

Crossroads Nazarene Church 2020 VISION

Our Father...Your Kingdom Come

A Call to Corporate Prayer

"Corporate Prayer and 'the mind of Christ'"

"Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." - 1 Corinthians 2:16

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 2:5

There is more to being a Christ follower than _____ the mind of Christ... we are to _____ the mind of Christ.

Message in a Sentence:

Effective Corporate Prayer depends upon aligning our Minds and Prayers with God's Purposes (As demonstrated in Jesus Christ).

Essential Commitments Toward Having the Mind of Christ:

1. Commitment to _____

John 5:19ff, 30; 7:16-18, 28; 8:16, 24-30, 42, 54; 10:25; 11:22; 12:28-29, 44-45, 49-50; 13:15; 14:7, 24, 31; 15:10, 15; 16:13, 32; 17:4, 7-8, 18a; 18:11; 19:11, 30; 20:21

The Call to Continual Connection

- Jesus had a continual connection with the Father
- see John 5:19-20; 12:4-5
- Jesus calls his Disciples to the _____
"As the Father sent me, I send you." - John 20:21
- The Outcome: Jesus promises "You will do _____"
- see John 14:12-14

Jesus did what the Father instructed because He believed completely in the Father. Effective Personal and Corporate Prayer require that same belief in us, who are the Body of Christ.

"Jesus did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith." - Matthew 13:58

"Jesus said to them; 'You could not drive out the demon because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as 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 17:20-21

American Worldview Inventory 2020 - At a Glance
AWVI 2020 Results – Release #11 (100620): Churches and Worldview
Cultural Research Center – Arizona Christian University
American Christians are Redefining the Faith:
Adherents Creating New Worldviews Loosely Tied to Biblical Teaching

The clear pattern of American Christianity is that of _____
to the values of the post-Christian secular culture.

Might there be a link between the lack of effective corporate prayer in churches today and unbelief of God's Word? ...If God's Word is disregarded as the basis for our worldview, Corporate Prayer becomes meaningless because we don't believe God to be who He claims.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." - Hebrews 11:6

"Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thessalonians 6:17

2. Two Commitments to Corporate Prayer and having the mind of Christ

● "Pray without Ceasing": going to God as _____
- see Romans 12:2; John 15:1-5

● "Pray without Ceasing": going to God _____

The word "ceasing" in the original Greek language means: "_____".
- see Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 1:9, 4:2

"As the body of Christ, too often we arrange our praying around our church activities rather than arranging our church activities around our praying."

Daniel Henderson; *"21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer"* (p. 87)

Application: What Can This Become?

- What great movement of God might we ask of Him when our minds are continually aligning with His mind?
- What answers to prayer will God provide when our mindset is that of going to God in first response?
- What prayers might we begin to pray together as a Body of Christ when we are going to God without exception?

Scripture Promise for the week Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV)

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."