

## ***Prayers for the Congregation***

**#1** \_\_\_\_\_

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom and Enlightenment from Ephesians 1:16-23**

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give to our congregation a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of You, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which You have called us, what are the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward us who believe, according to the working of Your great might that You worked in Christ when You raised him from the dead and seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Put all things in our lives in subjection to Christ, even as You have put all things under Christ's feet and given Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

**#2** \_\_\_\_\_

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Strength and Comprehension of Christ's Love from Ephesians 3:14-21**

We bow before You, Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of Your glory You may grant us to be strengthened with power through Your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—so that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all Your fullness. Now to You, Father, who are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to You be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**#3** \_\_\_\_\_

### **A Prayer for Fellowship, Joy, and Hope from Romans 15:5-7, 13**

Holy God, please give to us perseverance and encouragement and grant that we may be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord we may with one voice glorify You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

You are the God of hope. Please fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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### **A Prayer for an Intelligent, Fruitful Love**

**from Philippians 1:9-11 & 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:12-13**

Holy God and Father, we pray that our love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that we may approve the things that are excellent, that we may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to Your glory and praise.

Lord, make us increase and abound in love to one another and to all, and establish our hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at Your coming with all of Your saints. Amen.