Prayers for Churches
Inspired by Transformed & Transforming

Note: These prayers were originally produced by delegates to General Synod 2013 as they met in all-synod advisory groups to consider, react creatively to, and modify Transformed & Transforming. The three priorities of this ministry plan are cultivating transformation in Christ, equipping emerging leaders of today and tomorrow, and engaging in Christ’s kingdom mission.

1. Father, we thank you for letting us hear your voice through your people.

   Lord Jesus, in your sovereignty, graciously work through us to accomplish your mission in the world. May we become passionate disciples, filled with the power of your Spirit and the truth of your Word.

   Holy Spirit, we ask that you transform us through the Word, both individually and corporately, in order that we might effectively work for the transformation of the world, until Jesus comes again.

   Come soon, Lord Jesus! Amen.

2. Lord, we pray that as a church, we will embrace your vision of Transformed & Transforming. We hold in our hands three seeds. Our desire is to plant them in each person’s life so that your growth and maturity might be fulfilled in each person. We will work to plant those seeds in the people around us, but only you can give them life and bring them to harvest. We desire to be your servants, fulfilling your desired ends. May you be glorified and your kingdom built. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

3. We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we pray that your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

   Lord, we pray that as a denomination, we would not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but that we would be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

   We pray that your words and your commands and your gospel would be upon our hearts, and that you would enable us to impress it upon our children. Give us the desire to talk about them when we are at home and when we walk along the road and when we lie down and when we get up.

   And God, we ask that you would help us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Lord, use our denomination to create disciples who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

   Through Jesus’ name we pray, amen.
4. We bless you and thank you, O God, for our past, our present, and our future in Christ. We remember Jeremiah's promise that we, your people, have a future that allows us to dwell in you, so that we are able to bear fruit.

We long to abide in you; we long for you to do more than we can ask or imagine. Draw us together as a family in Christ and fill us with your Spirit.

Keep our eyes fixed on you, and use us to be your hands and feet. Thank you for the cross through which we are reconciled to you and each other.

We pray in the name of Jesus, amen.

5. Dear Lord, we come to you, asking you to transform us and empower us to do what you have called us to do as a denomination, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us be able to know what is pleasing to you and your perfect will. Show us, we pray, how to cultivate transformation in Christ so that we can love and embrace the diversity of all people as you have shown us in your Word. Enable us to equip the next generation of leaders—the old and the young—so that they may build up the church and thrive in an ever-changing world, and so that the church may engage in both local and global mission. Help us to serve as agents of change by putting our faith in action all over the world. Help us to embrace our mission to the world and share the good news of the gospel with the lost. As we go forth, help us to wait in humility and with childlike faith. And with this faith we will see the glory of God.

6. In our sinfulness, your love has redeemed us.

Because of your grace, we are embarking on a journey with the Spirit. We thank you for your call upon our lives.

Living in gratitude, we passionately seek to serve you. May the streams of living water continue to nourish us and may the fruit of your Spirit hang heavy on the branches of our church.

Give us a vision for your mission that leads beyond what we can ask or imagine.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

7. Lord, we believe that as a community of faith, we need to begin the next chapter of our journey. We also believe that you are leading us to cultivate transformation in Christ, equip a new generation of leaders, and engage in mission to spread your gospel to the world.

Lord, we don't know how to do this. So we are stepping out in faith, and we trust that by your Holy Spirit, you will show us the way, step by step.

Give us the courage, faithfulness, and passion of Elijah to carry out this next chapter. Make us like a tree planted by a river of waters. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.
8. Dear Lord, thank you for the many ways you have blessed and led our denomination. And thank you for the grace that is ours in Christ Jesus. Forgive us, Lord, for when you were calling us and we turned our backs, busy with our own selfish agenda.

We acknowledge and are grateful for those who have gone before us. Now, Lord, we ask that you would give us courage to walk through the open doors of opportunity before us. As disciples, we want to follow you in ministry and mission. Help us to be faithful in our life and witness. Lord of the harvest, raise up workers who will faithfully share the good news of the gospel. Raise up leaders who will be equipped to serve you today and for generations to come.

Help us to love each other as you, Lord Jesus, have loved us. Fill us with the fresh wind of your Spirit.

We are thankful for the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to so proclaim the gospel that people will experience the transforming love of Christ. Amen.