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PRAY

Choose **your five:**
Simple Church + people
close to you but who
may be far from God.

Every day in
May 2020 pray
for **your five.**

Pray for your church.

Jesus lived and died to build his church, which is to be a house of prayer (Matt. 21:13).

One of the most significant ways we are called to participate in God's work today is to pray for the Church.

Here are 12 simple prayers for the church that are straight from the Bible. You can head to a passage when you are praying over Simple Church.

1. A prayer of praise (1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 1:3)
2. A prayer of thanksgiving (Ephesians 1:16-17)
3. A prayer of renewal (Psalm 51:7, 10-12; Habakuk 3:2; Romans 15:30-32; Ephesians 3:14-19)
4. A prayer for God's will to be done (Psalm 115:3; Jeremiah 42:2-3; Matthew 6:10, 26:39; Romans 1:9-10; Colossians 1:9-10; 1 John 5:14)
5. A prayer for God's Kingdom to come (Luke 11:2)
6. A prayer for perseverance (Romans 12:12, 15:5-6, 15:13; Colossians 1:11-14)
7. A prayer for the proclamation of the gospel (Acts 4:29-30; Ephesians 6:18-20; 2 Timothy 4:2)
8. A prayer for the love of Christ (Philippians 1:9-11)
9. A prayer for the body (Ephesians 4:1-3, 4:13; Colossians 4:2)
10. A prayer for your church (Ephesians 1:16-23; Colossians 1:3-8)
11. A prayer to follow Jesus (Luke 9:23-24; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16)
12. A prayer to be generous (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)

Pray for your five.

Each of the 12 prayers below ask God to move in the life of the person you're praying for in a specific way, and they each closely paraphrase a relevant Scripture passage. Just insert the person's name in the spaces provided and put your heart into each prayer.

1. God, help me build a caring relationship with _____. Help me become whatever kind of Christ-like servant _____ can identify with so that by all possible means he will be saved. (1 Corinthians 9:22)
2. God, send people into _____ life to witness to her. Send more believers into _____'s life who will exemplify Christ and cause her to want to know Christ for herself. (Matthew 9:38). Threshold 2 (curiosity)
3. God, bring me opportunities to witness to _____. Open doors for proclaiming the mystery of Christ to _____, even in our present difficult circumstances. (Colossians 4:3)
4. God, give me boldness to witness to _____. Enable me to speak your word to _____ with great boldness. (Acts 4:29). Threshold 3 (open to change)
5. God, open _____'s spiritual eyes. Break the blindness on _____'s mind caused by the god of this age. Help him see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

6. God, help _____ realize their spiritual hunger and desire for change in their life. Break complacency in _____'s mind and help her to want to see change in her life. (John 4:15) Threshold 4 (seeking)

7. God, make _____'s heart receptive to your Word. Like the seed that falls on good soil, give _____ a noble and good heart, help him hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (Luke 8:11-15)

8. God, give _____ ears to hear. Help _____ see with her eyes, hear with her ears, understand with her heart and turn, and you will heal her. (Matthew 13:15)

9. God, set _____ free from spiritual captivity. Help me gently instruct _____ when he is in opposition to you, in the hope that you will grant him repentance leading him to knowledge of the truth, and that he will come to his senses and escape from the trap of the devil. (2 Timothy 2:25-26). Threshold 5 (following)

10. God, give _____ faith to believe. Help _____ make a radical life-change before God and an equally radical trust in her Master Jesus. (Acts 20:21)

11. God, give _____ the will to respond to you. Bring _____ to the point he declares with his mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believes in his heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and he will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

12. God, provide an opportunity to invite _____ to a relationship with you. You want your house full, so give me opportunity and boldness to invite _____ to come home to you. (Luke 14:23)