



UNITED IN PRAYER

## WEEK OF PRAYER

God calls us to a conversation — to hear His voice and to talk to Him through prayer. Personal experience underlines the truth of scripture: Prayer is effective! As a church community, we're committed to being a people of prayer, so we're beginning the new ministry year united in a week of prayer. Let the prayers below serve as a starting place as you spend a few minutes with the Lord each day. Through prayer, we'll proclaim His praise, make our requests known and listen for His guidance.



## GRATITUDE

**Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness.**

Woodmen began in 1979 with just a few dozen steadfast Christ-followers in a renovated chinchilla hut. Through the years, God has grown this congregation into five campuses and thousands of people living on mission. Praise our good God today for who He is and thank Him for the grace He has poured out on His church.

## GATHER

**God of all Glory, ignite in us a passion to come together in worship.**

Set our hearts ablaze with a passion for the gathering of God's people. Unite our hearts around the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ. Inhabit our praise as we lift our voices to declare Your worthy name. Open our minds to the treasures of the Scriptures as we center our souls on your Word. Remind us each week that the Church is not a building, but the gathering of God's redeemed people.

## CONNECT

**Lord, our Redeemer, unite Your people.**

In a culture rife with division, form the people of Woodmen into one family. Center our hearts on Christ as our cornerstone. From that foundation, build deep, caring relationships among Your people. Help us to seek out those who are far from God, and to welcome them into Your love. Give us the opportunity and empathy to foster more relationships and spiritual conversations with people who need Jesus.

## GROW

**Holy Spirit, set our hearts ablaze.**

Give us a hunger for more of You in the year ahead. Lord, as Your disciples, form us into Your likeness. Let us faithfully build into our lives the rhythms and practices that keep us in step with You. Would you deepen our faith and our understanding of Your Word and Your ways? Raise up leaders to equip others, as more adults, students and kids learn and grow in caring community.

## CONTRIBUTE

**Merciful God, mobilize us for mission.**

Instill in us a love for our neighbors — for those around the block and those around the world. Empower us to live and love in ways that invite many into the hope found in Christ. Embolden us to live lives of compassion and service, and to partner in Your ministry of bringing peace, wholeness and justice to those who are suffering and vulnerable. Give us faithful hearts as we continue to give generously to the ABLE initiative. Let us steward these funds with wisdom, as we lay a firm financial foundation for increased ministry impact to see future generations flourish.

## LOVE WELL / CHANGE LIVES / THROUGH CHRIST

**King Jesus, turn our vision into action.**

As we launch a new ministry year, would you grant us renewed energy and passion to join in Your life-changing kingdom work? As we participate in this God-given vision, may the power of Christ be revealed in our weakness, and may the name of Christ be always on our lips. Give us ears to listen for Your voice as we pursue You. Let the horizons of our hearts be broadened that we might better live into Your love in the year ahead.