

50 HOURS OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP BELIEFS AND VALUES

WHY 50 HOURS OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

1. JESUS IS WORTHY
2. To strengthen the Church
3. To see an increase of gospel impact, salvations and citywide transformation
4. To see this region become a resting place for the presence and glory of God

PRAYER ROOM BELIEFS AND VALUES

-Jesus told us to pray and Jesus is worthy of our obedience. The only thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to do is how to pray. We want to see the prayer level continue to increase in our city, “In Columbus as it is in heaven” (Luke 11:1-2, Luke 18:1, Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 9:37-38)

-We are invited to pray and worship from our identity as children of God and a “kingdom of priests”. We want every believer to know their access to the Father through prayer and worship. The blood, cross and resurrection of Jesus is our access and our confidence. We are priests in the kingdom of God, called to give spiritual offerings to the Lord which include prayer and worship (Matthew 6:9, Romans 8:15-16, Hebrews 10:19-20, 1 Peter 2:5, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Revelation 1:5-6, Revelation 5:8-10).

-Day and night prayer and worship is biblical. From the Tabernacle of David, to the prophetess Anna in the gospel of Luke, to the pattern of the throne room in Revelation 4-5, we see day and night prayer and worship all throughout Scripture. The Lord is worthy of an extravagant offering. The Scripture speaks to the Lord’s name being exalted, His name being made great and day and night prayer and worship is one way we get to express that. Jesus also affirms day and night prayer as a means for justice in the earth (1 Chronicles 16- 2 Chronicles 29, Psalm 55:17, Isaiah 62:6, Malachi 1:11, Luke 2:36-38, Luke 18:7, 1 Thess. 5:16-18, Revelation 4:8, Revelation 5:8-10).

-God’s house is a house of prayer for all nations. Joy in the house of prayer is a promise. The house of prayer is an invitation into the presence of God. In God’s

presence we have access to joy and delight. Corporate prayer and worship should be marked by joy (Psalm 16:11, Isaiah 56:7, Romans 14:17).

-Ministry to the Lord is the priority. This is not about performing for people, it's about lifting up praise, adoration, prayer and intercession to Jesus (1 Chronicles 16:37, Matthew 6:9-13, Acts 13:1-2, Hebrews 13:15).

-Reading, praying and singing the word of God. The beauty of the prayer room is the corporate unity it invites us to experience. The word of God and the gospel are what unify our hearts. We read the word to bring our minds into agreement with God. We pray the word to bring our wills into agreement with God. We sing the word to bring our emotions and affections into agreement with God (Ezra 8:2-3, Matthew 23:39, Acts 4:23-31).

-The Holy Spirit has permission to lead us in prayers and songs. Whether it is putting a list of prayer topics together, a worship set, or praying and singing spontaneously, we believe in the leadership of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26-28, 1 Corinthians 14:15, Colossians 3:16)

-Prayer and worship are fuel for the great commission being fulfilled and the salvation of Israel. We want to see the gospel of the kingdom brought to the nations and Israel. We want to see Jesus glorified in the nations and in Israel. Scripture makes it clear that prayer and worship help advance the the gospel and God's Kingdom in the earth (Psalm 40:3, Isaiah 62, Amos 9:11-12, Acts 15:16-17, Romans 9-11, Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 23:39, Matthew 24:14, Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:50-53, Colossians 4:2-4, 2 Thess. 3:1)

-Jesus prayed for the unity of the Church and we want to see greater unity in the body of Christ in our city and region. Unified prayer and worship is one of the greatest displays of public unity we can present to the Lord and the world (John 17).

-Praying for the return of Jesus is important. The MARANATHA cry "Come Lord Jesus", is meant to be heard from the body of Christ. The gospel is not complete until Jesus is ruling and reigning the nations from His throne in Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-4, Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 3:17, 2 Peter 3:12, 2 Tim. 4:8, 1 John 3:1-3, Rev. 22:17).

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.