

# Wildwood Prayer Guide

Week of September 13, 2020

*“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy” - Philippians 1:3-4*

*“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” - Philippians 1:9-11*

## **Pray for Wildwood:**

- **Thank God for our church ... with joy!**
  
- **That our love may abound more and more ...**
  - That our love for God would grow
    - *“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because **your faith is growing abundantly**, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.” - 2 Thessalonians 1:3*
  - That our love for God’s people would grow
    - *“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, **and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.**” - 2 Thessalonians 1:3*
  - That our love for the lost would grow
    - *“When He saw the crowds, **He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’” - Matthew 9:36-38*
  
- **with knowledge and discernment ...**
  - That our theology would sharpen
    - *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.**” - 2 Timothy 2:15*
  - That our understanding of the times and how to apply our theology would sharpen
    - *“But understand this, that in the last days there will come **times of difficulty ... but as for you, continue in what you have learned** and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.” - 2 Timothy 3:1, 14*

- **that we may approve what is excellent ...**

- That we would approve the things that are superior
  - “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things**, and the God of peace will be with you.” – *Philippians 4:8-9*
- So that we do not waste our lives on inferior things
  - “Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – **each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done**. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as though fire.” – *1 Corinthians 3:12-15*

- **And so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ ...**

- That we would live our lives, knowing that we will give an account one day
  - “His master said to him, **‘well done good and faithful servant**. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” – *Matthew 25:23*
- That we would live encouraged by the thought that He will continue this good work in us until that day comes!
  - “And I am sure of this, that **He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion** at the day of Jesus Christ.” – *Philippians 1:6*

- **filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ ...**

- That we would maintain dependence upon the Lord
  - “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, **neither can you, unless you abide in Me**.” – *John 15:4*
- That there would be continuing evidence of the Lord's work in the lives of our members
  - “But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” – *Galatians 5:22-23*

- **to the glory and praise of God.”**

- That at the end of the day, people would look at Wildwood and praise God, not us.
  - “The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. **He must increase but I must decrease**.” – *John 3:29-30*
- That at the end of the day, it is God who receives the glory for the transformative work in our lives.
  - “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. **To Him be glory forever**. Amen.” – *Romans 11:36*