

# HOW WE PRAY

GOING DEEPER INTO A LIFE OF PRAYER

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PRAY...

AND WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THEM ALL! WE KNOW PERSONAL PRAYER AND CORPORATE PRAYER ARE DIFFERENT- BELOW YOU FIND OUR GUIDE FOR CORPORATE PRAYER+WORSHIP WITHIN GSWPC.

## PRAY WITH A POSITIVE FOCUS!

WE ASK GOD TO IMPART GOODNESS, RATHER THAN REMOVING "BADNESS." WE FOCUS ON THE VICTORY OF CHRIST AND THE SOLUTIONS, RATHER THAN THE PROBLEMS OF THE CHURCH. THIS HELPS US CONNECT AND KEEPS US FROM FALLING INTO HOPELESSNESS ABOUT THE ISSUES WE FACE TODAY. POSITIVE PRAYERS ARE IN LINE WITH GOD'S HEART BECAUSE HE SEES THE GOODNESS IN US AND ALL HIS CREATION.

## MORE WAYS TO PRAY

- **BE SPECIFIC**- PRAY FOR SPECIFIC REGIONS, AREAS OF MINISTRY, PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AGE GROUPS, ECONOMIC STATUSES, ETC.
- **PRAY OUR LOCAL MANDATE**-FOCUS ON OUR GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND FELLOWSHIP, WE ARE THE "WATCHERS ON THE WALLS" OR *GUARDIANS* OF THE CITY GOD HAS CALLED US TO RESIDE IN.
- **PRAY GOD'S WILL**- ASK HIM TO REVEAL WHAT IS ON HIS HEART FOR A PEOPLE OR PLACE SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE INSIGHT INTO A CERTAIN TASK GOD WANTS TO ACCOMPLISH.
- **AGREE WITH OTHERS**- FOCUS ON AGREEING WITH THE PRAYERS BEING PRAYED AROUND YOU. THIS IS WHAT GIVES CORPORATE PRAYER IT'S EXTREME VALUE. (MATT 18:19)
- **PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS**- THIS ISN'T JUST A CLOSING, THIS IS EVERYTHING. AS HIS REPRESENTATIVES ON EARTH WITH ALIGN OURSELVES WITH HIS MISSION, HIS SPIRIT, WITH HIS GOALS IN MIND. THIS IMPLIES OUR UNION WITH CHRIST- HE IN US, AND WE IN HIM, (JN. 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-34)
- **PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING**- GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE THAT GOD WILL DO WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED, ACCORDING TO HIS WORD. (CO. 4:2, 1 TIM. 2:1)
- **USE YOUR PRAYER LANGUAGE**- PRAY IN TONGUES SOFTLY UNLESS GOD RELEASES A CORPORATE WORD TO BE INTERPRETED FOR THE GROUP. REMEMBER THAT GOD *ENJOYS* YOU! HE IS EAGER TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND YOUR REQUESTS.