

5 WAYS TO PRAY FOR SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN

A Five-Minute Prayer Pledge

SPC is a growing congregation that is actively seeking to be a part of what God is doing among us and in our community. Many among us are active in our city and county, letting our faith guide how we engage and interact with others. Our goal for this coming year is to be faithfully present as a church in every aspect of our lives with our eyes open to see where God goes before us and where God is active in others. Will you pledge to pray for SPC?

YOUR TIME

Will you pledge just five more minutes 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.

The Story of God

Holy God, your word reveals you at work within your creation.

Open our eyes to see you at work. Open our ears to listen to others. Open all our senses to know you in the story of scripture, history, our own lives, and our present day. Amen.

Awareness of God's Love

Lord Jesus, in you the love of God is revealed, because you became one of us, for all of us. Open our eyes to your love and humility, so that we might be confident and secure in our knowledge of your love and our place in your salvation. Amen.

SPC in Our Communities

Most Holy Spirit of God, in everything we say and do, we reveal our faith in your presence in and among us. Help us, the people of SPC, to be mindful of how we are loved by you and given your love to reflect your presence with us. Amen.

In Everyday Life

Lord of All, in the commons of our community - our work and economy, our schools, our environment, and our civic life, may we reflect your humility, gentleness, patience, and bear with one another in love so that we may find unity in you. Amen.

In Our Closest Relationships

Triune God, you are one God in three persons, an eternal relationship and you made us to be in relationship with you and with one another. By your grace, strengthen our closest ties - family, friends, and church - as a testimony of your love. Amen.

USE THESE FIVE PRAYERS DAILY

These prayers should take less than a minute to read and ponder daily.

Use them to add to your spiritual practices or start something new.

Prayer strengthens our relationship with God and with each other.

Joining our voices each day as one congregation helps ensure that we *Grow, Praise and Serve* together at SPC, unified according to God's will.

BEING FAITHFULLY PRESENT TO DISCERN GOD'S PRESENCE



GOD LOVES STORIES - Scripture is the story of God in the world. But scripture is not the end of God's story. In our lives, God is still at work and storytelling helps us recognize God.

BE CURIOUS - God is already active all around us. Listen to the stories of others and consider how God may be at work in ways you may never have thought about before.



PRAY - Prayer is our way of communicating with God and it is useful for discerning how God is at work and building patience to wait for God's lead.

WALK - When we walk in neighborhoods and local events, we immerse ourselves in all the sounds and smells, going slowly enough to see clearly and meet people along the way.



SHOP - In stores and restaurants we can be open to seeing where God is at work in the lives of those working and your fellow shoppers. The same is true in our workplaces.



SHARE - We are formed by each other. When we share our knowledge and experience and receive the same from others, we grow and get glimpses of how God calls us together.



SHAPE - We are shaped by where we live, both the natural and built environments. When we shape these spaces for each other, we can watch how God uses these places.



PARTICIPATE - Civics is more than just voting. Engaging boards, local leaders, nonprofits and committees brings us into the spaces where God is present but often overlooked.



EVERYWHERE YOU GO, YOU ARE CALLED TO BE A FAITHFUL PRESENCE BOTH TO SERVE GOD AND OBSERVE HOW GOD IS AT WORK IN AND THROUGH YOUR NEIGHBORS TOO!