

Southwood Day of Prayer for Expressing Grace and Advancing God's Kingdom
Wednesday, July 5, 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!

1. Read Romans 6:5-11 ... ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ **For one who has died has been set free from sin.** ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- As we come off of a time of celebrating our country's "independence," let's take a moment to pray that we would be "dependent" on our God who has truly set us free.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to grant freedom from fears that control us (failure, loss, death, etc.).

2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 ...¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit's power of spiritual freedom would be alive and everywhere within the people and walls of Southwood.

- Pray for those who don't know the freedom of salvation, that the Spirit would save them.

3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18...¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ **For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.** ¹⁶ **So we do not lose heart.** Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

- Pray for those who are in despair over the things that are "seen" and that they may be given the freeing power of the Holy Spirit to focus on the things that are "unseen."

- Pray that we would be a church of people full of the joy of Jesus. Pray that we do not lose heart in giving and sharing our lives with others for the sake of the Gospel.