

# 5 WAYS TO PRAY FOR SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN

## A Five Minute Prayer Pledge

This is an exciting season for Shelby Presbyterian Church and a perfect time to renew our commitments, including our commitment to pray. Our prayers make our words, thoughts and actions captive to God's will.  
**Will you pledge to pray for your church?**

### YOUR TIME

**Will you pledge just five minutes more in your daily prayers?**

Developing spiritual disciplines can be difficult. But can you do five minutes? Your small investment of time in prayer could make a huge change in you and your church.

#### **A Prayer for Your Church**

Jesus, you are the head of your church, and we are your body. I ask that you keep our church healthy, well nourished and strong. Help us to grow, praise and serve you by being welcoming and loving, true to your gospel and a part of your ministry of reconciliation. Amen.

#### **A Prayer for Your Community**

Creator God, all the earth is yours and everything that is in it. Make my community reflect your glory as a place where your love is seen and the people's eyes are lifted up to you and your grace. Fill me with your light, so that I might reflect your light into my community. Amen.

#### **A Prayer for Your Leaders**

Holy Spirit, you are the source of all wisdom. Fill the leaders of my church, my community, my state, my nation and the world with your wisdom and be merciful to them. Grant also that I might have your wisdom to discern when and where you call me to lead. Amen.

#### **A Prayer for Your Neighbors**

Father, you give every family in heaven and on earth its name. You made humans in your image and by your Word you shared in our life. Have mercy on my neighbors, even those most difficult, and by your Spirit, help me remember that what I do for them, I do for you. Amen.

#### **A Prayer of Confession**

Jesus, you humbled yourself to live as I live, die for me, and rise for me. Help me to turn away from my pride, my selfishness, and any idol that pulls me from you. Help me to turn to you, my Lord and my God. Help me to live in a way that reflects my belief in this truth. Amen.

## USE THESE FIVE PRAYERS DAILY

These prayers should take less than a minute to read and ponder each day. They offer an opportunity to add to your spiritual practices or start a new one. **In this exciting time of transition at Shelby Presbyterian Church, know that your prayers and participation in the life of the church will ensure that we *Grow, Praise and Serve* together as a church according to God's will.**



# FORMS OF PRAYER

01

## Petition

Our most common mode of prayer is to ask for God to intervene in some way either for ourself or for someone else.

02

## Thanksgiving

It is important to give thanks to God when we pray, because this reminds us of our many blessings even amid struggle.

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## Confession

To 'confess' is to tell the truth, and so in prayers of confession we tell the truth about our sin and profess our beliefs.

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## Praise

When we praise God in our prayers, we are not just flattering God, but reminding ourselves of God's glory compared to us.

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## Lament

When things are not as they should be, it is important we tell God that we are angry or frustrated and stay connected.