

Prayers From The Cross

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This past Wednesday, all across our community and honestly all across the U.S., man, it was a really, really special day. Students and teachers and parents gathered around the flagpoles at their kids' schools to spend some time in prayer. And it's a moment that means so much when you think about it, knowing that tens of thousands, maybe more, students and teachers and parents are gathered together seeking the face of Jesus in front of their schools.

I was blessed this week to watch it and to pray alongside so many on Wednesday at my kids' school. I'm thankful one of our own here was able to organize the moment at our kids' school. I'm thankful that so many kids know the importance of prayer. I'm thankful that the kids and students and teachers and parents know that prayer matters and that God responds to the prayers of His children. Right?

Prayer needs to be a major focus in the life of a believer. And we've been focused on prayer in here the past six or so weeks as we've studied the prayer life of Jesus. In fact, when you came in today, we gave you a little handout that basically recaps the series and what we have studied in here together. Our team's prayed over these. Our team has prayed over you, and our prayer is that God would work in all of our hearts and that He would continue to take our prayer lives to the next level, because prayer absolutely matters in our lives. Right?

Look at the handout and just sort of see where we've gone so far and what we've learned about prayer. Looking at the prayer life of Jesus, we've learned that we need to pray before anything else. Right? The phrase that I keep going back to in my own mind and heart is, "Before the day begins." I start the morning with prayer.

Then we know we need to pray the pattern that He gave us. Right? The disciples literally said, "Jesus, we see the intimacy that You have with the Father. Teach us to pray like that." They didn't say, "Teach us the miracles." They didn't say, "Teach us to walk on water." They said, "Teach us to pray." And so He says, "Okay, this is how you do it." And He gives them a pattern, a pattern for prayer in the Lord's Prayer. We know that when we pray, we need to be praying that pattern on a regular basis in our lives.

We saw in the prayer life of Jesus that we need to pray with joy. Not just when we need something, not just when times are hard. We need to pray with joy when we see God at work.

We learned that we need to pray for others. And I think a lot of us knew that, but hopefully we expanded that praying for others, as we looked at the prayer life of Jesus, beyond just the physical needs of others and into the spiritual needs of people around us as well - for their spiritual protection and their sanctification, that they

would find joy in Christ, and that they would be kept in the faith by God the Father. Right? We pray for others, the spiritual and the physical.

Last week, we talked about praying for the will of God, knowing that there are moments in our lives where, as we pray and seek the will of God, it will come with a cost.

This morning, as we continue our series, we're going to look at the example of Jesus and see that, as His children, as followers of Jesus, we need to be people who are willing to pray even when it's difficult. Even when it's difficult.

Today, we're going to end the series where Jesus' life on earth ended: at the cross. I know the cross was a temporary ending, and we praise God for that. But on the cross, the Bible shows Jesus speaking seven times. Of those seven statements, three are prayers. They are words that aren't spoken to other people. They're words that are addressed directly to God.

Which means that even on the cross, even right then in that moment, after being beaten beyond recognition, as He is gasping for air, just trying to form the words, dying in the most brutal way His culture knew how to end a life, Jesus is still praying.

If you've got your Bible, open with me to Luke chapter 23. We're going to look at verse 34 here in just a moment. As you're turning, I'll remind you of something that's not fun to talk about when you think about the cross, but you've got to remember the effort that it would have taken to form words on the cross. The weight of Jesus' own body is working against His lungs. The weight of His body is pulling down, making it difficult to get air into His lungs to speak. And so, to speak, He's going to have to push up on the nails that are in His body, holding Him there, which means that every word was painful.

Knowing that just reinforces again how important prayer was to Jesus and how natural it was for Jesus to talk to His Father all the way until the end.

If you're taking notes today, you're going to see that when we zoom out and look at these three prayers together, Jesus is putting on display for us a heart of trust, even in its most difficult moments. Our title and our main idea is "Trusting Enough to Pray" - trusting enough to pray even when it's difficult. Jesus trusts God enough to pray, and we should too.

One more note as we're getting started: He prays three times, and I want you to notice the progression of these prayers. I want you to notice what He calls God each time He prays. Because for the first time in this series, and the first time in Scripture, what He calls God in prayer is going to change. That change tells us what is happening while Jesus is on the cross.

Father, Forgive Them

Let's start with the first prayer. Luke 23. We're actually going to back up and start in verse 32. Read it with me. It says:

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called the Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

— Luke 23:32-34

So Jesus is taken away with two criminals to be crucified. While He's on the cross, He uses some of those first breaths that He's able to muster up. While the soldiers are gambling for His clothes and while the crowd is mocking Him, He uses those breaths to pray for their forgiveness.

Prayer number one: "Father, forgive them."

This is not a cry of pain that goes out. It's not words in His defense. He's not saying, "You got the wrong guy." He's not saying, "I didn't do anything." No, He's crying out forgiveness - forgiveness for the people who are killing Him, and honestly, for many, many more.

So why forgiveness, and why first? Because honestly, some of us are thinking, "Man, if that's me..." Or even from the outside looking in, we're thinking, "Why would You forgive people who are doing such evil at all?"

But if we just think back over this series, looking at the prayer life of Jesus, we learn again and again that forgiveness isn't just what the soldiers needed on that day. It's what every one of us needs, and we need it more than anything.

Romans 3:23 is very clear when the Bible teaches:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

— Romans 3:23

As we read about the cross and as we read Jesus shouting, "Father, forgive them," who are we thinking about? The temptation is to just zero in on the scene there at the cross and think that Jesus is extending forgiveness to those soldiers, or that He's extending forgiveness to the soldiers and to the crowds that are mocking Him, and maybe even to the religious leaders who put Him there as well.

But it's so much more. This declaration of forgiveness includes us too. It must. It's our sin that put Jesus on the cross as well. So it's our sin, too, that He's praying forgiveness over. Jesus forgives. What a moment.

I want you to notice this: I believe we've been able to say this every single week of our series looking at the prayer life of Jesus. This is just another moment where Jesus practices what He preached.

In Matthew chapter 5, do you remember what Jesus said? Jesus said, "You guys have heard it said before. You've got to love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But Jesus changes things up in His teaching. Jesus goes on to say in verse 44:

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

— Matthew 5:44-45

On the cross, again, Jesus goes from teaching something to living it out. Jesus goes from talking about something to actually doing it, putting it into practice. He is extending forgiveness to those who put Him on the cross with their hands and with their sins. And He's teaching us that we should do the same.

Back in the sermon on the Lord's Prayer just a few weeks ago, we unpacked forgiveness on a little bit deeper level. We looked at a story that Jesus told in Matthew chapter 18. You probably remember it.

There was a servant in that story who owed the king an impossible debt, a debt that would have taken more than a hundred lifetimes for the guy to earn enough money to repay. Jesus isn't clear with us how he got into that extreme level of debt. I don't know if it was credit card problems. I don't know if he didn't look at the Dave Ramsey plan and Financial Peace University and all that, but something got out of hand in his life.

He owed more than he could ever repay, and he was brought in to face the king. In that culture, when you could not repay your debt, you would go to prison and they would sell off your family as slaves to begin to recoup some of the money for the debt. He owes an impossible debt. The consequences are severe and life-altering.

Well, he stands before the king, and with a stroke of grace and mercy, the king completely erases the debt. He forgives it. You could say, and you'd be right, that what this servant was experiencing as he walked away from the king was a brand-new life.

You remember what he did with it? He didn't use it well. He goes out, and Jesus says the first thing this forgiven man does is find somebody who owes him a small amount of money - maybe a cup of coffee, right? Not really much at all. The man who owed him that small amount didn't have the funds to pay right away. And so this guy, who had just been forgiven of an impossible debt, hauls the one who owes him a little bit of money to prison and locks him up until the debt is able to be repaid.

When you hear a story like that, this righteous anger bubbles up inside of us. It should. Well, it bubbled up inside of that king as well. And so the king recalled the servant whom he had forgiven so much, and he threw him in prison, declaring:

And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?

— Matthew 18:33

"You should have been forgiving, as I had mercy on you."

Jesus is painting this picture here of forgiveness. He's telling a story, and sometimes we read the stories of Jesus and put ourselves in the wrong position. We wrongly assume that we are the wrong person in the story. In this story, the lesson is that we're not the king. We are the ones who had an impossible debt that was forgiven. We're the ones who have received new life by the grace and mercy of our King, King Jesus, and the forgiveness that was made possible ultimately by His death on the cross.

Listen, even on the cross, Jesus trusted God enough to forgive in His most difficult moment. And we can too. Follow the example of Jesus and forgive.

Trusting is key. Forgiveness is hard. Trust that God can help you do it. C.S. Lewis, whom I mentioned weeks ago as we were looking at forgiveness, nails it. He says, "Forgiveness is a lovely idea until you have something to forgive."

We understand the concept of forgiveness. We understand what it means. But it's a different ballgame when someone hurts us or when someone hurts someone who's close to us.

This morning, let me just encourage you: trust Jesus enough to forgive like Jesus. If you've been forgiven like Jesus, you can forgive like Jesus. Just remember: forgiven people forgive people. Trust Him enough to forgive.

Colossians 3:13 says:

Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

— Colossians 3:13

For some in here, it's time to forgive. As I said that, if a name came to your mind, if a situation came to your mind, I want to encourage you to trust that that's the Lord working in your heart. That's the Holy Spirit bringing to mind situations and people in your life where it's time for you to forgive.

Don't ignore it. Trust God enough to forgive. You don't have to resolve the entire thing, the entire relationship, right now. Start where Jesus started. Go before God and forgive.

That's His first prayer from the cross. It absolutely matters, but it's not His last prayer.

My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Prayer two is found in Matthew 27. If your Bible's still open, flip over to Matthew chapter 27. We're going to start in verse 45. It says this:

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

— Matthew 27:45-46

Prayer number two from the cross: "My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

We see in the text three hours, from noon until 3:00 p.m., which would be the brightest part of the day. Well, the sky over the cross goes dark. Creation clearly knows what's happening. God is letting people know exactly what's happening here.

In the darkness, Jesus shouts toward heaven. It doesn't say a whisper. It says a shout: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

He's still praying. But did you notice the change?

All the other prayers we've looked at in this series for weeks, Jesus has prayed, and how has He addressed

God? "Father. Father." Every other prayer, He's shown us time and time again, by addressing God as Father, a closeness, an intimacy in the relationship.

But on the cross, in this second prayer, and the only time that we see in all of Scripture, Jesus prays and He doesn't address God as Father. Why? What's happening here?

There's a separation in the relationship now because of the sin that Jesus has taken upon Himself on the cross.

Let's work slowly here. This isn't a moment of confusion in the Bible. It's a moment of pain, yes. It's a moment of sorrow, absolutely. But confusion? Definitely not. This is a moment that Scripture has been working toward since sin entered the world back in the Garden of Eden in Genesis chapter 3. This is a moment that you can trace through the Bible that was absolutely coming.

As Jesus cries out here on the cross, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" I want you to again understand that Jesus is praying the Bible. Jesus is praying from Psalm chapter 22 to God.

Psalm 22 was written approximately a thousand years before Jesus went to the cross, but it describes exactly what's going to happen as Jesus makes His way to the cross.

I want you to look at this. We've got sort of a side-by-side here, I believe, with Psalm 22 and Matthew chapter 27. I want you to read and see them both together so you can see what Jesus is doing.

Look at Psalm 22:1. It says:

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

— Psalm 22:1

That was written about a thousand years before Jesus goes to the cross. Then Matthew 27 says:

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

— Matthew 27:46

It's always been God's plan that the Messiah was going to be on the cross, absorbing the sins of the world.

Look at Psalm 22:7:

*All who see Me mock Me;
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads.*

— Psalm 22:7

Matthew 27 says:

And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

— Matthew 27:39-40

They're mocking Him.

Then Psalm 22:16-18 says:

*For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet -
I can count all My bones -
they stare and gloat over Me;
they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.*

— Psalm 22:16-18

Matthew 27 says:

And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots.

— Matthew 27:35

I want you to see that Jesus knew what was going to happen on the cross. And He chooses in that moment to pray Psalm 22, which speaks of this separation between the Messiah and the Father.

Why this separation? Because on the cross, something that is almost impossible for us to grasp is happening. We can read some specifics in 2 Corinthians 5:21. It says:

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

— 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake, God made Jesus to be sin. Even though Jesus knew no sin, He did this so that in Jesus we might become what? The righteousness of God.

Jesus had never sinned. He had never known a moment's distance from the Father, a moment of separation from the Father. On the cross, He took on Himself every sin that ever had been or that ever would be committed.

He took your sin on Him on the cross - everything you've ever done that's gone against the Word of God. He took my sin - everything I've ever done or ever will do that goes against the Word of God. He took the sins of those soldiers right there who nailed Him to the cross. All of it. All of the sin of the world.

Then, in that moment, because of the weight of the sin, the Father turns away.

You may have heard the phrase, when we dig into the Scripture, "substitutionary atonement." It's an important phrase, theologically speaking. Here's what it means: Jesus was the substitute who atoned for our sin. It means that Jesus stepped in and took the punishment for sin that was reserved for sinners. Jesus stepped in and took the full wrath of God for sin.

It's incredible. It's an amazing act of love and sacrifice, and we see it in Jesus, stepping in to take the blame

and to take the punishment. We often don't see it in people.

For the longest time, I was a student pastor, and one of the things that Chelsea and I would do for many, many years is have the group of seniors in our student ministry, the senior guys, come over to our house on Monday nights in the fall. It would be a time of Bible study, a time of discipleship, and we'd squeeze some Monday Night Football in there as well.

Those are some of our favorite memories looking back on that season of our lives, just spending time investing in those guys. As we got older and started having kids, the nights looked a little different.

There was one night when Chelsea was wrestling with one, maybe two, kids in our bedroom, trying to get them to be quiet and go down for a little bit. So I went in to help her. The boys in our living room, those senior guys, were loud and crazy. They always were. They were always having a bunch of fun. That's how they were when I went into the bedroom to help Chelsea.

When I came out, the mood had totally shifted. They were quiet. They were sitting down on the couch with their hands on their laps, watching the game. I was like, "This is weird."

Then I noticed a big hole in the wall behind one of the couches. I was like, "I'm not going to say anything. I'm going to let them sweat this out, and I'm just going to see what happens. Is somebody going to confess? Are they not? I don't know. We'll see what happens here."

So we just watched the game in silence for about 10 minutes. I would try to say something every now and then, and you could tell nobody wanted to break. Then all of a sudden, one of the boys stood up, pointed at Landry, and was like, "Landry did it. It was all Landry." The rest of the boys all stood up, piled on, and blamed Landry.

Nobody wanted to take the fall for their friend. That's pretty normal, right? Nobody steps in, willing to take the blame for someone else.

But that's exactly what Jesus did.

Listen, Jesus was forsaken so that you and I would never have to be. Romans 5:8, one of the most encouraging verses in all of Scripture, says:

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

If you've ever felt distant from God, if you've ever felt like there was a separation, like your prayers were hitting the ceiling, like heaven had gone quiet, I'm telling you that in that moment Jesus knew what that distance actually felt like in a way that you and I will never have to.

He fully took our place once and for all. Because He did that, we don't have to carry around a sin that would separate us from the Father. We can trust that because of Jesus, we have no separation as children of God once we place our faith in Him and Him alone.

This is a powerful moment on the cross that teaches us so much. It is a powerful, powerful prayer. But Jesus doesn't stop. He keeps praying.

Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit

I want you to see what happens next. Luke 23:44 says:

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

— Luke 23:44-46

Prayer three: "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."

Listen to that first word again: "Father."

He's back to calling Him Father. After the cry of forsakenness, immediately following the one moment in the Bible where Jesus doesn't call God Father, the word "Father" returns. With His very last breath, the intimacy between Him and God is back. The wrath for sin has been fully absorbed by Jesus. The debt is now paid.

Here's that trust that we talked about: with His final breath on earth, from the cross, Jesus trusts Himself completely into the hands of the Father.

That phrase, "into the hands," is an intentional phrase. When you were putting something in someone's hands, you were delivering it to them for safekeeping. Once again, it's Jesus praying Scripture. We read about this delivering for safekeeping in Psalm 31:5, where the psalmist says:

Into Your hand I commit my spirit.

— Psalm 31:5

Even while dying, Jesus has Scripture on His mind and prayer in His heart.

This might be a subpoint to our lesson for this morning, but I feel like it's worth making. I mentioned it earlier as we were praying for the Harpers here. It's important for us to know the Bible. We've got to know what God has said. We've got to know what God has promised, because there are going to be so many moments in our lives where we can and should be praying Scripture back to God, where we should be praying Scripture over the situations of our lives.

That's what Jesus does here. Knowing that He can trust Himself in the hands of God, He does so. We can trust that same promise.

There's a verse that Jesus speaks in John 10 that I quote to people often when they're in times of crisis and when we're praying together. This is routine in my prayer life in those moments. It's in John 10:27, where Jesus says:

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

— John 10:27-28

That's encouraging. "They will never perish." That's encouraging. "No one will snatch them out of My hand."

Jesus entrusts Himself to the hands of God, knowing that there is no safer place to be. He knows the debt is paid. Heaven confirms it right in that moment. The temple curtain that it talks about here in the passage was about 30 feet tall and about a foot thick. It was the barrier that kept man out. It kept everyone but the high priest out of the presence of God for generations. Well, it tears in two from the top down to the bottom.

There's an earthquake, and the Roman guard at the foot of the cross, what does he say? He says, "This truly was the Son of God."

Jesus entrusted Himself to God in the most painful moment, knowing that the hands of the Father would catch Him.

It's like a little kid learning to swim. Have you ever taught a kid to swim or seen a parent teaching a kid to swim? I think back to it with my kids, being in the water and telling them to jump into the pool. It's the most unnatural thing for a kid to do because they know they can't swim when they're first jumping in. They know that if they jump in and nobody catches them, they're going to sink and find themselves in a very scary situation.

They finally work up the courage to trust when they trust that the hands waiting for them are going to catch them.

Jesus trusted Himself to the hands of God. "Into Your hands I commit My spirit." It's a prayer that we should pray as well.

We see it prayed again in Scripture. Not too many years after Jesus prayed these prayers, the early church begins to explode and then faces opposition for the first time in Acts chapter 7. There's a man named Stephen who was a follower of Jesus and was sharing the gospel with others. He's arrested. He's told not to speak in the name of Jesus anymore. He's going to do it anyway and says, "Nothing can stop me."

So they said, "Okay, well then we're going to put you to death." They take him outside the city, and they put him to death. As he's dying, he echoes the prayers of Jesus. He says:

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

— Acts 7:59

Stephen saw how Jesus trusted God and prayed in a difficult moment, and we can too.

The Harper family is praying that prayer in a very difficult moment right now, trusting God in a moment that's more difficult than we could imagine. In our difficult moments, trust God enough to pray.

Continue Entrusting Yourself to God

Listen, Jesus went to the cross for us so that we could become children of God. As children of an all-knowing, all-powerful heavenly Father, we can trust in Him.

Jesus displayed trust three times as He prayed on the cross. We can sum up the three prayers from the cross with this: God can be trusted with all of it. Whatever is there, God can be trusted with it. God can be trusted with our sin. God can be trusted with our suffering. God can be trusted with our last breath.

First Peter 2:21-23 tells us:

Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.

— 1 Peter 2:21-23

He continued entrusting Himself to God. That's our example, not just for how we die, but for how we live. Continue entrusting yourself to God.

Think back over the series. You've got it right here. I handed this to someone this morning and said, "The whole series is right here. It fits on one page."

They were like, "Why are the sermons so long, then?"

I was like, "Good point."

Think back. We've learned to pray like Jesus before anything else. He's given us a pattern. As we pray that pattern, we're showing that we trust Him enough to pray like He's told us to pray.

We've learned to pray with joy. We've learned to pray for others. We put that into practice today, praying for a family that needs prayer. We've learned to pray for God's will, even when it costs us everything we want. And we've learned that we can trust God enough. He's big enough. He can handle it. He can handle it. We can trust Him enough even when it's difficult.

If Jesus can trust the Father with His spirit, we can trust Him with whatever it is we carried in here today.

Whatever debt you need to release in forgiveness today, you can trust that to the Father. Whatever distance you might feel from God right now because of any sin that's in your life, you can trust that to the Father. Whatever you've been afraid to let go of and hand over, guess what? You can trust that to the Father.

Trust Jesus, and entrust yourself to Him. He has proven time and time again that He can be trusted with everything.

Would you pray with me this morning?

As you bow your heads, just know we're practicing now in prayer what we've seen modeled in Jesus. We've done this every week. Just pray. Pray like Jesus showed us to pray here. Ask Him to help you trust Him

enough to pray like He showed us how to pray.

Maybe right now you need to be praying prayers of forgiveness, bringing specific people and specific moments before the Lord, asking God to forgive. Go ahead and do that. Offer prayers of forgiveness right now.

Maybe you need to think back to that separation that Jesus experienced because of our sin. Maybe there's sin in your life that just hasn't been addressed or dealt with. Maybe rather than extending forgiveness to others right now, you need to ask forgiveness from the Father for things that are going on in your life that you know aren't in line with His will or direction for you.

Don't ignore it. Respond to it. Trust Him enough.

Or maybe you're walking through a hard moment. Jesus, in that hard moment at the end of His life, said, "God, into Your hands I'm placing Myself."

Maybe you're walking through a hard moment. You've been battling. You've been holding on. You've been trying to do everything in your hands, your way. Maybe you need to get to a point where you say, "Father, I'm just putting this all in Your hands."

The words of Jesus in John 10: "God, You promised eternal life. You promised that I'm Your child. You promised nobody can snatch me out of Your hands. So, God, that's where I want to be. I want to be in Your hands, nowhere else."

Offer up that prayer to Him.

Listen, every week, and even this morning, we see that Jesus prays, addressing God as Father. And we can too, if we are His children. That comes when we accept the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. That comes as we place our faith in Christ and Christ alone.

Maybe the prayer for some here this morning is, "Jesus, I'm ready to trust You."

The Bible says in John 1:12:

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

— John 1:12

That's the first step to becoming a child of God. So if you haven't done that, that's your prayer this morning.

In just a minute, we're going to stand. We're going to sing one last song. Our pastors and prayer partners are going to be down here at the front. If you want to come and pray alongside them for anything that we've talked about this morning, if you want to pray alongside them for someone else like Jesus has taught us to do, if you're ready to trust Christ, get baptized, or whatever God's doing in your life, if you just want to come alongside somebody and agree with them in prayer, when we stand and sing this last song, our prayer partners will be here. That's your invitation to come and pray with one of us.

Heavenly Father, we love You. We trust You. We thank You for the example of Jesus. God, we thank You that He showed us what it looks like to pray. And God, I pray that we would be a church family that prays like

Jesus. It's in Your name and Your name alone that we pray. Amen.