

May Prayer Night

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The controlling love of Christ

[14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

POSTURE:

FRONT-LINE VS MAINTENANCE

1. Asking God to open our eyes, reveal sin and humble us.
2. Asking God to give a passion for his mission, his church and the lost.
3. Asking God for deepened desire to know him, see him and become like him.

GUIDELINES:

SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Group prayer is **learned**. Don't sweat the small stuff. (e.g. grammar, speaking at same time, losing focus)
- Keep it **simple, short** and **specific**. (e.g. 30 seconds, normal voice, don't be afraid to be specific)
- Don't hesitate to **repeat prayers** of others in your own words. Be persistent. (Lk 18:1-8)
- Make it **audible** (i.e. we want to hear and agree with you).
- Make it **conversational**. Listen. We pray together to pray *together*. Make prayers of others yours. "Amen"

TONIGHT'S FOCUS:

#1 Living this summer on mission, pursuing the lost, seeing our lives as part of His story.

#2 Our own humility, hunger and confession (anticipation, expectation, fresh faith, renewed joy, deepened hope)

#3 Our church, our city, our world.

- That the heartbeat of our church would be a sincere, pure devotion to Jesus Christ.
- Overall health: fresh passion, protection, commitment to the cause of Christ, and his church, in the city.
- Revival: That Jesus' name would be made famous in Seattle, from the avenues to alley ways.
- Communities: Double our communities in 2014 through raising up a new crop of community leaders.
- Discipleship Training: Equipping a new wave of gospel leaders, pastors and (potential) church planters
- Summer Brazil Trip: Cultivate a heart not only for the neighborhoods of Seattle, but the nations of the world.
- Space: A more permanent space in the city.

FLOW:

Personal prayer

Scripture (Col 1:15-20) / Song

Pray: Communities (**Topic:** Summer on mission, the lost, seeing our lives as part of His story)

Scripture (Eph 2:4-10) / Song

Pray: Guys/Gals (**Topic:** Our own humility, hunger and confession)

Scripture (Ps 103:1-13) / Song

Pray: Together (**Topic:** Our church, esp. more permanent space, multiplication of communities, conversions)

Scripture (2Cor 4:7-10,16-18) / Song