

Prayer

October 16, 2022

Length
in mins

Prayer Room Liturgy

0:00 Call to Worship - Isaiah 55:1-2

From the beginning Antioch was planted to be passionate about God's global mission, to display Christ among the nations. But what is the starting point for that? Is it when we serve refugees, or plant churches, or send missionaries? No, the starting point is with God himself, the goodness and beauty of his character; a God who in himself already had everything he needed—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and yet still he created us, and then saved us, and then sent us.

So Psalm 98 rightly calls to us,

- [1] Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- [2] The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- [3] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Now let's join in this call to all creation:

- [4] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- [7] Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
- [8] Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
- [9] before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.
- Psalm 98:1-4, 7-9

0:00 Confession - Romans 15:5-7

At the very beginning of the Bible we read these words after God creates a man and woman in his image:

[28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
Genesis 1:28

Here is the Great Mandate, the foundation of God's mission. And the only way it could be carried out was with a beautiful ever-growing global family. Sadly, because of our sin, we have fallen far short of that mandate, and our global family has broken to pieces.

And yet here is love, that God would rescue his creation by sending his own Son, Jesus Christ. And now he is gathering his global family once again, all who would follow Jesus. Listen to these words of hope and say the underlined portion with me:

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God...And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Romans 8:19, 23-24

0:00 Sermon Passage - Colossians 1:1-8

Use some part of the sermon passage to pray over the church. Pray for the preacher to preach what God would have him preach, and that the people would receive what God would have them receive.

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0:00 Intercession - Colossians 1:17

Pray for Antioch to fulfill our declaration: we pursue intentional gospel relationships to display Christ's glory among the nations

Pray for everyone in the Sunday Gathering

Pray for the lost (listed on the whiteboard)

Pray for the health of our Family Groups

Pray for wisdom for our pastors as they shepherd

Fall Pastor's retreat coming up Nov 3-5th

The 40 days for Life prayer vigil - Nov 6th

Church workday

0:00 Benediction - Ephesians 2:13

Church, because of Jesus you now have a beautiful, ever-growing global family. Therefore, alongside them may you go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Based on Mark 16:15

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