

Pre-Synod Prayer

March 30, 2022

Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

REVERENCE – *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

(The Lord's Prayer - Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name)

Praise God for who he is, seeking his Face and not his hand.

We rejoice in you because you are...

We rejoice in you always, even when...

We rejoice in you because we've seen you at work in...

RESPONSE - *Do not be anxious about anything*

(The Lord's Prayer - Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven)

Our response to God's character, Yielding to the Holy Spirit, to God's purposes

You are God, yet I am anxious about...

God, the church is yours, so I trust you for...

With all that is coming this year in the CRC, help me not be anxious about...

REQUESTS - *but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

(The Lord's Prayer - Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors)

Bring our requests for resources and relationships

God, grant us your wisdom and discernment for...

God, help us to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace when...

Lord, give wisdom to those who lead for...

As Synod approaches, thankful that you are Lord over the church, we pray for...

This prayer time we will pray specifically for:

Senior leadership – retiring leaders and new incoming leaders

HSR Report – the anxiousness that this brings

READINESS - *not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

(The Lord's Prayer - Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil)

In our lives, we trust God.

Help us to hold onto your peace in...

Guard our hearts and minds when...