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"THAT WE MAY LIVE PEACEFUL LIVES ..."

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:6-7)

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"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will **forgive their sin** and heal their land." (2 Chron 7:14)

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» We pray for the PEOPLE WHO NEED IT

"Keep alert with all perseverance, **making supplication for all the saints**." (Eph 6:18b)

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore earnestly pray to the Lord to **send out labourers into his harvest**." (Luke 10:2)

"I say to you: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, **pray for those who abuse you**." (Luke 6:27-28)

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In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
I, by your great love, can come into your house;
In reverence I bow down toward your holy temple. (Psalm 5:3, 7)

Let my prayer be counted **as incense before you**, And the lifting up of my hands **as the evening sacrifice!** (Psalm 141:2)

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NAMES OF GOD

JEHOVAH ...

Nissi

Abba Father

Adonai (Lord/Master)

El Chay (The Living God)

El Elyon (God Most High)

El Gibhor (Mighty God)

El Shaddai (God Almighty)

El Olam (Everlasting God)

El Roi (The God Who Sees)

Elohim (The Creator)

Jireh The LORD our Provider

M'Kaddesh The LORD our Sanctifier

The LORD our Banner

Shalom The LORD our Peace

Rapha The LORD our Healer

Rohi The LORD our Shepherd

Sabaoth The LORD of Hosts

The LORD our Righteousness

The LORD Is There

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WE PRAY FOR IT PLEASES GOD!

Take a moment to bow your heart in reverence towards God.
Lift up prayers of adoration to Him, as incense before Him.

NAMES OF JESUS

Alpha and Omega

Author Of Salvation

Author/Perfector of Faith

Bread Of Life

Bright Morning Star

Cornerstone

Emmanuel

Good Shepherd

King of Kings, Lord of Lords

Lamb Of God

Lion Of Judah

Messiah, Redeemer, Saviour

Mighty God

Prince Of Peace

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The Way, The Truth, The Life

The Word

Wonderful Counsellor

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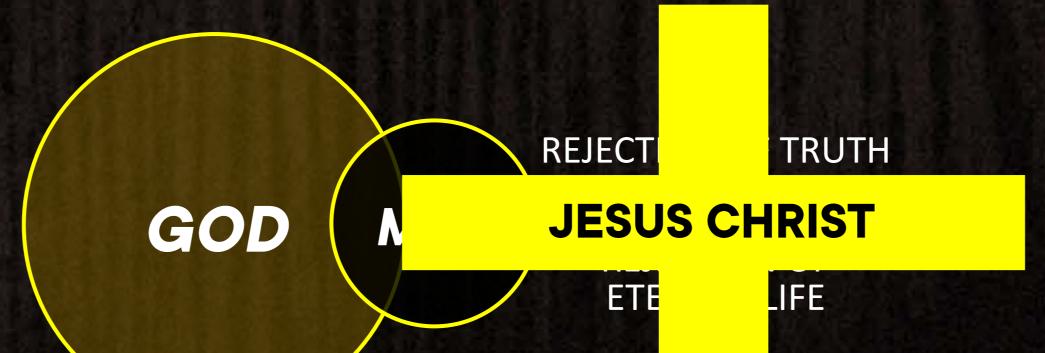
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IEVER PRAYED TO ACKNOWLEDGE IESUS AS YOUR SAVIOUR?

Why not today? He wants all people to be saved. He gave His life on the Cross so that you can have eternal life!



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WE PRAY TO FATHER GOD WITH JESUS INTERCEDING FOR US!

"Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God **and is also interceding for u**s." (Romans 8:34)

"Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25)

"If anyone does sin, **we have an advocate** with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous." (1 John 2:1)



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» "All people" means ... ALL PEOPLE LAH!

• Those **close to you:** Family and friends

• Those close to God: Pray for the saints! Leadership, CG ...

• Those far from you: As led – eg Turkey? Syria? Ukraine?

Those far from God: God's intervention for their salvation!

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"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God. ... Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." (Heb 13:7 & 17)

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"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. ... The one in authority is God's servant for your good, (and) agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer." (Romans 13:1-5)

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- Equipped with the Word
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit
- **Enjoying serving God**







































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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE AH?

- PETITIONS "Deēseis" = The expression of needs, supplication
 - usually understood to mean making requests for ourselves
- PRAYERS "Proseuchas" = Speaking to God (about someone)
- INTERCESSION "Enteuxeis" = Making requests for others
- THANKSGIVING "Eucharistias" = Expressions of gratitude



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As a church we will continue to learn and grow together in prayer! Last weekend each month, prayer sermons will cover "famous" prayers:

- The Prayers of Prophets & Apostles like Daniel, Jonah, Paul
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- The Prayers of our Lord Jesus Christ like the Lord's Prayer, John 17



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- » A) Completely COMMITTED to the need to pray
- B) Completely ENGAGED in the act of prayer
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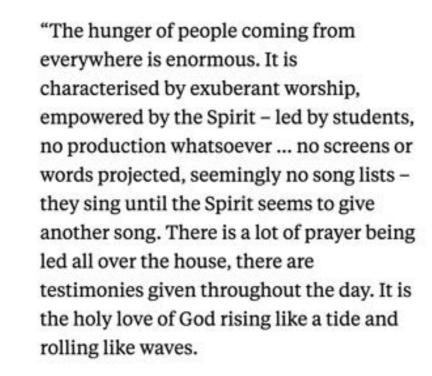






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"He promised He would

do it, and He did it"

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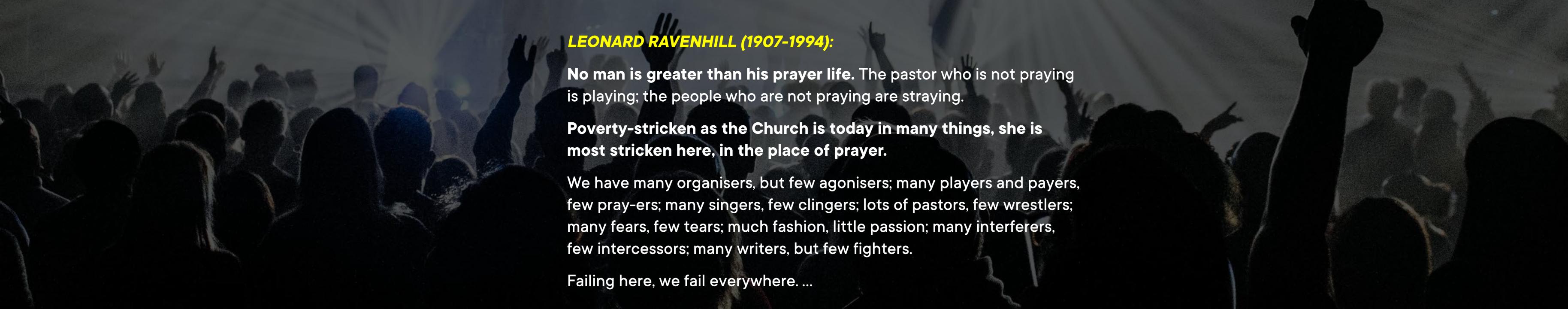
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