

Southwood Day of Prayer for Expressing Grace and Advancing God's Kingdom
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Note: This is a suggested guide for prayer to use as you find helpful. You can pray individually, with your family or Grace Group, and/or at our **6:00pm Prayer Gathering in the Sanctuary**. Please join us in dependence upon our gracious and powerful Father!

1. The Psalms put words in the mouths of God's people to communicate with hymn in song and in prayer, so they guide our hearts wonderfully as we pray. Our Bible Reading Plan has us in two psalms today: first, **Psalm 46**.

- (Vv1-3) Start by confessing our fears about evangelism and pray that God would help us to find our strength in Him rather than in ourselves. Pray that in the midst of a chaotic world, many others would find refuge in our God as well.
- (Vv4-7) Pray that God's presence will comfort us and draw others to Himself. Ask that we would live with confidence in the King over all nations.
- (Vv8-11) Spend some time silently contemplating God's greatness over all. Pray that He would be exalted not only over all the nations but also in the hearts of our friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

2. Next, **Psalm 47**.

- (Vv1-4) Praise God for his greatness and goodness. Thank Him for choosing to love and rescue us. Pray that He would subdue many more to bow before Him in awe and worship.
- (Vv5-7) Pray that God would "tune our hearts to sing his grace." Pray that others would hear us singing his praise and be moved to join in.
- (Vv8-9) Pray that we would entrust all our evangelistic efforts to the control of the true King. Pray that as He brings the peoples to Himself, we will have the joy of being a part of that victory celebration with our neighbors.