

Easter House of Prayer - Guide

1 - LOOK UPWARD with PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- Jesus we kneel, sit, or stand to look upon your face and fall in complete adoration of who You are as the son of Man and the son of God.
- Jesus, how can I give you praise for who you have been to me and for what you have done for me in this moment of prayer?

Philippians 2:1-2: Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness & compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will trust in your good name in the presence of your faithful people. -Ps 52:9

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. -Ps 9:1

The Lord lives! Praise to my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted! -Psalm 18:46

Praise the Lord! For he has heard my cry for mercy. -Psalm 28:6

I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. -Psalm 34:1

O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love. -Psalm 59:17

Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! -Psalm 63:3

You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. -Psalm 63:5

2 - LOOK INWARD in CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

- Jesus, we confess in our sin and brokenness how far we fall short of your Glory especially in the amazing way you love us, our world and all of your creation. Have mercy on me, oh my Lord!
- Jesus, what are you wanting to do inside of me during this time of prayer, this Easter and beyond? What graces and mercies do you have for me? How do you want me to become more like You?

Psalm 139:23-24: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

◆ **Search me-** Jesus, where is my heart drawing near to you and wandering from you, closed and opened toward your love? What feelings do I need share with you? What are the desires of my heart?

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. - Proverbs 4:23

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. - Psalm 37:4

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matt 6:21

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. - Matt 22:37

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. - 1 Timothy 1:5

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- ◆ **Try me** - Jesus, where is my mind these days and at this moment? What is getting in the way of me focusing on you, your kingdom come and will be done? I want to gaze upon your power and glory.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. - Hebrews 12:1-2

I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. - Psalm 63:2

- ◆ **Lead me** - Jesus, how do you want me to change, grow and respond to your love? What Fruit of the Spirit do you want to produce in my heart and life right now? I want to be filled with your Spirit.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. - Romans 12:2

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23

3 - LOOK OUTWARD for INTERCESSION AND PETITION

- Jesus, we desire to go make disciples of all nations who make disciples by loving one another and our world just as You have loved us with an unfailing, self giving and sacrificial love.
- What is your desires and hopes for the community around me and our church?

Ephesians 6:18-19: Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert & always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

Jesus, we pray for **our staff** to be completely dependent on the Holy Spirit as we lead with love this Easter.

- *Pastor Chad as he shares his heart and message about the good news of the gospel*
- *Pastor Dan as he leads us and his worship band in worship and praise of God*
- *Pastor Alyssa as she hosts and leads us to engage and communion with Jesus*
- *Kellye Saad, as she leads our rKids volunteers to care for and love on all our kids*

Jesus, we pray for all **our many volunteers** as they host and serve others for all our Easter services.

- *They will be able to see and welcome everyone they meet as Jesus does.*
- *They will have wisdom and strength to deal with difficulties as they arise.*
- *They will be vibrant and joy-filled in their interactions with our people and guests*

Jesus, we pray for all **our people and many guests** as they arrive and engage with us for Easter service.

- *We will be humble and bold in inviting friends and family to Easter, and for those people to say yes and not be hindered in engaging one of our worship services.*
- *You will open and move the hearts of everyone who engages our services onsite or online to see your glory and receive your grace.*
- *All, especially our guests will feel welcomed, seen, and loved by your people and will humbly and courageously take their next step with Jesus.*
- *Our hearts will be filled with joy and gratitude as we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21