

## Things to Pray for my church

### 1. "Praying that my church would remember what we are" (1 Peter 2:4-10)

#### Who are you?

Are you defined by your family, work, where you live, your sexuality?  
Or by God – who He made you to be & your relationship with Him?

#### What is the church?

- **Lives built on Jesus (v.4-8)**

He is the cornerstone (v.6,7), we are living stones being built into a spiritual house (v.5)

- **A chosen people (v.9)**

"God's special possession" (v.9)

"The people of God" (v.10)

*Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be **my treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**." (Exodus 19:5-6)*

**Will we:** *Pray for each other that we would be more sure of who Jesus, trust him together, and be secure in Him?*

- **A royal priesthood (v.9)**

A priest is a servant of God – His representative

All Christians are priests – serving the church & witnessing

**Will we:** *Pray for each other to serve God in the very best way we can, to be his representatives inside & outside the church?*

- **A holy nation (v.9)**

Holy = set apart as different for God

**Will we:** *Pray that we would as a community of believers live holy & distinctive lives by seeking God's best for us & the world around us?*

- **Let's praise God who:**

Has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light (v.9)

Showed us mercy instead of judgement (v.10)

## Digging Deeper - Personal Reflection or Group Study

### **Read 1 Peter 2:4-10**

**Please Lord, help my church family to remember that we are...**

#### **1. ...Building our lives on Jesus (v.4-8)**

Are you a Christian? What response to Jesus do you need to make to be one?

Would you say that you are building your life on Jesus at the moment? What would demonstrate whether you are or not?

#### **2. ...A chosen people (v.9)**

How secure do you feel as a Christian? How does it feel to be called “God’s special possession”?

What difference does it make to understand that we’ve been chosen by God as a community of believers rather than just individually?

#### **3. ...A royal priesthood (v.9)**

If all Christians are priests serving God our king, how are you doing this:

- In your prayer life?
- Within our church family?
- Amongst those who aren’t Christians?

#### **4. ...A holy nation (v.9)**

We are called by God to live holy lives – different and distinct in the world. How do you need to live in a more holy way for God? What help can other Christians give you?