



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

Dear God, we ask your favor upon the ministry of our local churches.

We pray for the individuals and families that make them up. Help those involved to be effective in the making of disciples. Help them notice those persons around them that so desperately need to hear a good word about Christ. Grant them the joy of offering a well-placed word on your behalf. Help those involved to be keenly aware of the needs around them. Empower those persons to stand as ones who seek justice and desire mercy.

Grant our churches the favor of your Spirit. Empower our churches to the end that fruit is borne for your Kingdom. Help them not only to stand against the currents of this world, but to lean into them with a clear witness of your love.

In the end, Lord, we pray that our churches seek to please you above all else. We pray that all that is done is done in the name of your Son and in the power of your Holy Spirit to the end that your Kingdom is furthered.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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