

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Prayer Guide April 11-17, 2021

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” (James 5: 16, *NIV*)

God is Jehovah—shalom.

This name means “the God of peace.” We are meant to know the fullness of God’s perfect peace, or His “shalom.” God’s peace surpasses understanding and sustains us even through difficult times. It is the product of fully being what we were created to be.

Sunday, April 11

Read Judges 6: 20 - 24. Do we realize that out of our obedience we are able to experience the wonders of God? One of the wonders we are blessed to see is His presence. Out of this we know His peace. Be encouraged as you spend precious time with the Lord. As the PNC meets, we know our hope is in Christ, yet our prayer is for you (the congregation) to join us in prayer as we experience “God’s Peace” in the midst of our pastoral search.

Monday, April 12

Read John 14: 27. After reading this verse pause for a moment. Take in what Jesus is saying. He is gracious to those who are His. How do we respond? “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” Here we see Jesus giving of himself. Receive this gift openly, and without apprehension, knowing of His unconditional love. Pray with the PNC in ways that would lead us to be receptive to the Holy Spirit while we are burdened by the weight upon us; knowing our freedom is in Christ, who is our peace.

Tuesday, April 13

Read Colossians 3: 15. Do we consider the condition of our heart as much as we should? We do when it comes to our physical health, but do we when it comes to our spiritual health? When we think of ‘God’s shalom’ can we honestly acknowledge that His peace is hidden within our heart? The answer comes at the end of the verse. “And be thankful.” Pray in a spirit of thankfulness for the way God is orchestrating His process in bringing a new Senior Pastor to MPC.

Wednesday, April 14

Read Philippians 4: 6-7. Think about God’s covenant with His people. Think about how God desires a relationship with us. How is it that we interact with the One who is our Sovereign Lord? Through prayer we enter into an intimacy only He can provide. This intimacy is a result of His peace which transcends all understanding. Meditate upon this and then, offer thanks to the Lord for the peace He provides in all of life’s situations.

Thursday, April 15

Read Isaiah 54: 10. Pray through this verse. We experience trials in life that cause us anguish. In the midst of the anguish our faith is challenged. When we come to such a place where do we turn? Who do we turn to? Trust in God’s word. In His word we are assured of God’s love and that His covenant of peace will not be removed. The PNC continues in pursuit of the next Senior Pastor for MPC, we do so trusting God’s word as truth. We trust that we are called to His work. We rest in the assurance of His peace as we faithfully serve our Lord. Pray, giving thanks for all He is doing as we fulfill His call upon us.

Friday, April 16

Read Romans 16: 20. What is it that causes us to be anxious? Is it the things of this world? Is it the desires of the flesh? Is it the Devil? Jesus tells us in John 18: 36 that His kingdom is not of this world. He assures us that He will overcome all the forementioned obstacles that often derail us from the path He has determined for us. Rest in the assurance that the God of peace is with you. For the PNC, our hope is in this assurance.

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Read 34: 14. To seek peace and pursue it. Gods called within the body of Christ have been charged to live in a right relationship with Him as well as serving those who we encounter on this walk of faith centered in Christ. We are told to turn from evil and seek and pursue His peace. Let us do so with hearts bent toward Him as we live this life, a life we are fortunate to live in Christ. The PNC is praying for the congregation of MPC to stay the course with us. Please pray for us and our families. Please pray for our physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual health as we pursue the Lord's work. Pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (The God of peace. Shalom.)