confess that we have sinned against you,
Both by what we have inflicted and what we have neglected.
Our sins are more than we can bear,
and we cannot hide our brokenness from you.
As we come in humility,
Show us the path of repentance.
Lord you are faithful and just to forgive us,
For your name's sake be merciful to us.
By the blood of your Son Jesus
Wash us and make us clean.
By the power of your Holy Spirit transform us
And make us new

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever Amen

For the sake of your Kingdom, Amen.

#### Intercessions & Petitions

- Intercessions: Requests for others
- Petitions: Requests for yourself

## Prayer for Our City

Pray for healing and wholeness, that the good of the city would expand and the church be a part of that. Pray for elected officials, schools, justice, and racial reconciliation. Pray for those who are bound to addiction or stuck in the cycles of poverty.

Ask the Lord to speak to you on how we as a community can be an agent of change and pray for the ongoing work Mosaic is engaged in.

# **Prayer for Global Missions**

Pray for the Kingdom worldwide. Pray for the saints suffering around the globe from persecution and systemic poverty.

Pray also for Mosaic's global partners: Baobab West African Missions (Ghana), House of Hope (Uganda), The Footstool Project (Nepal).

# **Request for Answered Prayers**

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen

# Contemplation/Silence

Give space for the Lord to speak. God delights in speaking to his people, as we quiet ourselves we hear. In prayer we find ourselves in Holy thought, don't rush this or think lightly of what comes to mind as we meet with the creator of the universe.

# A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies. we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life: but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may praise you, not only with our lips, but in our lives. by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord. to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

#### Confession of the Mystery

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

# Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Grace:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen