Southwood Day of Prayer for Expressing Grace and Advancing God's Kingdom
Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Note: This is a suggested guide for prayer to be used as you find helpful. You can pray individually, with your family, with your Grace Group, and/or at our 12:00pm Prayer Gathering. Please join us in dependence upon our gracious and powerful Father!

Let's pray today in light of the Advent/Christmas season we're in the midst of right now.

Read Isaiah 11:1-10 … *"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. … The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. … They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious."*

- As you read of the promise of future glory that the righteous Branch will bring and the earth being full of the knowledge of the Lord, who comes to mind that you long to share with you in that perfect eternity and glorious relationship with God?

- Pray that God will bring the nations (including those who live right in our nation, in our neighborhoods!) to the Root of Jesse.

Read John 1:14 … *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

- Praise God for his incarnation – breaking into our world, moving toward us, that we might know the One who is grace and truth in fullness.

- Pray that we would move into the worlds and lives of our neighbors to bring the grace and truth of Jesus to them in what we say and how we love (in the footsteps of our Savior).