

## Unity

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*

*- Ephesians 4:1b-3*

- May our eyes be fixed on the glory of Jesus and not on secondary issues.
- Help us to love one another more than we want to have our own way.
- Draw us toward Your heart for the world around us so that we can be united in the mission You've called us into.
- Give us the grace to disagree honestly and respectfully while continuing to be unified around the most important things.
- We ask Your mercy and forgiveness for the ways that we have failed to live in unity and ask that You would help us to turn from division and be unified as one body.
- Help us to see one another through Your eyes as one unified body of Christ.
- May we be united in the Spirit so that we might do those things that You've called us to do together.
- Give us a deep love for one another and patience with one another that draws us together as we move forward.



## York Alliance Church Prayer Guide 2023



As we move into 2023, there are four prayers that we've been praying for the last several months and must continue to pray for the next year: Courage, Holiness, Faith, and Unity. Dr. Steve Brown reminds us that: *“The vision God has for you and your [church] is beyond your ability and capacity. The importance of that vision makes you and your work a target for the evil one. It's time to turn the dial up on prayer.”* We encourage you to allow these prayers to act as a starting point and a guide for you as you pray for York Alliance in this coming year!

### Courage

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

*- Joshua 1:9*

- Give us the strength to step out into the unknown even when it's not comfortable.
- Help us to have the courage to speak boldly to friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
- May we steward well the resources we've been given for the forward move of the Kingdom, not our own comforts.
- Grow in us God-sized dreams that are beyond our human capacity, and then give us the grace to step into them.
- Open our eyes to the way that You're working in the world around us so that we might join You in what You're already doing.
- Create in us a discontent for what's safe and ordinary and draw our hearts toward powerful Kingdom advance.

## **Holiness**

*"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"*

- 1 Peter 1:14-16

- Lord Jesus, help us to take sin as seriously as You do.
- May we be set apart for Your specific purposes in the world around us, recognizing that our lives are not our own, but that Jesus is living through us.
- Reveal Your purposes to us so that we will devote ourselves to you.
- We lift up those who are harboring secret sin. Please convict, reveal and give us safe places to be honest with others so that we might live authentically in community.
- Soften our consciences where they've gotten hard so that we might confess our sin and live more like you.
- Help all of us at York Alliance to be used according to your Kingdom purposes in the world around us.
- May we live in ways that are distinctly different than, and attractive to, the world around us.
- Give us a clear revelation of Your holiness so that we might desire to be holy, and then make us holy through your holiness.
- Sanctify us by Your truth. Your Word is truth, so open our ears to hear it and transform our lives through it.
- Save us from being focused on and obsessed with the stuff of this world. Give us a burning vision of Your glory that compels us to live with eternity in mind.

## **Faith**

*"For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."*

- Matthew 17:20

- Teach us to trust You for things that we can't see.
- Give us the creativity and openness to imagine things that are beyond our abilities.
- Help us to have peace in You even when we are uncertain about the circumstances around us.
- Open our eyes to see You more clearly and then help me to see You in both the mundane and the fantastic.
- We pray like the father of the demon-possessed boy: "I believe, Lord help my unbelief!" Help our faith to be strong, and to draw strength from You when our faith wavers.
- Help us to depend on You to do what we are unable to do in our own strength.
- Save us from worry and instead help us to have a deep and peace-filled confidence in You.
- Increase our faith so that we would be strong in the Lord and ready to act in accordance with His power and plan.
- Give us a deep faith in You that always gives peace in spite of circumstances so that we would not falter in our thinking.
- Teach us to pray like people of faith, living into the model of Elijah, who was a man just like us. Give us the faith to pray mighty prayers in accordance with Your heart and to trust Your answers.