

Callander Bay Church Prayer Journal Week 2: Connect in the Church

Pray for Connection in the Church

The focus of this seven days of our prayer journey is on the church. Particularly, praying for unity in the church. It has been an extremely strange and difficult time for the church during the pandemic. Unity has been tested and sadly fractured in many ways. God wants us to pray for the church, both locally and universally. Please don't feel limited to only praying for only those areas that I have suggested. We need to also pray that our fellowship would be strong, our mission and purpose would be clear, and that our methodologies would reflect our times and circumstances. I would also encourage you to pray for the individuals and families that attend at Callander Bay Church. If you have a church directory split it up into seven sections and pray for the people who attend here. The church needs prayer. The leadership needs prayer. Let's pray diligently for the church this week. I would encourage you to read this passage of scripture daily and ask God to use it to help us to pray diligently for unity.

Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it[a] says:

"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions[c]? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Introduction and Suggestions are in the Week One Guide



Keep the Unity of the Spirit

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

- Pray that we would let the graces of unity (humility, gentleness, patience, love and peace) would be evident in our relationships
- Pray that we would make every effort to keep or maintain the unity of the Spirit.
- Pray for Unity in our relationships at Callander Bay Church.

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The Grounds of Unity

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6

- Pray that we would build our church on the essentials of unity.
- Pray that the gospel would be central in Callander Bay Church
- Pray for Callander Bay Church that we would always keep Jesus at the centre of everything we do.

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<u>Gifts of Unity</u>

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. Ephesians 4:7

- Pray that the gifts of the Spirit would be discovered, developed, and deployed by individuals in our church.
- Pray 1 Peter 4:10 over our church, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
- Pray that the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12) would be used to minister to people in our church.

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<u>Gifts of Unity</u>

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, Ephesians 4:11

- Pray for those individuals given to the church to help equip others.
- Pray for those who serve in spiritual leadership at Callander Bay Church that God would give them wisdom and direction.
- Pray against division in Callander Bay Church.

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Pray for the Growth of Unity

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13

- Pray that at Callander Bay Church and in our own lives that we would be equipped for works of service.
- Pray that we will be built up until we reach unity in the faith.
- Pray that we would always be moving forward in the process of maturity in the faith

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Pray for the Stability of Unity

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Ephesians 4:

- Pray that we will hold firm to the truth.
- Pray that God would protect us from deceitful teaching and ideas.
- Pray that Callander Bay Church would be a beacon of stability in an unstable world.

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Built on Love

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:15-16

- Pray that Callander would be filled with loving relationships (marriages, families, friendships)
- Pray that everyone would do their part, so that we would be a functional body.
- Pray that Christ would be the head of our church.

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