

Prayer Initiative

Loma Linda University Church



Discipleship Initiative

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“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14, TNIV).

The pastoral leadership of the Loma Linda University Church (LLUC) desires that LLUC be a church empowered by the Holy Spirit through the prayers of its leaders and members. As such, it is the intent and focus of pastoral leadership to guide LLUC in this regard by a vibrant personal prayer life and a commitment to the centrality of prayer in our communal life.

The following commitments are essential to the task of making prayer central to all that we do at LLUC.

- We commit to making a Trinitarian approach to prayer – to the Father, in the name of the Son, through the empowerment of the Spirit – central to all we do in our life and ministry.
- We will make it a habit to begin (and, when appropriate, end) every meeting with prayer.
- We will devote a weekly time in both the general staff and the pastoral staff meetings for both the sharing of prayer requests and for praying.
- We will take time that is unhurried and focused at each pastoral staff off-site meeting, special meeting or retreat for prayer together as a group.
- We will devote a weekly time for the general and pastoral staff to come together on a voluntary basis for the single and express purpose of prayer.
- When issues in meetings become thorny and difficult, we will take time in the meeting itself to pause for prayer for God’s Spirit and wisdom to be present to help us deal with and decide such issues.
- As pastors, we will commit to making prayer central to our ministry with our teams, volunteers, mentees and members.

- We will encourage every pastor to have a prayer partner who meets with and prays for the pastor each week. This prayer partner will be part of the LLUC Prayer Ministries Team.
- We will commit to giving careful thought to our public prayers, seeking to make them a true representation of the body's praise, thanksgiving and petitions before God.
- We will develop a prayer coordinator position on every ministry team of the church. This coordinator will organize and support prayer ministry for that specific team and will also be the link to the overall prayer ministry of the church.
- At least once a quarter, we will invite a member of the LLUC Prayer Ministries Team to offer the pastoral prayer in our worship services.
- We will devote a space on our church campus to be designated as a prayer room. The LLUC Prayer Ministries Team will staff this space during worship services and, during that time, will pray for the church. They will also be available for prayer with worshipers who need and request such.
- We will not use prayer as an excuse for inaction, for a failure to act tangibly, or for a failure to help LLUC and its ministries make progress in ways that are under our control.