Seeing Christ-centered churches united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their communities. Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

Help Office: M/T/TH/F: 9 am - 3 pm

Wednesday: 10 am - 3 pm

Food Pantry: Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 2 pm

Tuesday Evenings: 5 pm - 7 pm

Resale Store: Monday - Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm Tuesdays ONLY: Open until 7 pm

May 29th **Memorial Day** Love INC Closed

June 16th **Golf Outing** Waters Edge Golf Course

August 3rd

Community Prayer Rally

Trinity Fellowship Church - Newaygo 6:30pm - 7:30pm



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Why Pray?

Why is prayer important for Christians? Have you ever wondered why prayer is important, especially if we don't receive the answer we are hoping for from God? Scripture shares that God calls us to pray (Colossians 4:2). Being obedient to God means we will pray. We give thanks along with sharing our concerns. In every prayer, we know God hears our prayers. There is never a time when He doesn't hear. Whether the answer is yes, no, or not now, we are called to pray, and we can be assured God will answer.

A life filled with Christ means we will go to Him in joyful moments and in times of sorrow. Praying is an act of obedience.

When we pray, we are opening a line of communication with God. Find comfort knowing when you pray, God is there with you, and He is listening.

As humans, we can't handle things on our own. Too often, we try to handle situations before going to God. That is not how God wants us to live. God invites us into a relationship with Him. Go to God first in prayer. Day or night, He is available.

The Bible is the Word of God. His Word tells us that we can be confident when we go to God in prayer (1 John 5:14). We don't have to hide our flaws or insecurities. God already knows our every thought and action. Scripture (Jeremiah 29:12) shares that if we go to God in prayer, He will listen.

Scripture shares how we are to pray for everyone, not just people we like. We are called to pray for family, friends, strangers, and enemies. Yes, pray for everyone.

Do not judge. Do not try to decide how God should answer a prayer. He has a plan, and His plan is always best.

When we pray, we must have faith and trust in the Lord. We must lay our burdens at His feet and trust Him. Pray to God and let Him handle the situation according to His will.

Have you ever considered the many different ways of praying? In the Bible, we read about Jesus praying alone. We also read how people prayed together (Matthew 18:19-20). Think of the ways you have prayed. Have you prayed alone? Prayed in a group? Perhaps you have prayed with family and friends? A prayer before a meal? A prayer before bedtime?

Whether you pray alone or in a group setting, those prayers are heard by God. If you are taking a walk and enjoying the beauty of God's creations, pray. When you learn of someone in need of prayer, pause right then, and pray. As Christians, the world will know God's love through our words and actions. May peace and comfort fill you as you go to Him in prayer.

Father, Thank You for the many blessings You provide. Thank You for the ability to lift others up in prayer. Please forgive me for times I neglect to go to You in prayer. I am grateful for the love and forgiveness You give. Thank You for hearing the prayers of Your people. Help us to remember to love each other. Please allow me to show Your love to others through my words and actions. In the name of Jesus, Amen. ♥

"Why is Prayer Important for Christians?", Melissa Henderson, (www.crosswalk.com).





