Prayer Guide for Monday, January 11

- 1) Opening prayer
- 2) Scripture Reading

Psalm 145

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

²Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴One generation commends your works to another:

they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—

and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—

and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹The Lord is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him:

he hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

- 3) Prayers of praise
- 4) Scripture reading

I Corinthians 12:4-27

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Suggested prayer prompts

- *Pray for unity and direction for our church as we minister and engage in community life together.
- *Pray for the Lord to use the gifts He gives to all those at TCC to minister to the body of Christ and to our neighbors.

- *Pray for wisdom about how each of us can use our gifts in the context of 2021.
- *Pray for wisdom, protection and support for church leaders and the congregation at TCC.
- *Pray for the health and ministry of churches across Lake County.
- *Pray for the unity of Christians across the U.S. during a divisive time.
- *Pray for your particular situation—where you live, what you do, who you are in contact with—and ask the Lord to be at work in those places and circumstances.
- *Pray for the Lord's work in people's lives. Pray particularly for those who are currently isolated, for those struggling with loss, for people who have walked away from the Lord, for young people growing up in a time of confusing narratives.
- *Pray for the spread of truth, love, and hope.
- 5) Time for silent prayer. Feel free to leave the church or livestream as you finish.