

November 11, 2020 Prayer Gathering

“Open Our Spiritual Eyes, Lord”

1. Confidence in God
2. Asking God to open our eyes – reveal what He wants us to see
3. Looking to God CONSTANTLY

Psalm 146:1–10 (ESV) ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

“The Lord’s Prayer,” **Matthew 6:7–15 (ESV)**

“Our Father in heaven, - Relationship with Loving Heavenly Dad

hallowed be your name. -Submission to Almighty, Holy God as Master

¹⁰Your kingdom come, - Submissively asking for God’s RSU Kingdom to come

“REPENT” is the key to the Kingdom

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. - Submissively asking for God to accomplish His purposes in the Unseen realm first, then earthly realm

“Your Kingdom come” and “Your will be done” is what “Open Our Spiritual Eyes, Lord” theme Week of Prayer and Fasting Theme is about

1. Confidence in God

Hebrews 4:14–16 (ESV) ¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Write down qualities of God that give us confidence

2 Peter 3:9–13 (ESV)

2. Asking God to open our eyes – reveal what He wants us to see ***Having our eyes opened changes everything***

➔ Difficulty is that we don’t know we are blind, that we are seeing USD

2 Corinthians 4:4–6 (ESV) ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

➔ Only God can open spiritual eyes

John 8:31–32 (ESV) ³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Write down at least one time when God “opened your eyes” to see something in your life right-side up

➔ **Prayer Requests as you fast**

Pray for each request daily, then pause to ask, “Lord, is there anything You want me to pray about this item?” Listen and pray as He guides.

- † Ask God to open your spiritual eyes to see ***Him*** clearly and to see all of your life ***from His perspective***.
- † Ask God to open our eyes together as the ***New Song Family*** to see Christ as He directs us forward & to passionately pursue His purposes.
- † Ask God to bring people to ***Him and into the New Song Family***.
- † Ask God to open the spiritual eyes of ***family, friends, acquaintances and enemies*** so they turn to Him.
- † Ask God to open spiritual eyes to bring ***revival and spiritual awakening*** to our country and world.
- † Ask, “Lord, what else do you want me to pray or hear?”

3. Looking to God CONSTANTLY

When we ask God to open our eyes, we are surrendering to Him.

Matthew 26:39 (ESV) And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

The more we praise God for Who He is (spend time looking at Who He is , reviewing what He does, etc), the more confidence comes BECAUSE we will see **God is BIGGER**

2 Corinthians 4:7–12, 14, 16-18 (ESV) ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Write down practical ways you will look to God constantly

Thoughts, insights, action items, truths to remember, etc.