



MONDAY:

Pray for your walk with God

Open today with The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) - Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one"

Psalm 139:23-24 - "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

After reading Psalm 139:23-24

- What is in your heart?
- What are your anxious thoughts?
- What are the offensive ways in me?
- Ask him to take your hand and lead you in the way everlasting, What does "the way everlasting" look like?

James 4:8-10 - "So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet."

After reading James 4:8-10

- In what areas do you need to yell a loud "No" to the devil?
- In what areas do you need to say a quiet "Yes" to God?
- What areas of sin do you need to confess to God to purify your inner life?
- Kneel before God in a posture of surrender, give these things to him and allow him to love you

Reflect on all God's done for you. Then, take Communion

Communion Prayer (Adopted from The Common Book of Prayer) "Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, offered the Sacrament of His body and blood. I confess I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and what's been left undone. I haven't loved you with my whole heart or my neighbor as myself. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. Have mercy and forgive me that I might delight in your will, walk in your ways. I give you praise for this Holy communion. Mercifully grant that I may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ my Lord."

Matthew 26:26-30 - "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."



TUESDAY:

Pray for the ALC Leadership team

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Pray for...

Renewal * Isaiah 40:31 - "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Favor * Psalm 5:12 "For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield."

Clarity * Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Strength and Endurance: * Col 1:11 - "May they be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might for all endurance and patience with joy."

Protection * Psalm 91:9-13 - "Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place- the Most High, who is my refuge no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot."

Vision Board Members and their families: Carol Morris, Brian Diggs, Lisa Williams, Drew Wade, Amy Smith, Chris Shelton, Treasurer -Dan Galley

ALC Church Staff Members:

Nathan and Shauna Drye (Lead Pastor and Director of Care) *Children: Lucy and Brennan.*

- Nathan asks that you specifically pray for his health, encouragement as he leads and clarity for God's vision as I lead the church forward
- Shauna asks that you specifically pray for her about clarity, focus, endurance, strength and continuing to be renewed by God. Please also pray for protection for our family

Katie Mason (ALC Kids pastor)

- Katie asks that you pray for her dad's health and wisdom for my parents regarding their upcoming financial decisions

Antwan Brothers (Creative Arts pastor)- Wife: Whitney *Children: AJ, Zuri*

- Antwan asks that you specifically pray for him to have focus, strength, endurance, and for God to continue to grow me as a leader

Jessica Hodges (Operations)- Husband: Chris *Children: Jonathan, Nadine*

- Jessica asks that you specifically pray for her for wisdom in managing and growing in her new role

Ivan Morris Jr (Youth and Facilities)

- Ivan asks that you pray for him personally for confidence and Gods direction



WEDNESDAY:

Pray for the ministries here at ALC

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Creative Arts Team

- Pray that the Creative Arts Team seek God first above all else. Help us to continue to grow as Christ followers and creatives
- Upcoming Events: ALC Lift Conference, our Creative Team Hangouts, Prove It series, and our Christmas Eve services

Kids Ministry

- Pray for workers for the harvest
- Upcoming Events: Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat and Christmas Play

Create - Youth Ministry

- Continue to pray for kids to find Christ and the upcoming
- Upcoming Events: First Friday and Youth Trip

Life Groups

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leaders
- Pray for people to sign up and get connected
- Upcoming Events: Launching Fall Life Groups soon

Connections Team

- Pray that they will be a welcoming force for welcoming people on a Sunday
- Pray that they are given eyes to see people as God does
- Pray for God to continue to bring the right people for this team

Care Ministry

- Care Team development: working to create and implement a strategy for caring for our congregation
- Our Journey of Hope (Cancer Care Ministry): Dr. Elaine and her team
- Celebrate Recovery (those dealing with hurts, habits and hang ups): Lee Longo and her team - Pray for God to bring the right people to this ministry so that they can be healed

Outreach Efforts

- Homeless Outreach Team (Leader - Robert Henry)
 - Pray for protection and guidance as they go out
- Food Pantry Collection Team (Leader- Elyzabeth Marcussen)
 - Pray for favor as they go out to get donations
- Upcoming Christmas outreach
 - Pray for the families we will be assisting at Christmas time
- Bookbag Sponsorship
 - Pray for the children who received a bookbag at Hilltop, Point Pleasant, Freetown, Solley and Marley Elementary that they have a great school year and all of the children in our community in school
- Church Operations/Facilities
 - Pray that the community groups that use our building will continue to be blessed and that we'll have the opportunity to expand partnerships. Also, that the building itself would be protected



THURSDAY:

Pray ALC will be a light to this community

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Matthew 5:13-16 - "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."

Pray:

- that people are drawn here by the Holy Spirit
- that ALC's name in our community would be blessed
- for favor for our church in this community
- that those who come will find the love of God when they enter
- for our hearts to be postured to be looking for those around us who don't know about God's great love for them
- for favor in our community (with community, business, government and school leaders)
- that people will be drawn to this church as a place of refuge and hope
- for opportunities to invite people to come
- that the invite cards we give out will be used and that people will come



FRIDAY:

Pray for breakthrough in our community

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Romans 6:6-11 - "Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin's every beck and call! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did."

Pray that the power of Sin and Darkness is broken

- **Pride** - Ps. 10:4 - "In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in his thoughts, there is no room for God"
- **Fear & Anxiety** - 1 John 4:18 - "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."
- **Depression & Suicide** - Psalm 34:17 - "When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."
- **All Addictions:** Drug, Sexual, Pornography, Food -
 - *In 2018, there were 2,406 unintentional drug/alcohol related deaths in Anne Arundel County*
 - Hebrews 4:15-16 - "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
- **Homelessness:**
 - In 2017, Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness reported that there were 1,736 homeless people in Anne Arundel County.
 - Ps. 68:6 "God sets the lonely in families"
 - Ps. 10:17 "Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them."
- **People to experience freedom** - John 10:10 "...I have come that they may have life and have it to the full..."