

***ALL SAINTS  
ANGLICAN CHURCH***



***AUTUMNAL  
NINE DAYS OF  
PRAYER***

***September 17-25***

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## Memory Verse for the 9-Days of Prayer:

Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

- 1 Chronicles 29:16

During Ember Week here at All Saints we gather together to give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings and to pray for wisdom, growth, and direction. This quarter we are praying for wisdom about the physical plant of our church. As we've grown over the last two years we've seen our parking lot go from full to over flowing, our church is following course. We are taking this before the Lord and asking that He would show us our next steps.

This quarter we will gather many times throughout the week, but we will not gather every day. This little devotional is available to help guide your prayers during the nine days. Please check the schedule below to see when the church will be open for corporate prayer.

## Corporate prayer schedule:

Saturday, September 17th – 8:30 am – Holy Communion, brainstorming meeting to follow immediately after.

Sunday, September 18th – 10 am – Holy Communion

Monday September 19th – 8:30 am – Morning Prayer

Tuesday, September 20th – 8:30 am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday, September 21st – 6 pm – Evensong

Thursday, September 22nd – 8:30 am – Morning Prayer

Friday, September 23rd – 8:30 am – Morning Prayer

Sunday, September 25th – 10 am – Holy Communion

September 17:

## *Setting Our Hearts Right*

Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

- 1 Chronicles 29:16

### **Read: 1 Chronicles 29:14-19**

Above all else, in this time of growth, we are reminded that all good gifts come from the Lord. He has entrusted us to use them well and to His glory. David says to his people that the Lord tests the hearts. If we approach our future out of pride or arrogance, we have missed the point of the Lord's calling to us. Instead, let us test our hearts:

1. Is my heart acting out of pride? If so, spend some time today in repentance.
2. Ask the Lord for wisdom about how you as an individual might live to His glory, and how we as a community might continue to do likewise.

September 18:

## *Christ as Our Cornerstone*

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

- 1 Peter 2:7

### **Read: 1 Peter 2:4-10**

We are reminded that Christ is our cornerstone, the most important building block in our life. He is transforming us – a people – into His temple. While having enough space to comfortably sit and easily park is a terrific thing, we must remember first that the whole body of Christ, that is His people are His temple and he is present when we gather together to worship him, whether it be in an overpacked church, in an auditorium, a house, or a field, He is present with His people.

1. What is my attitude towards the body of Christ?
2. Did I remember today that Christ is present in his gathered body at church?

September 19:

## *Building on Christ*

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

- Matthew 7:25

### **Read: Matthew 7:24-27**

The end of the Sermon on the Mount is an exhortation to putting Christ's words into action. This is a high calling, and one that can only be accomplished when Christ is our king, our own efforts fail. This reminds us, that we are called to build on Christ and not our own works or understanding.

1. What areas of your life are you trusting in yourself and not Christ?
2. Pray today that the church would continue to be build on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

September 20:

## *Our End Goal*

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

- Matthew 28:19

### **Read: Matthew 28:16-20**

Our call as disciples of Christ is to make more disciples. This is the last command that Christ gives before His ascension into heaven. At the core of the purpose of the church is that we would go out into the world for this task, that the world would know who Christ is and be obedient to him.

1. Pray for those in your life that don't know Christ and pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them in word and deed.
2. Are there areas in your walk with Christ that you can improve your awareness of your calling to be a disciple maker?

September 21:

## *Do Not Neglect to Meet Together*

Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Hebrews 10:25

### **Read: Hebrews 10:19-25**

It is easy to make our faith all about us, but it is bigger than we are. One of the simple calls that we are given is to continue to gather together, that we may encourage and exhort one another in our walk with Christ. We are not meant to be islands, but to be a single body bound together by Christ in the Holy Spirit. A part of this, is having a place to gather week in and week out.

1. Pray that we may be wise to create a place that can be beautiful, functional, and used to God's glory.
2. Are there parts of your attitude towards the gathering of the body of Christ that your attitude needs to change? Pray for wisdom about this.

September 22:

## *Building God's House*

Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord.

- Haggai 1:8

### **Read: Haggai 1:1-11**

In this section of Haggai, God commands his people to rebuild the destroyed temple. First, he tells them to examine their heart. We are also reminded that it is important to have a place that is set aside for the worship of God. While temporary solutions are sometimes necessary, we are a people of place. If we consecrate a space for worship, when we enter it, we are reminded that that is what we do in that place.

1. Are there areas of your of your life you are not trusting in God
2. What does it mean to be a people of place?

September 23:

## *Word and Sacrament*

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

- Acts 20:7

### **Read: Acts 20:7-12**

The model of the early church was that they'd gather to hear the word preached and to break bread (Holy Communion and most likely fellowship). In this example from Acts 20, St. Paul gets a little overzealous and talks a bit longer than might be welcomed in most gatherings. However, it does act to remind us of the importance of gathering to worship God, to hear the word preached, partaking in Holy Communion, and participating in fellowship. We are reminded of the power of the Gospel in this.

1. Are there places you need God to strengthen your trust in the power of the Gospel?
2. Why is it important to gather to worship God as a body in Christ?

September 24:

## *Hospitality*

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

- Hebrews 13:2

### **Read: Hebrews 13:1-18**

This favorite little verse reminds us of the utter importance of hospitality. It is most likely that the author of Hebrews had in mind the story of Abraham showing hospitality to God's angels and to the Lord Himself. One of the critical things for a church to do is to show hospitality, first and foremost on Sunday mornings, but throughout our weekly lives. Part of our need to address our growth and providing more parking and space in our sanctuary is so that we can show hospitality well.

1. Are there ways that you can grow in showing hospitality?
2. Pray that we might find a solution so that we can show hospitality on Sundays and throughout the week at our church.

September 25:

## *The Kingdom of Heaven*

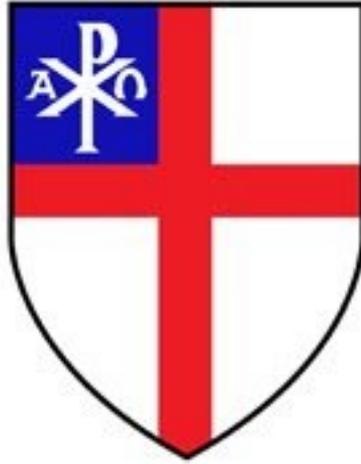
I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

- Revelation 21:22

### **Read: Revelation 21:22-27**

Finally, we are reminded of the fleeting nature of this life. While it is good to use the gifts God has given us to His glory, and that includes creating beautiful places to worship him here, one day we will come to a place so beautiful, with songs more amazing than anything we've seen here on earth. We must remember to be a kingdom minded people.

1. In what areas of your life do you need to become more kingdom minded?
2. How does the current growth at the church help you remember to be more kingdom minded?



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