

*Knowing the Importance of Prayer in God's Eternal Work...  
building up St. Mark Church through prayer during Lent*



“When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I’ll listen. Jeremiah 29:12

Join in Fellowship to appeal to heaven for God’s blessing for St. Mark Church to:

- continue be a House of Prayer and
- faithfully engaging in the Great Commission.

First note for a believing church to be engaged in God’s eternal work of salvation, restoration, and building up the body of Christ, there are three requirements of the congregation.

- Realizing God’s work through St. Mark Church can only be achieved, if we seek to be energized by the Holy Spirit.
- Praying with prayers of faith to engage God’s heart by seeking the Holy Spirit’s guidance and giving glory to God for the answered prayers.
- Understanding God’s ordained accomplishments for St. Mark Church will be attained, when we as a congregation *depend* on the Holy Spirit and each member *willingly exercise* their Spirit’s gifts.<sup>1</sup>

Second find a small group, a prayer partner, your family, your spouse. For example, a Sunday School class and a Fellowship group can pray between services for the 10:30 am service. For the evening, 8:00 am service, mid-week Lent service a small group could meet either in the Narthex or Library prior to worship. Thus fulfilling our call to Lenten prayers of sharing and listening to each other and the Holy Spirit.

Third pray for a least 10-15 minutes to cover a St. Mark worship service in prayer, note suggested guidelines below\*, but as always follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

\*In this season of Lent join your St. Mark family in a time of focused prayer before and during weekend and midweek worship services to:

- **repent** of our sins, individual and corporate (St. Mark Church);
- ask the Holy Spirit for **revival** within St. Mark Church by;
  - the preaching at St. Mark church;
  - conversions by the power of Holy Spirit at St. Mark;
- ask the Holy Spirit for St. Mark Church to continue **reformation** for all believers:
  - practical training and teaching for our soul forming Christian journey,
  - transformation of St. Mark minds - shifting from a temporal to an eternal perspective;
  - making disciples.
- ask the Holy Spirit for St. Mark to be a church of **restoration**
  - nurturing future pastors to live and teach the Gospel,
  - ⊖ asking the Holy Spirit to embolden each of our St. Mark family to develop new relationships within their own neighborhoods, schools, work;
  - sharing personal stories of the Christian life at St. Mark;
  - ⊖ serving community needs through St. Mark based services.
- conclude with prayers of praise and thanksgiving to the Trinity.

<sup>1</sup>Tozer, A.W., Compiled by W. L. Seaver, Communing with God in Everything, Prayer, Moody Press, 2016, pp. 53-55.