



TAPC Prayer Walk

Building Relationships, Deepening Commitment, Growing in Faith

Below are nine physical locations in and around the church. Each one has a prompt to encourage thinking about the space and a prompt to guide prayer. They may be approached in any order and may be completed in the physical location or by envisioning the physical location (for those joining us in prayer from home). Pray in as many locations as you desire; you may desire to linger at a few, or go to each.

After prayer in each space, close your time in that location with the following prayer:

Triune God, bless this space and all spaces set aside for your purposes. Let them all be instruments of grace for the establishment of your kingdom in this community, among our neighbors, and among all peoples.

| Location | Prompts for Thinking and Praying |
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| Offices of the Staff | Think of the untold hours of careful thought, deliberative study, and holy conversations that take place in this space. |
| | Pray that God will continue to enlighten the minds and sustain the spirits of all who work here, so that all are empowered in their preaching, teaching, and serving ministries of this congregation. |
| Fellowship Hall and Kitchen | Think about the various communities and groups who gather together here. Imagine a meal, event, or conversation you have shared with another person in this space. |
| | Pray for all who enter into this room of fellowship and that we will always welcome them with open hearts. Pray also for those who serve God and others by preparing meals that not only nourish our bodies, but our souls as well. |
| Education Wing | Remember a time when you experienced a flash of insight or deepened wisdom during an education program at the church. |
| | Pray for the church's mission to help believers love God with our minds (Mt. 22:37). |
| Playground | Imagine the laughter and joy of children climbing and sliding and swinging on the playground. |
| | Give thanks for laughter and joy in the life of the church, and pray for the children, remembering Jesus' words: "it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs" (Luke 18:16). |

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| Cloister Garden or Labyrinth | Think of those who walk and rest here, seeking solace amidst the world's busyness, the heart's restlessness, or the day's sorrow. |
| | Pray that God's presence will be known and felt here, that in the quiet the still voice will speak, and that all will leave this space nourished and restored to be Christ's hands and feet. |
| Chapel or Sanctuary | Think of a time when a scripture reading soothed you, a sermon spoke to you, a Sacrament made you remember, or music brought you joy. |
| | Pray that worship in this space, embedded in Scripture, filled with God's love and buoyed by the Holy Spirit, sustains us and send us forth to 'Be the Church' in the Durham community and beyond. |
| Choir Room | Think about how God speaks through music created by many individuals devoting their time and using their gifts to make a joyful noise together. |
| | Pray for the ministry of music in this church and that all of Christ's disciples may find ways to use their gifts in the community to God's glory. |
| Church Foundation/Basement | Think about how this foundation roots our church to a specific physical location in Durham. Think about all that goes on within these walls that is vital to our congregation being able to 'Be the Church' outside of the walls. |
| | Pray blessing upon the church building and all that occurs within these walls. Pray that we may know that our true foundation is Jesus Christ and grow in discipleship. "On Christ the solid rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." |
| Surrounding the church in prayer: Circling around her three times | In the first lap, think about the history of the church, God's faithfulness to her as evident in signs that you have heard or witnessed. |
| | In the second lap, simply pay attention to what is going on right now in this physical place. What do you see, hear, smell? Notice the trees, bushes, neighbors, places of activity and places of stillness... |
| | In the third lap, pray for God's provision for the church for the future and for God's kingdom to break in in this physical place in Durham and through this community. |