

## The God Who Hears

“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:17-18

### Groanings Now

Praying into our present sufferings and for all we hope for that we do not yet have- (Romans 8:23-28)

- Authentically, tell God how you feel about your suffering. *“How long, Lord?”* (Psalm 13:1a)
- As the Lord for what you desire-even for relief. *“Call to me, and I will answer you.”* (Jeremiah 33:3)
- Invite God’s presence to sustain you. *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.”* (Psalm 34:18)
- Thank God that he is at work- even when you cannot see or understand. *“In all things, God works for the good.* (Romans 8:28)

## PRAYER WARRIORS:

Our Lord is acquainted with our suffering and grief. In this, we are encouraged to stand in the gap for those in our circle, our city, nation and throughout the world. Pray that our body would embrace the power of intercession as you read these scriptures.

### Prayer Points

- **Pray we would lift up all leaders, so all would glorify and honor God.**
  - **1 Timothy 2:1-2-** *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*
- **Pray we would trust the Spirit with our “wordless groans” and with the depths of our heart.**
  - **Romans 8:26-27-** *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”*
- **Pray we would be intentional and purposeful to pray on behalf of others**
  - **Ezekiel 22:30-** *“I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.”*
- **Pray for those in our life who bring challenge and persecution**
  - **Matthew 5:44-** *“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*
  - **Romans 12:14-** *“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”*
- **Pray for others to be healed**
  - **James 5:16-** *“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”*

- Ask the Holy Spirit to intercede with groanings too deep for words. *“The Spirit helps us in our weakness...he intercedes for us.”* (Romans 8:26-27)
- Surrender the outcome to God- align my will with your will. *“Not my will, but yours be done.”* (Luke 22:42)
- Lord, is there anything you want me to know in the midst of my suffering?

## PRAY for:

### Upcoming Events

Pray over these upcoming events in your weekly intercession time.

#### AMP'D | May 1st

Students in grades 5-6 will come together in the student ministry building. Please pray that hearts would be softened to embrace Jesus's love and for students to have a desire to step into relationship in him and deeper connections at Fifty6

#### LIVE | May 8th

This event for kids in grades 3-4 is an opportunity for connection and growth in Christ. Pray for a powerful move of the Holy Spirit as these kids come together. Pray for kids who may not be regular attendees to be drawn to community and an identify in how Christ sees them.

#### Men On Mission Breakfast | May 9<sup>th</sup>

Pray for men to be inspired and equipped to step boldly into God's mission for their lives. Ask that the conversations over breakfast lead to strengthened relationships and renewed commitments to serving their families and communities. Pray for clarity and vision as they discuss opportunities to make an impact for the Kingdom.

#### Adult Baptism Celebration | May 17th

Pray for those taking the step of baptism. Ask God to fill them with his Spirit and to strengthen their faith as they publicly declare their commitment to Christ.

#### Honduras Men's Missions Trip | May 27th- June 3rd

Pray for the Lord to work through the men who are partnering with Casas por Cristo and the local church. Pray for good weather and that the team can share the love of Jesus by building a house for a family in need.

## Ways to Participate

#### Wednesday Prayer Service

Join us each Wednesday night for Prayer Service in the Worship Center at 7:00 p.m.

Pre-service prayer groups meet to press into prayer in various groups including Missional Life, Hispanic Ministry, Sanctity of Life, Racial Reconciliation, Students & Young Adults.

#### Prayer Chain

Join our prayer chain and intercede via email for the needs of our congregation, our community, and the ministries in our church.

#### 24/7 Prayer

We invite you to take part in 24/7 prayer on the campus of WoodsEdge. You may pick a *weekly time*. *If you can't come weekly right now, you are always welcome to use our 24/7 prayer room. Request access by emailing us at [prayer@woodsedge.org](mailto:prayer@woodsedge.org).*

Sunday Services – 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. | [www.woodsedge.org](http://www.woodsedge.org)