



Friday "Five"

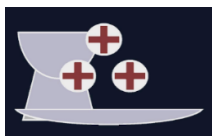
Five Things to Pray as a Family

Each Friday, we are encouraged to gather with our families (*and whomever we choose, especially in our digital age*) and pray together, seeking God's grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love. Do not hesitate to do this, as we remember the faithful promises of our Lord to us, His people:

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective" (James 5:13-16).

Together, here are 5 things for which to pray:

- 1- Pray for those who are sick, especially those with COVID-19, and those suffering with the loss of loved ones during this time.
- 2- Pray for our nation, that God would provide healing and peace.
- 3- Pray for God to guide us as He dwells in His people, that the Holy Spirit would lead us to make faithful decisions as we seek to love one another.
- 4- Pray for all those who are feeling despair, that God would comfort them with His peace that surpasses our understanding.
- 5- Pray for the people of God, who are His living Church, that we would not be discouraged by this time of distance, but instead would be enlivened to gather with joy in every way that we are able.



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