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WEST VIEW'S PRAYER GUIDE FOR 2024

DEAR WEST VIEW FAMILY,

We developed this guide to resource you in your prayer time and to enable the entire West View congregation to pray in unity. We hope and trust that you will join us in praying daily through the values and needs of our congregation and community here at West View. Our prayer for you is that this resource will become a daily “go-to” as you grow in your walk with Jesus!

Let's grow together in 2024!

Yours in Christ,

From the West View leadership

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

We don't have to follow a specific formula to talk with God, but practicing different ways to pray can help us find deeper purpose and connection to Him through our prayer time.

This guide is designed to give you prayer points that we, as West View, will be praying over throughout the year. As a tool, we have assigned each prayer point to a day of the week to help bring focus to your prayer times throughout the week. Together, as a church, we will be following along with this schedule and invite you to follow along as well.

As you pray, focus on the points and give yourself time to intentionally hear from God. If your mind wanders, use the outline to restore your focus. The goal of using this guide is not to add pressure or overwhelm you. It is simply to provide a tool for you to partner in prayer with us, and create a space for you to write down personal prayer points you are believing God for in 2024. This guide is intended to help your prayer life remain focused, effective, and enjoyable.

To make your prayer times even more meaningful, we encourage you to write notes, prayer requests, and play worship music. The important step is committing to regularly entering God's presence through prayer. While prayer takes commitment and requires discipline to develop into a daily habit, we also want to remember that it's a “get to,” and not a “have to.” It's a privilege to be able to come to God in prayer.

PRAYER AS A LIFESTYLE

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

Prayer is most effective when it isn't something we do every now and then, but when it's a lifestyle we cultivate. To understand how to have a lifestyle of prayer, we can look at the example Jesus gave during His life on earth.

HAVE A CERTAIN TIME

Jesus got up early in the morning to spend time with His Father. Make a daily appointment with God – whether it's first thing in the morning, at lunch, or in the evening – and faithfully keep it.

HAVE A CERTAIN PLACE

Jesus had a specific place He went to pray. Having a designated place to pray helps us remove distractions, and frees us to worship and pray out loud.

HAVE A CERTAIN PLAN

When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He gave them a prayer outline. We call it “The Lord's Prayer.” It can be found in Matthew 6. As we pray every day, our plans for our prayer time can vary. It may include worship music, Scripture reading, and quiet time to listen to God. It doesn't have to look the same, but it helps when we have a plan for connecting with God regularly.

Our hope is that you will join with us in praying daily over the areas that follow on the next few pages. These prayer points highlight areas of need at West View, where that we believe that God is going to move through in a powerful way. On the next page you will find an overview of each prayer point and a general description of the importance of each prayer point. In our Weekly Prayer Guide, we have strategically laid out the prayer points on specific days of the week to provide a structure that we will corporately pray through together throughout the year.

2024 PRAYER POINTS

SALVATION AND TRANSFORMATION

Pray that the focus of our ministry environments will result in salvations, transformation in Christ, and equipped lives. Pray for the Lord to empower you and use you to influence your homes, workplaces, schools, and community; so we can be a light in a darkened world.

SMALL GROUPS

Pray for the small group leaders who are serving and ministering to the individuals and families of West View. They are investing great time and energy to see people connect with God and build deepened relationships. We believe in making disciples and multiplying our ministry, and small groups are the ministry environment best suited to accomplish this mission.

MISSIONAL IMPACT

Jesus invites all of us to join Him in reaching the world and living on mission. This mission starts in our hearts, works through our families, impacts our neighbourhoods, affects Centurion, and then keeps spreading wherever God's Spirit is at work. At West View, there are many ways to live on mission through Ditshego, Khuluma and West View College. We have great anticipation and expectancy for God to reach people with the Gospel throughout Centurion.

DISCIPLESHIP

As we reach people and build lives, personal discipleship is the key to each person walking in all God has for them as changed people. Pray for more individuals to step out and lead small groups, more volunteers to pursue leadership roles, and individuals, like yourself, to find opportunities to make a disciple.

NEXT GENERATION

Pray for our children, teenagers, and young adults to have real encounters with Jesus that lead to life-change and lives that are dedicated to Christ. Pray that they begin to influence their peers and families. Also, pray for our leaders in these areas who are giving time and energy to see the next generation live out the mission of the Gospel.

GROWTH & EXPANSION

Pray for wisdom and direction as we hear from God about opportunities for church growth and . It's our heart to have a lasting impact, not only in Centurion, but far more widely through our online presence and ministry.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS FOR 2024

MONDAY – SMALL GROUPS

ACTS 2:42,46

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...”

PRAYER POINTS

- Discipleship moments in small group settings
- Openness to share and grow as a family in Christ
- Significant growth in the number of new small group leaders and participants
- Spiritual leadership and influence
- A desire to dig deeper into the Bible as a community

TUESDAY – DISCIPLESHIP

EPHESIANS 4:12,13

“...to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

PRAYER POINTS

- Faithfulness of our church leaders, pastoral staff and worship leaders
- For those being discipled, to have a teachable spirit
- Humility in love, prioritizing one another’s needs
- Spiritual maturity as we connect in discipleship moments

WEDNESDAY – NEXT GENERATION

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

PRAYER POINTS

- For young adults to experience a sense of belonging, as well as commitment to small groups and a passion for West View as their spiritual home
- Children and teenagers reaching their friends and family with the message of Christ
- For Children’s Church kids to gain a deep understanding of biblical truths as they grow in their faith

- Empowering and encouragement for our children's pastor, Manti, and all the volunteers involved in Children's Church
- For our teenagers and youth grow in Christ and experience Jesus at Rooted Youth
- Vision and innovation to be given to our youth pastor, Elvis, and all the volunteers involved in Rooted Youth

THURSDAY – GROWTH & EXPANSION

ACTS 13:49

"The word of the Lord spread through the whole region."

PRAYER POINTS

- The expectation of future growth in our ministry and mission as a congregation
- To gain favour and influence across Centurion
- Wisdom, clarity, and financial provision for those entrusted with managing West View's finances
- Deeper wisdom & faith for our pastoral leadership and the entire congregation
- For members of West View to step out in faith and confidence to invite friends, colleagues and acquaintances to come to West View and worship with us

FRIDAY – MISSIONAL IMPACT

LUKE 10:2

"He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"

PRAYER POINTS

- That through West View, God will open doors into new mission opportunities in Wierda Park and the greater Centurion area
- For our congregation members to live a missional lifestyle on a daily basis
- Boldness and clarity to communicate the gospel in every opportunity God gives us
- Wisdom and guidance to get 'Serve Saturdays' ministry up and running

SATURDAY – SALVATION & TRANSFORMATION

MATTHEW 28:19

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

PRAYER POINTS

- A greater awareness in our community for the need to repent and believe in Jesus
- Personal encounters with God

- Connections and bridges to share the gospel
- Love and compassion to reach the lost with the saving message of Christ
- That West View remains focussed on becoming a community where true life-change happens

SUNDAY – COME TO CHURCH AT WEST VIEW AND EXPERIENCE A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY!

Hebrews 10:25

*“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, **not avoiding worshiping together** as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.”*