

Just Pray
by Shawna Edwards

If you need a steady hand to guide you,
If it seems you've somehow lost your way,
If you feel there's no one you can turn to,
Just look to God and pray.

On your knees, or standing at a crossroads,
Late at night, or in the light of day,
In a crowd, a closet, or a chapel,
Just look to God and pray.

He is there when you're searching for the answers.
He is there when you need a little grace.
Anytime, anywhere you have a chance to
Seek the One who knows the way, Just pray.

When His love continues to amaze you,
When you feel your heart begin to change,
When you know He gave his Son to save you,
Just look to God and pray.

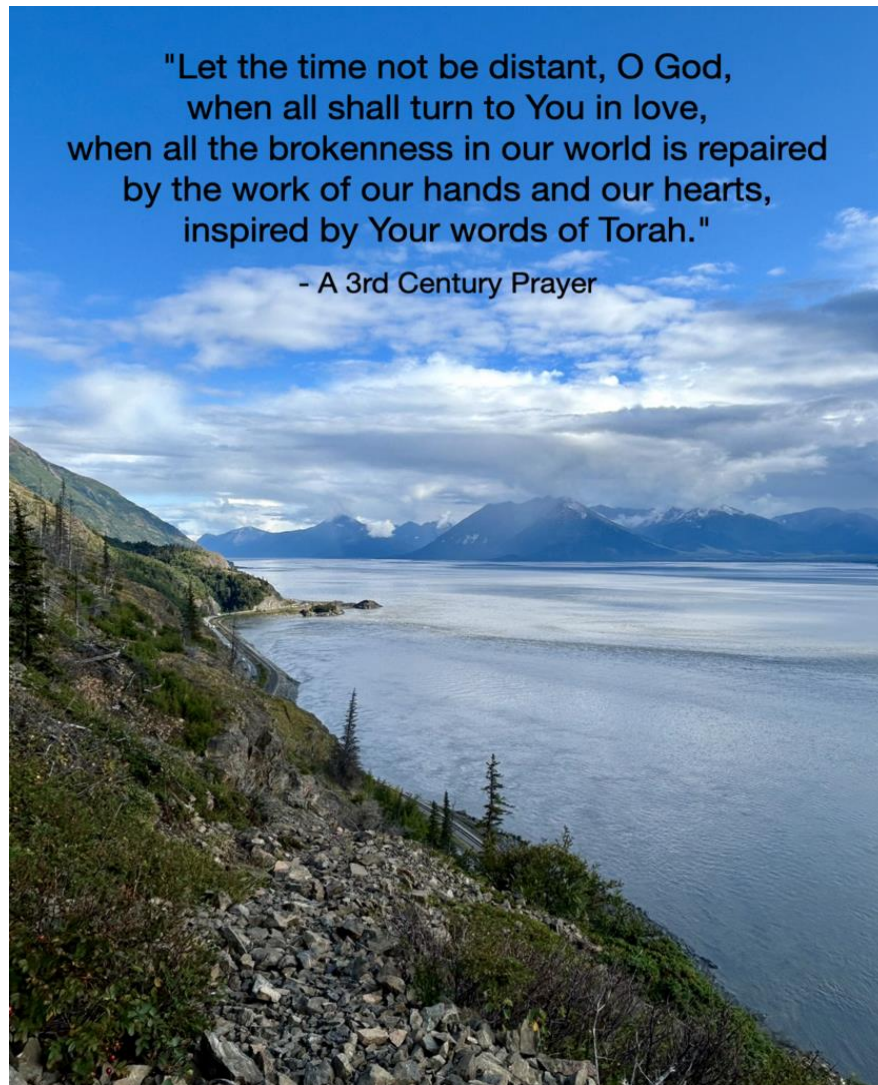
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Bring your doubts, your worries, and your faith.
Share your hopes and dreams. He is listening.
There's no time or distance in the way.
The moment you begin, it's just you and Him.

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You're His child and His love will never fail you.
He is with you. He will hear you. He will stay. Just pray.

"Let the time not be distant, O God,
when all shall turn to You in love,
when all the brokenness in our world is repaired
by the work of our hands and our hearts,
inspired by Your words of Torah."

- A 3rd Century Prayer



WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
Worship September 8, 2024
Welcome!

- **Prelude** *Adagio* J.S. Bach



- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**

- **Handbell Introit** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
By J.S. Bach, arr. By Douglas Wagner

- **Call to Worship** Vicky Allard, Liturgist
Leader: God of Hope, we gather in your presence with confidence that you will guide us on our path of life.

All: Where there is sadness, bring joy.
Leader: Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment.

All: Where there is fear, bring courage.
Leader: Where there is weakness, bring strength.

All: Where there is despair, bring hope.
Leader: Let this place be home for holy words and songs and prayers as we devote ourselves to you.

All: Let us worship God together!

- **Hymn # 470** *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

- **Time for Reconciliation** (drawn from Jeremiah 4, 1 Timothy 1)
Leader: Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult to place our trust in you.

All: Too often we look at the world, and give in to hopelessness and despair.

Leader: Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through.

All: Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you, so that we might find our way home.

Leader: We pause now to silently and privately offer our confessions to God, to forgive those who have sinned against us, and to consider God's direction for our lives.

Moment of Silent Confession

In the letter of First Timothy, it is written:

All: "The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

- **Response: Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen, amen.

- **Passing of the peace**

- **Choir Anthem** *Just Pray*
By Shawna Edwards, arr. By Daniel Blomberg
[lyrics on the back]

- **Kids Time** Lorissa Jackson

- **Scripture Reading:** James 2:14-19:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

- **Sermon:** Emulate Christ's Compassion"

- **Hymn # 656** *Make Me a Blessing*

- **Offering -**
- **Doxology**



- **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

- **Hymn # 708** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

- **Benediction** *God Be With You*
Phil Schnering

- **Postlude** *The Chardon Dance* Dixon