



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRAYER GUIDE

February 10 - 17, 2013

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you, and we thank you for all the blessings we have received from you, and for the leadership you have provided for this capital campaign.

You have poured out your love on Holy Trinity Church family, and we respond by sharing that Love, as we minister in the communities we serve, and in the world in which you have placed us.

We have felt led by you to renew and beautify the buildings you have provided for us, and we desire that they may reflect your love and protection upon those who seek sanctuary within these walls, and be a beacon for those who come seeking you.

May this church home be a place of beauty to glorify you and a refuge for renewal of life. May this place of worship bring to all the love you show to your people daily.

Be with us in these days as we work together, empowered by your Holy Spirit in and among us to raise the necessary funds to accomplish these goals you have set before us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sunday, February 10, 2013

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.”
127:1

Psalm

This project at Holy Trinity had its beginning with a door in the Church that wouldn't stay shut. That door revealed a rotted floor in the Vestibule, and then it was discovered that leaking water from above in the steeple was the cause. The exterior shingles on the steeple needed replacing, as well as the planking beneath. Then some rotted timbers were revealed, and the metal roof was leaking also. One thing led to another.

As this project became known, we decided to have a capital campaign to pay for the work we had not expected to have to do. At the same time, it became clear that we had an opportunity to reduce our use of energy to power our parish buildings, and our use of fuel to heat them. And we recognized that we needed to renew the appearance and beauty of our worship space as well.

God often is the source of the prodding that leads us to move beyond the “status quo” and respond to needs as they really are.

Prayer:

Almighty God, as we prepare to renew our buildings and
Keep open the doors for worship, help us open our hearts and minds to
your Holy Spirit. Enable us to envision an ever growing church family who will be attentive to your
word, and respond to your guidance and
direction. As we work to renew these buildings, so renew our
life together in this place, and release our energy as we minister in your
name. Give us a spirit of wisdom, generosity, and perseverance,
that our parish buildings will bring glory, honor and
praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Monday, February 11, 2013

“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.”

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Peter 2:5

“As they reached the place where the road started down from the Mount of Olives, Jesus’ followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. Some of the Pharisees among the crowd said ‘Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that.’

Jesus replied, ‘If they kept quiet the stones along the road would burst into cheers’.” Luke 19:37, 39 & 40

We can be like the stones along the road, cheering our Savior. We are living stones, a unique construction with Christ as our cornerstone. As we work together to build up this place of worship, we also work to grow in Christ, becoming like Him.

We are the “living stones” of which St. Peter wrote. Our faith will continue to grow, as we work together to preserve our buildings to share with others. Here we worship and grow together, Here others are freed from addictions. Here we plan and go forth to reach out to others. Here we continue to renew our commitment to a deeper faith. Here we share our faith with those who will continue to serve Christ after us.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you have promised that wherever two or three are gathered in Your name, you will be with them. With faith we gather together and release our concerns to you. As living stones who continually sing Your praises, we ask You to bless our projects and our campaign, and be a very real presence in our midst. We pray in your holy name, Amen.

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew
6:19-21

Here is one of the great mysteries of the faith. Jesus promises that if we spend our lives for his sake, we will find our lives for eternity. He promises also that if we release our grip on the wealth and possessions of this world, we will find in place of all that the riches that will last into and for all of eternity. Then he promises almost paradoxically, where we invest out treasure, there our hearts will be also.

Many Christians behave as though “God helps those who help themselves”, and “charity begins at home”, were words from Scripture. But those thoughts are not from God. When we make our financial resources available for the mission of God in this world, God receives our offering, and returns blessings into eternity to us.

Prayer:

Father, we know you accept our gifts, great or small, and do great things with them. Help us to remember that you have done so much for us, that, in return, we can truly sacrifice our money and time for you, confident of your love and blessing for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians
4:1-3

We thank God for the church, which is Christ's church, and not ours; and for our congregation, especially for those people who have most profoundly influenced our lives. We remember too, that well-meaning people often have differences of opinion, even in matters of faith, so it is important for us to ask God to build up our congregation in unity of spirit, and bring unity of purpose to all our members.

Prayer:

Almighty and ever living God, we pray for your church in this place. You have given to each of us a family to accompany and encourage us on the journey of faith. Be with us in that journey, and help us always to remember that each of our sisters and brothers is a gift to us from you. And grant that we may find with one another all that is necessary for our shared life and ministry. We ask in Jesus' name, and for his sake.

Thursday, February 14, 2013

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:6-8

We can thank God for the great opportunities that are present to our congregation in this time of our capital campaign. And we can thank God for the exciting times that are before us as we are committed to meeting these opportunities, being led by God's Spirit. We acknowledge before God that change can challenge us, even as we are committed to it. Ask for the calming power of God's presence, and for God's guidance to lead us to all that God has planned for us.

Prayer

O Lord our God, we know that you have planned for us more that we can ask, or even imagine. Quiet our fears and misgivings about these projects and this campaign, that we may know and experience that abundant life that our Savior Jesus calls us to. Be with us as we make the commitments of sacrifice and effort which will lead us into the paths you have placed before us to walk. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Friday, February 15, 2013

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

II Corinthians
9:7-8

We always need to thank God for the material blessings that have been showered upon us, and the other members of our congregation. And we must remember before God that everything we have belongs to God, and is given in trust under our care. When we are tempted to claim ownership of the wealth God has committed to our stewardship, we need to remember that it was God who in the first place gave us strength and intelligence to get wealth in the first place.

Prayer:

Loving God, we ask you to fill our congregation with cheerful hearts, as we respond to the opportunity before us. Move us to generosity, as we dedicate to your work the financial blessings that you have entrusted to us. We ask in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Saturday, February 16, 2013

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?”

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Corinthians 3:16

What a wondrous and mysterious thought: God lives within each of us! Think of that; God is intrinsically a part of every one of us, our minds, our hearts, and everything that is each of us. Actually, that is a bit daunting, isn’t it? Probably it was for Jonah, trying to hide from God, only to realize how incredibly funny it was, considering that God was with Jonah every step of the way, or better said, every stroke of the way as Jonah attempted to row AWAY from the task God had set before him to speak to the people of Nineveh. It’s a very deep, intimate relationship we have with God. But it’s very simple too, as St. Paul says in this verse. As growing Christians, surrounded by brothers and sisters in our church and in small groups, we are blessed beyond measure in God’s presence in and among us.

Our God loves us so much and wants above all else to be WITH and IN us! How great is that? Think of so many other religions, and remember, none of them say their God created every person because God desired to love and dwell in them. The key is that we love God so that our selves are given over to serving God and our neighbors in ministry. Then God is always there within us.

Prayer:

Awesome God and provider, thank you for loving us, and for desiring intimacy with each of us as your unique creations. You continually shower us with grace. We are overwhelmed as we consider your great blessings that fill our every need. Help us to love you, in the same measure that you love us. Help us to show that love in our outreach and ministry toward all our neighbors, as we serve you with joyful obedience to your word to us. Help us to be a church church that can reach out to everyone in need. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen

Sunday, February 17, 2013

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

Jesus, in the Great Commission COMMANDS that we proclaim the Gospel in all that we do, in our worship, in our teaching, in our ministering, in our times of fellowship, and in our evangelistic outreach. yet often, we Christians doubt that we are able to fulfill this command. But we believe that all Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and that we are given by God everything necessary effectively to spread God's good news.

Knowing these things assures that in the empowering of Spirit, we can proceed confidently with our witness whenever and wherever the opportunity arises. St. Paul urges us to prepare ourselves with God's truth and word as we minister in this world. Knowledge of the Scriptures and a willingness to serve the needs of our neighbors nearby and far away will enable us to proclaim the healing love of Jesus Christ and eternal life in him. Let us remember to pray each day for opportunities for ourselves and our church to reach out with the saving love of our Lord.

Prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, fill us with knowledge of Your Word and passion to serve and to share and in so doing, to bring a harvest of souls to God. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Capital Campaign Benediction – Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Heavenly Father, as we go forth in your Name,
help us remember that our building is not the Church.

We, the people of God, are the Church.

Our building ...

Is the sacred place in which we gather:

- To praise God's name;
- To ask God's forgiveness;
- To know God's healing power;
- To hear God's life-giving word; and
- To share our lives in God's community of saints, and
- To work together for God's mission of reconciliation, peace and justice in this world.

Now guide our vision and order our work,
as we offer our time, talent and treasure to your service;
and help us bring to perfection the work we have begun in faith.

And the blessing of God the creator,

Jesus the redeemer,

and the Spirit the counselor, guide, and source of all power;

be with us all today and forever. Amen