

Pastor Call Team

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In the year of our Lord, 2019, Happy New Year!
Looking back on the old year, we reflect. Looking to the future, we set our resolve for growth.

At All Saints in the past year we have spent time reflecting on our ministry and preparing to receive the leadership of a new pastor. As we enter 2019, we are forward looking, praying for God's blessings and trusting God's promises. God is faithful. God has provided us the opportunity to meet with two Pastors, and He will guide us in this call process as we prayerfully ask and receive His grace and wisdom.

Yours in Christ,

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January 1, 2019

If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:12b

God, give us a love for our brothers and sisters that allows for mistakes. Help us to love like You love. Help us to see each other as You see us. Amen

January 2, 2019

Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. Romans 14:13

Father, conform my attitude toward others to reflect the redemptive grace You have for them. Help me be more patient with others, just as You are patient with me. Help me be more encouraging to those who are struggling and help me see ways I can be a blessing to them. Forgive me for those times I have been a hindrance to others. As I begin 2019, help me to be an instrument of grace. Amen

January 3, 2019

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Lord, God, we thank You for continuing to inspire ministers to devote their lives to You. We ask that the Holy Spirit would give the pastor You are calling to All Saints a yearning that cannot be ignored. Continue to lead us Lord, Your will be done. Amen

January 4, 2019

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24

Heavenly Father, Your love and mercy greet me with my waking and carry me through the day with reminders that You are with me and that You are in control. I place all of my hope and faith in You. Amen

January 5, 2019

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16

Almighty God, we lift up to You the Pastors who are considering this call and their families. Bring us all peace and clarity regarding Your will: give Your affirmations as You guide us all in this decision. We trust You will continue to use us and each of these Pastors in mighty ways for Your glory. Amen

January 6, 2019

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:9

Dear God, give me the nature of someone who would much rather serve than be served. Let me count it as an honor that You would use me, even in small ways, to show Your love and care for Your children. Amen

January 7, 2019

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:13-15

Heavenly Father, giver of life and faith, thank You for the spirit of grace which enables me to believe. Grant me the same spirit of faith as he who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke." I believe too, and so let me speak! I know that You will also raise me with Jesus and bring me into His presence. As Your grace extends to more and more people may they pour out their thanksgiving to Your glory! I praise You for such wonderful blessings. Amen

January 8, 2019

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. Ezra 3:11

Father God, at All Saints we have had many occasions over the years to offer You shouts of praise and thanksgiving for leading us to further Your kingdom. We are excited to follow You and anticipate many more times to celebrate Your great faithfulness. Ready us to hear Your voice and to discover how we might best serve You now and in the future. Amen

January 9, 2019

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!" Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.
1 Chronicles 16:34-36

God, we celebrate Your goodness and Your love. You are righteous. We give You thanks for Your never-ending faithfulness. We rejoice in You; we bow down and worship You. We are amazed at the lengths that You have gone to show us Your great love: that You would give Your Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice in our place is a mystery. Oh, we bow down and worship You. Amen

January 10, 2019

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster." Joel 2:12-13

Heavenly Father, it is difficult sometimes to know how to express my innermost thoughts with You. Why is that? You know how I feel and yet I resist just saying it like it is. I am reserved when I should be open. I am uptight when I should be relaxed. Lord, teach me to offer praise that is acceptable in Your sight. Amen

January 11, 2019

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Galatians 5:26

God, let me be truly thankful for Your many blessings because sincere gratefulness will help guard me from both pride and envy. You are worthy to be honored and praised in all circumstances. Amen

January 12, 2019

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Psalm 51:15

Dear God, You are both the giver and receiver of our words. You both empower our prayers and are the goal of our prayers. We pray to You with lips that You created, through the power of the Spirit sent as our Comforter, with declarations of praise for the salvation gained for us by Your Son, Jesus Christ. You have done everything for us. Open our lips and our mouths will declare Your praise. Amen

January 13, 2019

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15

Dear Father, let us be sensitive to one another. As one body, let us celebrate together the blessings of our brothers and sisters and mourn together with them, their losses. Amen

January 14, 2019

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 1 John 4:7-9

Yes, God, You are love. I glimpse shadows of You in the love I've been blessed to experience in special relationships in my life, especially in the love I have for my children. It is fierce. And then I ponder You again and know that my love is indeed a mere shadow of Your love for us. You gave Your Son out of a limitless love for us so that we could gain life through Him. Help me to understand this kind of love. Amen

January 15, 2019

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

God, give me faith like Elijah when he sought to bring his people back to You: *“O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.”* I know it brings You joy when a child of Yours is brought into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Empower me in this mission for Your glory. Amen

January 16, 2019

In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah Psalm 44:8

Dear God, we trust in You and for Your providence for the community of Christ at All Saints. We trust in Your perfect timing in bringing a leader to us. Our thanks and praise for Your great faithfulness will be forever on our lips. Amen

January 17, 2019

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.
2 Corinthians 4:7

Most Gracious God, we will share the wonder of Your presence in our imperfect lives with others. Please help us in our witnessing to bring glory to You. Amen

January 18, 2019

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

Lord, give me a proper perspective of my place in this world. Let me count myself second to others, not because You love me less, but in response to Your great love for me. Let me show others by my actions how very much they mean to You. Amen

January 19, 2019

I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. 1 Corinthians 4:6

Dear God, we trust You alone and look to Your Word for a solid foundation. We thank You for obedient teachers who do not go beyond what is written but who use Your Word to explain itself: for Your glory and honor. Amen

January 20, 2019

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 1 John 3:11

Heavenly Father, I know that You are love and You have showered me with Your love. Help me to show Your love to Your children in what I do and say. I trust Your grace to empower me to do more than I could do on my own. Through Jesus my Savior I pray. Amen.

January 21, 2019

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 1 John 3:23

Dear Jesus, it seems too easy. All I have to do is believe in You and love my brother. But, of course, it is not easy. Please help me overcome my doubts and when I fail in love for my brother, remind me that You died for that sin, too, and You died for all. Amen

January 22, 2019

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name! Psalm 97:12

Lord, we know You take good care of us and that Your plan is the best plan for our lives, for our loved ones, for our church, for everything that we have a care about. So sometimes when we pray it might be best to just ask for Your will to be done and to thank You for knowing what is best for us. Thank You, God. Thy will be done. You are holy! Amen

January 23, 2019

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "all flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." 1 Peter 1:22-25

Almighty God, thank You for speaking to us through human words. Please fuel my hunger to know Your Word more fully and follow it more completely. I am reminded by Your Word that we are only here for a little while, but You and Your Word are eternal. Guide me through Your Living Word. Amen.

January 24, 2019

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. Colossians 1:3

Dear Father, just as Paul always thanked You for his Colossian brothers and sisters, I always thank You for my brothers and sisters at All Saints. They treat me with

love and encourage me and help me in my walk with You. They have helped me grow in so many ways and I am so grateful for them. Bring us even closer and show me how I can also be a help for them. Amen

January 25, 2019

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty but give yourselves to humble tasks. Romans 12:16

Father God, may I be united in character, emotions, and behavior with my brothers and sisters in Christ and not a source of division or confusion. Please keep me from being prideful and from contention over things of no consequence. Help me to seek humility and count favor in Your eyes far more valuable than being elevated in this world. Amen

January 26, 2019

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Timothy 2:1

LORD, God, I offer myself as proof that no person is too far gone, too lost in sin, for You to reach with Your grace. Everyone is in need of Your forgiveness. All people are sinners who need to know You as Savior. There are times when I am unable to speak about You to others but in those times, I can always speak to You about those people. Bless those people in my life who do not yet know You. Help me to see opportunities to share with them what You have done for me in my life so that they might come to know You as Savior and Lord. Amen

January 27, 2019

While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matthew 12:46-50

O Father in heaven, You are holy. By Your gift of grace I come to You as Your beloved child. I am thankful for my adoption into Your family. I ask for the Holy Spirit to be poured out into my life in such a way that I grow to love my brothers and sisters as You do. Amen.

January 28, 2019

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

Dear God, give me the grace to act in love. When somebody has wronged me let me truly forgive and leave it buried permanently so the relationship can heal, and we can grow. Amen

January 29, 2019

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19

Dear Lord, let these words be an invitation to prayerful awareness that my life is fragile and fleeting with no guarantee of tomorrow. And so it is with everybody. Let this be an invitation to live each day grateful, humble and intentionally. Most of all let it remind me to love easily and forgive quickly. Amen

January 30, 2019

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:3

Lord, Your ways are perfect and You keep all of Your promises. I look to You for my protection. You are my shield in times of uncertainty. I trust in You. Amen

January 31, 2019

For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Lord, put in our hearts the compelling love for Jesus so that we share His message, speak His words, and serve as ambassadors and reconcilers on His behalf. Thank you for the great price You paid through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Use us, we pray, in your plan of salvation for those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen