

## Second Baptist Church

### Corporate Prayer

This is our first night of prayer for 2026. Tonight I will ask you to join me in conversational prayer. We will assemble in smaller groups around the sanctuary. Each group will have a designated leader who will lead you through for each section of prayer. We will have a time of praise, thanksgiving, confession, intercession and supplication. We will take turns in our group to pray with each person saying a short prayer that is applicable to the theme of the section. In other words, when we are in our praise section our prayer should be a prayer of praise to God. When we are in our thanksgiving section you should offer up a short prayer of what you are thankful for and so on and so on. The leader should set the tone and others should follow around the circle.

1. Let us spend the first few minutes of our time praising God for his attributes and qualities.
  - a. Attributes like his love, never ending mercy, amazing grace, kindness, being all powerful, all knowing, a healer, a savior, a protector, a provider, the goodness of God. He is the creator and sustainer of life etc. etc.
  - b. Let's open our session giving God praise for at least three of God's attribute and qualities.
  - c. ***Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Let's sync our hearts with the rest of creation and Give God glory.***
2. Let us spend time thanking God for 4 things that God has done for us in the last few months.

***Psalm 107:1: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"***

***Psalm 7:17: "I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High."***

***1st Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"***
3. Next we will spend time in quiet confession. ***Ps 66:18 says "the Lord would not listen to me if I hid iniquity in my heart"***. Pray **silently** asking God to forgive you of any sin you are aware of and sins you are not aware of. 2 minutes.
4. Let us pray that the Church would be on ONE ACCORD. ***Romans 15:5-6 Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you harmony with one another in Christ Jesus, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*** Let us pray AGAINST divisions, quarrels, bitterness, envy and spite. Let us pray for a spirit of unity, like-mindedness and genuine concern for others before ourselves.
5. Let us pray for VISION and DISCERNMENT. ***James 1:5. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*** Ask God to give us discernment and wisdom about what the church should be doing. Ask God to give us strength to stop doing the things that are not part of our purpose as a church and the faith to add the things that are needed. Ask God for fresh and clear vision for the Church.
6. Let us pray for the long term and short term sick and shut-in of our church.

***And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:15***

<b>Dorothy Chappell (ST)</b>	<b>Inez Lovell (ST)</b>
<b>Donnie Cobb (LT)</b>	<b>Alice Munn (ST)</b>
<b>John Daniels (LT)</b>	<b>Xavier Pearce (ST)</b>
<b>Cheri Dickerson (LT)</b>	<b>Shardai Pearson (ST)</b>
<b>Tomeka Freeman Evans (ST)</b>	<b>Linwood Seward (ST)</b>
<b>Arla Hargrove (ST)</b>	<b>Dorothy Smith (ST)</b>
<b>Trus. Robert Harris, Sr. (ST)</b>	<b>Mildred Talbert (LT)</b>
<b>Joyner James (LT)</b>	<b>David Woodley (ST)</b>

7. Let's pray for our city.

- a. City council
- b. Mayor
- c. Community
- d. Community safety and a reduction in violence
- e. The Homeless
- f. Affordable housing

8. Let us make request for ourselves and our families to God.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6*