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Introduction:

This week Summit small groups will focus on two things and split your group time evenly between these two emphases: prayer and fellowship. First, for prayer time, group leaders may break everyone up into smaller groups of two to four, split up by gender, or pray as a large group—whatever you think is best for your group! Below there are three different models, each with specific resources, that you can use to structure your prayer time. Or, feel free to use your own plan for prayer. The goal is to engage your entire group in an extended time of prayer. Second, spend some time enjoying one another's company over snacks or a shared interest like games, sports, TV, or taking a walk.

Year of Prayer So Far:

Since we began the Year of Prayer in January, the weekend messages and small group curriculum have pointed us toward different aspects of prayer. The four sermons (you can find the audio and transcripts [here](#)) give a broad scope of the whole Bible summary on prayer: *Just ask!* Small groups have focused on four passages of Scripture that may be helpful to reference during your prayer time:

- Luke 18:1-8 (Talk to God)
- Luke 11:1-13 (The Model Prayer)
- Romans 8:1-30 (Praying in Weakness)
- Hebrews 4:14-16, 10:19-22 (Praying with Confidence)

Here are some models to help you pray.

Lord's Prayer Model:

Using the Lord's Prayer from Luke 11:1-4, improvise over (or create your own version for) how Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

“He was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Whenever you pray, say, Father, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone in debt to us. And do not bring us into temptation’” (Luke 11:1-4 CSB).

ACTS Model:

Using the steps of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication, pray through today's Summit reading plan passage, which will be one of the six chapters of Ephesians. Or, if you are dividing your group, have different groups pray through different chapters of Ephesians.

Here is a brief overview of how to use the ACTS model to pray through a passage of Scripture.

Read out loud the passage you plan to pray.

Adoration

- Adoring God focuses us on who God is revealed in that passage to be.
- Express awe and worship of him.

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Confession

- Confession is speaking truthfully about who we are and what we have done.
- Doing so allows us to receive cleansing and forgiveness offered to us through Jesus.
- What specifically does the passage convict you of as you read it?

Thanksgiving

- Thanksgiving is a humble response to the generosity of God, acknowledging that every good and perfect gift comes from him.
- Each passage may bring up specific attributes of God, salvation, and his blessings.
- We may also call to mind other ways God has been faithful in our lives.

Supplication

- Ask! God delights in giving good gifts to those who believe and ask him.
- Each passage will prompt us to ask God for his work in people and the church.
- Most of us begin prayer with burning needs in our lives that we want to bring to God. Not only does God want us to bring our needs to him in faith, but he also promises to pray for us in our weakness, even when we don't know what to pray.

Love God, Love Each Other, Love Our World Model:

Using the Summit's mission statement, pray for the people and programs that make up our church and the people our church is seeking to reach.

Love God

- Ask God to give you a heart that is attentive to his Word and that worships daily.
- Pray that your heart would not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- Confess your shortcomings. Ask God to make you holy and obedient to his commands.
- Only God's Spirit can give you a heart that treasures him above all things. Ask him to soften your heart and cause you to love him more. Thank him for loving you first!
- Praise God for the cross. Ask him to restore your joy in salvation.

Love Each Other

Pray for your small group.

- Pray for your group leader(s).
- Ask God to help your group grow in love for God and his Word.
- Pray for relationships to be wide and deep in your group.
- Ask that people in your group would come to faith in Jesus this year.

Pray for your campus.

- Pray that when new guests first drive onto your campus, they would feel welcomed and that members would intentionally make connections with them.
- Pray for your campus staff and volunteers to have great joy in serving the church.
- Pray for your campus elders.
 - Pray they would be strong in faith and able to care well for Summit members.
 - Pray for their marriages to be strong, faithful, and full of love.
 - Pray for the salvation of their children and love for the church.

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- Pray for the small groups of your campus.
 - Ask God to give grace and boldness to leaders in discipling the campus.
 - Pray that God would raise up many new group leaders and rhythm leaders.
 - Ask God to give groups a love for his Word that propels them into confession of sin, love for one another, and evangelism.

Pray for The Summit Church.

- Pray for Pastor J.D. and his family.
- Pray that our directional elders would have discernment and wisdom.
- Ask God to continue to bless the ministries of the church.

Love Our World

Pray for the gospel to advance across the globe, especially in unreached people groups.

- Here are two great resources to help you pray for the nations:
 - [Operation World](#): The definitive prayer guide for every nation.
 - [Joshua Project](#): Pray for a different unreached people group daily via their app.
- Pray for any international missionaries your group is associated with.

Pray for our North American church plants:

- Austin Life Church in Austin, Texas, and Cory Johnson (2018)
- Center Church in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Josh Miller (2018)
- Grace Alive Church in Orlando, Florida, and Cam Triggs (2017)
- Image Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and Mike McKee (2017)

Pray for specific local outreach partnerships in the Triangle.

- Benevolence ministry:
 - Ask God for discernment and grace in serving the many people who turn to the Summit in times of financial crisis.
 - Ask God to heal and care for David Baber, our benevolence pastor, as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
 - Pray that God would identify and train a servant leader from each campus to assist in the benevolence ministry.
- Orphan care ministry:
 - Ask God to continue to call families to care for the orphans and foster children in RDU and around the world.
 - Pray for the “Empower to Connect” six-week study group beginning Feb. 22.
- Prison ministry:
 - Ask God for 50 more sponsors to serve with the men’s prison.
 - Pray for new opportunities for sponsors and Bible study at the women’s prison.
 - Ask for longer worship times at the women’s prison.
- Youth reconnection ministry:
 - Ask God to raise up new mentors to work in these schools.
 - Pray for the GoMentor training on Feb. 24.