

## ► Outline

... Dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

**1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)**

### A. Praying Together.

(John 17:1-9. C/R: Psalm 133:1; Acts 2:42-47;  
1 Corinthians 1:10)

The church must pray (together) through

\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Pray the Father will bring our church...

1. Unity in our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 17:10. C/R: Psalm 34:3; 95:6; Acts 2:46-47;  
Romans 15:5-6)

2. Unity through His \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 17:11-15. C/R: Matthew 6:13; 16:18;  
2 Thessalonians 3:2-3)

3. Unity with His \_\_\_\_\_  
(through \_\_\_\_\_).  
(John 17:16-17,19-26. C/R: John 15:2;  
1 Corinthians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:16)

4. Unity in His \_\_\_\_\_ for us.  
(John 17:18,21. C/R: Exodus 9:16;  
Matthew 5:16; 28:19-20)

**Answers:** A. division, unity B.1. praise 2. protection 3. personality, pruning 4. purpose

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## ► Discussion & Prayer Guide

As we dive deeper into what it means to be a praying church, use the prompts below to help guide prayer time in your Community Group, family, or by yourself. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

### Conversation Starter

What is one way prayer has impacted your life?

### Prayer Guide

Take time to pray through each prompt below. After each prayer, ask God what He wants you to know in that moment and take time to listen.

#### Opening Prayer

- Pause and invite God into this time of prayer.

#### Read [John 17:1-3](#)

- Thank God for sending His Son Jesus to earth to die for our sins.
- Thank God for the gift of eternal life.

#### Read [John 17:9-12](#)

- Ask God to give His protection to you.
- Ask God to give His protection to Brookwood Church.
- Ask God to give His protection to believers around the world.

#### Read [John 17:20-23](#)

- Ask God to help us remain united as followers of Jesus, turning to His Word for guidance and truth.
- Ask God to heal our brokenness and make us holy.

#### Read [John 17:13-19](#)

- Ask God to guide and reveal His purpose for Brookwood Church.
- Ask God to guide and reveal His purpose in your life.

#### Closing Prayer

- Thank God for hearing our prayers.
- Thank God for being our Father and for His Son Jesus.
- Ask God to guard our hearts and minds against the world, the flesh and the devil.

## Bible Study and Group Discussion

Discuss how the prayer time was for your group. Share the ways God spoke during this time.

### Read [Psalm 86](#).

1. David was struggling to keep evil away and was calling on God to help. Describe when God has helped you overcome a struggle with temptation or evil.
2. In his sorrow and pain, David still praised God. Are you able to praise God no matter the trials? Why or why not?
3. In [verse 11](#), what does David ask God to do? How do you seek this in your life?
4. What are some ways you can incorporate prayer into your life?

### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.*

One way to grow in spiritual maturity is to devote time to Scripture reading and prayer. Set aside a specific time each day this week to read the Bible and pray. Make this a special time between you and God.

If you'd like to join our Watchers Prayer Team, who pray daily for Brookwood Church, visit: [brookwoodchurch.org/prayer](http://brookwoodchurch.org/prayer).

### Memory Verse

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### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Psalm 133:1](#)

Day 4: [2 Timothy 3:16](#)

Day 2: [Psalm 34:1-3](#)

Day 5: [Exodus 9:16](#)

Day 3: [2 Thessalonians 3:2-3](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 27, we'll continue in our series *Praying (Together) Through...* where we'll examine how Moses prayed through discouragement. To prepare, read [Numbers 11:10-25](#).

