

Auburn United Methodist Church
Fall Prayer Vigil

Welcome

Thank you for your prayers; this service is provided to assist you. Don't rush. Remember, prayer is listening for God's will, as well as sharing our petitions.

Greeting

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him, bless His holy name!"

Scripture: Psalm 19:14

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."

Opening Prayer

O God, You are our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer,
You have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of Your house.
Grant us grace to worship You in Spirit and in truth in this time of prayer.
Help us to share with You what is on our heart, and to listen for Your will.
Empower and equip Your people to faithfully do the ongoing work of the
Kingdom of Christ in the world today, and having given our best efforts
to trust into Your hands the work of our hands, minds, and hearts.
In all things may we grow in our love for You and for others.
This we pray in Jesus' name, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

I. Prayers for the Church

A. Our Church's Ministries – I pray for our church that ...

- * we will always be open to God's leading...
- * we will strive to meet the spiritual needs of our church family...
- * we will discern and address the spiritual needs of our community...
- * we will be an effective servant and witness for Jesus Christ...

B. Our Church's Missions - I pray for our church that ...

- * we will faithfully serve God and community...
- * we will lift up local, state, national, and international mission needs...
- * we will support missions through education, prayer, finances, and with hands on workers and mission teams...

C. Our Church's Stewardship – I pray for our church that ...

- * we will grow in our understanding of faithful stewardship of God's blessings...
- * we would be wise stewards of all the resources God has entrusted to us...
- * each one would remember his/her membership vow to support Christ's church with our prayers, our attendance, our service, our finances, and our witness.

D. Our Church's Leadership and Fellowship - Pray for ...

- * The Chairpersons of our committees and work areas:
 - Administrative Council – Sam Samborn
 - Caring Ministries – Kathy Gilson
 - Evangelism – Barb Cody
 - Faith Builders – Melissa Grew
 - Finance – Pray that someone will answer God's call to serve.
 - Missions – Becky Jenkins
 - Nominations and Leadership Development – Pastor Rob and Tamara Klida
 - Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Janet Rahl and Mat Rayl
 - Trustees – Ann Wright
- * Church staff (and their families):
 - Pastor, Rob Nystrom
 - Secretary, Jenn Williams
 - Worship Leader, Gabriel Meisel
 - Music Director, Pat McIlvenna
 - Bookkeeper, Amy Samborn
 - Coordinator of Child Care, Ashley Stevens
- * Volunteers - those helping and serving in a variety of ways, to:
 - Be dedicated in their service
 - Be encouraged through their participation
 - Work together in cooperation, respect, and peace

II. Special Needs - Pray for ...

- * For greater civility in our nation...
 - * Our government: local, state, national leaders
 - * Newly elected political leaders...
 - * For God to raise up a Finance Committee Chairperson for our church...
 - * Advent Devotional Guide Project ...
 - * Special General Conference of the UMC, Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO
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III. Prayers for Self: Before each of the lines try starting your prayer with:

"Lord, I ask that You would help me to be..."

- * open to Your Holy Spirit within me ... (pause for reflection)
- * graceful in my interactions with others ... (pause for reflection)
- * loving in my heart, mind, and soul ... (pause for reflection)
- * faithful in my walk with Christ ... (pause for reflection)
- * healthy in attitudes and understandings ... (pause for reflection)

IV. Prayers for Others:

"Lord, this day I ask Your special blessing in the life of _____."

Closing Prayer #567

"Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Benediction: from Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to Him Who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Thank you for your participation in this quarterly prayer vigil. We encourage people to pray daily, but there is special value in coming together as Christ's church for a time of intentional, focused prayer.

Shalom,

Pastor Rob Nystrom

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9 am to 9 pm

