

# Daily Prayer Guide for Greenwich

## A Prayer for Greenwich

Almighty and eternal God,  
by your grace you have called us in this time and place  
to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord.  
Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us,  
that together we may live a new life  
bearing witness to the crucified and risen Christ.  
Bind us together in faith, hope, and love,  
that our shared life may be peaceable and glad in your Spirit,  
And that as we receive your gifts we may support one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Special Prayer Requests for the Coming Months

- 1. Session Leadership**  
For faithfulness to God, openness to the Spirit, and unity in decision making as the Elders and Pastors shepherd the Greenwich family.
- 2. Generation to Generation Financial Campaign**  
For vision, understanding and generous commitment as we begin a three-year effort to invest in the future of Greenwich (see middle pages).
- 3. Denominational Realignment**  
For God's guidance and protection as we begin the conversation with the presbytery Discernment Team (see back page)

**Sunday**      **Worship Life of the Congregation**  
- Deeper love for Jesus Christ in our worship services  
- Worship leaders, musicians, and choirs  
- Warm welcome for all who seek fellowship  
- Ears to hear and hearts to embrace God's Word

**Monday**      **Congregational Care and Fellowship**  
- For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit  
- The caring ministry of our Deacons  
- Increased mercy and love for one another  
- Unity and compassion within the church family

**Tuesday**      **Leadership of Greenwich**  
- Staff, Elders, Deacons, committees and volunteers  
- Wisdom, courage, humility, and unity in all decisions  
- Willing hearts and hands to serve others  
- Growing network of leaders and ministry teams

**Wednesday**      **Ministry of the Word**  
- Favor upon all who teach and preach God's Word  
- An increased hunger for the Word of God  
- To be "do-ers" of the Word, not hearers only  
- Conviction of sin and conversions to Christ

**Thursday**      **Mission and Outreach of the Church**  
- Our Mission Partners, far and near  
- Effective witness to the community in word and deed  
- Courage to share Jesus Christ with others  
- An increased burden for those who need Jesus Christ

**Friday**      **Families, Youth, and Children**  
- Effective Sunday school and Preschool classes  
- Growing youth fellowship and leaders  
- God's protection and favor on marriages and families  
- Children and parents to grow in Christ-likeness

**Saturday**      **Stewardship of the Congregation**  
- Generous hearts and open hands  
- Increased awareness and use of our spiritual gifts  
- Wise and diligent administration of church funds  
- Faithful care of the buildings and grounds

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."*

*Colossians 4:2*

## Prayers for the Discernment Process

For God's favor upon the health, marriage and family, work relationships, and ministry efforts of the members of the Discernment Team: Robert Austell, David Baer, Henry Brinton, Miriam Dewhurst, John Molina-Moore, Jessica Tate and Robert Zemke.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

May the Discernment Team and the Greenwich family experience a fuller expression of Christ's power and presence as we gather for worship each week in our respective churches.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

May God's strong tower and sheltering wings protect against every scheme of the devil that would seek to disrupt, divide or diminish the work of God at Greenwich and in National Capital Presbytery.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

That God would give 'ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts that understand' to the Discernment Team, Session and the Greenwich Church family.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

A spirit of humility, transparency, generosity and respect to be present at Greenwich and in every conversation with the Discernment Team.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

An openness to creative possibilities and collegial solutions as conversations are held between the Discernment Team and Greenwich.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

For God to equip members of the Discernment Team to be wise and sympathetic, such that our concerns are understood in the spirit in which they are raised.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

May Jesus Christ be glorified, the Name of God honored and the unity of the Spirit preserved at every step of this journey.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

## Thoughts for the Discernment Team

1. Thank you for being part of this holy work. We know this is "elective surgery." We have only been treated with respect by NCP over the years. We are not angry. We welcome your involvement.
2. So why?
  - a. Alignment:
    - Feels like we are "off-brand" and out of step with PCUSA.
    - We hold a different interpretive framework around scripture
    - The theological tension is real. We believe it goes both ways.
    - Key areas: Identity (in Christ v. intersectionality)
      - Human sexuality (binary v. non-binary)
      - Race (shared human sin v. only white oppression)
      - Marriage / ordination / Pro-life / Evangelism
  - b. Trajectory:
    - Last 10+ years are clear. What will the next 10+ bring?
    - The gap seems to be growing, wider and faster
    - 2022 GA priorities / PMA work plan
    - Olympia Presbytery overture / New confession
    - Concern for future pastoral leadership
  - c. Missional vision:
    - Eager to partner with others who share our vision
    - Want to "lean-in" to presbytery and GA efforts
    - Seek denominational resources to equip / expand our impact
    - Weary of explaining GA actions and messaging
3. Additional thoughts:
  - a. Responsibility to 200+ year legacy including church property
  - c. Drawn to ECO theology, vision, flexibility, seminary, energy
  - d. Seek to be an ecumenical partner with NCP going forward
4. When leaving tonight, the Session hopes we all will...
  - a. Feel heard, encouraged, respected and perhaps even disarmed
  - b. Share collegial empathy for each other's concerns
  - c. Sense God's presence and the unity of the Spirit
  - d. Desire to work together for this next season at Greenwich