

## Pre-Synod Delegate Prayer – April 19, 2023

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### **Psalm 127:1-2**

*Unless the Lord builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.  
2 In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.*

**REVERENCE** – *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.  
(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.*

God, we praise you that the church belongs to you because...  
We praise you that you build your house when...

**RESPONSE** - *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.  
(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*

Help us to remember it is your church when...  
Remind us that you are watching over the church even when we...  
Help us follow your leading for the church, not our own wisdom, because...

**REQUESTS** - *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.  
2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—  
(The Lord's Prayer - Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors)*

Forgive us for trying to build the church in our own effort when we...  
Help us to learn to discern your leading, instead of debating and deciding so that...  
Give us patience to expectantly wait for your work in...

### *Other requests*

For the CRC – unity in the midst of difficulty  
For new leaders & changes in CRC structure & staffing

*Other requests for our denomination, our churches, our leaders, ourselves*

**READINESS** - *for he grants sleep to those he loves.*

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

*In our lives, we trust God.*

Help us to trust your work, and give us peace when...

Grant us the assurance that you are working in...

When we become anxious, help us see you are God over the church because...

**PARTING BLESSING**

*Romans 15:13*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*