COMMITMENT

Luke 9:62 - *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

Due to the pandemic and related events, the church has suffered greatly when it comes to the commitment level of the body of Christ. We’ve become aware of too much passiveness in the kingdom of God. We must intercede on behalf of our region that the church remains committed to the cross of Jesus Christ. Below are a few points we can cover in prayer to help with the stability of our commitment levels in the church.

**PRAYER**

* **Pray saints become committed to a continuous lifestyle of prayer**. Pray that faith accompany our prayers. Pray humility and brokenness become our posture in prayer. Pray we become increasingly dependent on the voice of God. Pray for an increase of intercessors and prayer warriors. Pray for a boldness to openly pray for others.
* **Pray against all that hinders prayer**. [unbelief, unforgiveness, wrong motives, laziness, timidness, hardness of heart, unconcern for others, flesh, condemnation, high-mindedness, sin, demonic attacks]

 **THE WORD**

* **Pray for an increasing desire to commit to reading God’s Word**. Pray for revelation, and understanding. Pray the living Word speak to the hearts of those who read/hear it. Pray the truths of God’s Word be the foundation of our Christian experience. Pray we become committed to discipleship. Pray we commit to spiritual growth and learning, never satisfied with where we are spiritually. Pray we commit to practicing the spiritual principles of what we learn.
* **Pray against all hinderances of commitment to God’s Word**. [unbelief, Ignorance, busy lifestyles, confusion, condemnation, spiritual shallowness, hardness of heart, distractions, spiritual attacks]

**FINANCIAL GIVING**

* **Pray for a commitment to financially support in the church**. Pray saints commit to giving generously as God blesses. Pray we not be afraid to give even in the midst of challenging times. Pray God raises up financial kingdom providers in our fellowships. Pray love and joy be the driving force behind our giving. Pray we commit to giving without expecting. Pray for an increasing knowledge of financial stewardship in our fellowships.
* **Pray against all that hinders our commitment to give**. [distrust, inconvenience, ignorance, greed, covetousness, unconsecrated lives, poor stewardship (debt), disgruntled hearts, financial catastrophes]

**SERVICE**

* **Pray saints become committed to service in our region**. Pray for unity in the vision of God’s will for NC, and that we put the kingdom of God FIRST in our lives. Pray we recognize our purpose in the church, regardless of our age. Pray for a commitment to responsibilities such as: attendance, helps, ministries, praying for the church, outreach, charitable helps, loving others, etc. Pray we discover our giftings and use our skills and talents for the kingdom of God. Pray health and strength upon those who commit to service in the church.
* **Pray against hinderances to serve in the kingdom of God**. [unconcerned, laziness, busy lifestyles, uninterested, unskilled, feelings of not being needed, feelings of being ‘used’, sickness, travel distance excuses]

**BELOW ARE VARIOUS OF WAYS TO INCORPORATE THIS PRAYER FOCUS:**

1. Include a special time of prayer **during service** to cover these topics with your congregations. Also, you can split this prayer focus up into sections and cover small amounts each service.
2. Schedule special times of prayer **during the week** for your congregations to pray in unity concerning these topics. Ex: Early morning hour of prayer between 3-6 am, or 6-9 am.
3. Include an ‘**extended night of prayer**’**, or an ‘all-night prayer**’ to cover these topics.
4. If possible, we are asking for a corporate day of some type of fasting on Tuesdays.
5. Express to your fellowships the need for everyone to spend time in both the natural (*being specific in prayer*) and spirit (*interceding in the Holy Ghost*) when praying over this agenda.

Please share this prayer agenda with your fellowships and prayer teams.

**ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

* Healing/Recovery: Sis. Tonya Huntley (recovering from a recent major surgery).
* Comfort: Pray for the families who’ve lost their lives due to covid in our region. Pray against vaccination injuries. Pray for those who’ve lost their jobs due to vaccination mandates.
* Restoration: Pray for our wayward family members. Pray they become aware of their rebellion, sin, & spiritual blindness. Pray especially for the younger generation as their being spiritually challenged the most in these days. Pray against every evil spirit behind the sins of 2Tim 3:1-5.
* N.C. District: Pray for additional church plants, ministers, and those with ministries of helps for newly planted churches in N.C.

Please share this prayer agenda with your prayer teams and congregations. If you have an urgent prayer request, please notify us so we can keep everyone informed. Also, please advise me at rev.bc@earthlink.net should you transfer to a new email address so I can update your contact information.

Thank you!