

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## What is the goal of Pray Together?

To make regular prayer gatherings a part of everyone's ongoing experience at St. Andrew's.

# When does Pray Together meet?

We presently have six meetings each week, as follows:

Mondays at 10:00 AM Tuesdays at 9:00 AM Tuesdays at 7:00 PM Wednesdays at 9:00 AM Thursdays at 10:00 AM Thursdays at 4:00 PM

#### Those days and times don't work for me. Are there more meetings planned?

We hope to add more meetings soon, and we'd love to hear from you about alternate meeting times that fit your schedule. If there are different days and times that work for you, please email praytogether@gmail.com.

### Who may participate?

**Pray Together** is open to all members of the St. Andrew's community.

#### How long is each meeting?

One hour or less. Each meeting begins with 30-45 minutes of praying together. Anyone who would like to do so is welcome to remain for fellowship for the balance of the hour.

## Where do the meetings take place?

A unique feature of **Pray Together** meetings is that they are hybrid gatherings that offer the flexibility to participate either in-person on the St. Andrew's campus or remotely via Zoom. We are utilizing equipment that allows Zoom participants and in-room participants to interact seamlessly with one another.

Exact locations for the on-campus meetings are indicated on the **Pray Together** web page.

## What will I be praying about?

The emphasis is to pour out our hearts before the Lord for the salvation of the lost and the mission of our church, asking that He in turn would pour out his Spirit on our church, neighborhood, nation, and the world.

One day prior to each gathering, participants receive a meeting reminder with a current list of specific intercessory prayer requests we've received during the preceding two weeks.

Regardless of the above, participants may pray however the Spirit leads and bring whatever is on their hearts to the Lord. We only ask that people observe the <a href="Pray Together Guidelines and Guardrails">Pray Together Guidelines and Guardrails</a>.

## What is the experience like?

Here are some representative comments from our participants:

"Praying together with our group has allowed me to connect with church members I would not have known."

"It is really powerful! I am excited for where this is going."

"As I pray in my group one day a week, others model their own prayers to me, and I grow and mature in how I pray. The Zoom format is wonderful. In a way, it feels more intimate and reverent."

"It is awesome to be able to pause on the day and come together to intentionally pray." "I felt very moved. The Holy Spirit was truly with us!

## What if I'm not comfortable praying out loud in a group?

We encourage you to attend a **Pray Together** meeting. Your silent agreement with others' prayers is every bit as powerful as the spoken prayers of the group. You will encounter the Holy Spirit at these gatherings, whether or not you pray out loud.

## How do I register to participate?

Click here to fill out and submit a brief registration for your preferred meeting day and time.

Do I have to attend the same meeting each week? What if my schedule changes or I have a conflict and want to attend a different meeting?

You are free to attend any scheduled meeting. However, we ask that you register (or-re-register) for each time slot you decide to attend.

#### Do I have to make a long-term commitment?

No, but based on the reported experiences of participants, these gatherings are a vital part of their walk with Jesus and with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Can I get more deeply involved in serving in Pray Together?

Yes! In fact, each meeting has two people facilitating. One serves as a moderator to open and close the prayer time and help guide the flow of the meeting as needed. The other serves as a Zoom host ensuring a quality experience of Zoom participants. If you are interested in learning more about either role, you may indicate this on your registration form.

## What if I'm already in a small group that prays together regularly?

That's wonderful! It means an important rhythm of your spiritual life at St. Andrew's is already aligned with the goal of **Pray Together**. These gatherings are not intended to replace or substitute for small groups or any other community prayer experience in which you take part. If your schedule allows, you are also most welcome to participate in **Pray Together** on an occasional or regular basis.