

Participant's Prayer Vigil Guide



A prayer vigil is a watchful and dedicated period of time when we talk with God, in the form of praise, confession, thanksgiving or request. Use this guide at each location in the sanctuary or in your home as you talk with God. Although this prayer vigil can be broken into segments so you can focus on one each day, consider setting aside 30 minutes on November 15 and signing up for a time slot between Noon and 8:00 pm so that we know that for that time period, at least one person from

Trinity is praying for the well-being and renewal of the congregation throughout that afternoon and evening.

READ THE RENEW CAMPAIGN THEME VERSE: “Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:30-31

Renewing Faith among our Children and Youth... in the sanctuary, sit by the PrayGround



READ: Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as *these*.” Matthew 19:14

PONDER: What do you think Jesus meant when he said: “do not hinder *them*?”

PRAY: We pray for the children and youth of Trinity Lutheran Church. Bless them with health, safety, spiritual growth, and good friendships.

LISTEN: Take note of what comes to mind. Perhaps it’s a specific child in need of prayer, or a picture of Trinity full of young families?

Renewing Hope assured of God’s presence each day... sit by the Milk and Honey window



READ: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

PONDER: How has God been assuring you that God has been with you through these many months of being apart? Who have you not seen recently?

PRAY: We pray for the people who need the hope and grace we offer at Trinity. Bless our friends and family, especially those who we don’t see as much right now. Remind us to reach out to Trinity members who might be feeling isolated and lonely.

LISTEN: Who is God encouraging you to connect with? Who do you know “in need” of your presence as a reminder that God is always with us?

Renewing Love in our outreach... sit by the “with you I am well pleased” window



READ: Go and make disciples of all *nations*... and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew

28:18-19

PONDER: What do you think Jesus meant when he asked us to make disciples of “all nations”?

PRAY: We pray for those who feel separated from God or who don’t have a church home. Teach us to love those who are different from us. Open our hearts and minds to new ways of reaching out into our community

LISTEN: Where is God asking you to step out of your comfort zone and share God’s love with someone you don’t know?

Renewing Hospitality in our facilities...sit by the “let everyone who is thirsty come” window



READ: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Romans 12:13

PONDER: Hospitality is the friendly and generous hosting of family, friends, visitors and strangers. In what new ways can you practice hospitality at Trinity?

PRAY: We thank you, God, for our church building and the ways we experience your love when we are here. Thank you for the staff and many volunteers who take care of Trinity. Help us to do our part to make sure Trinity is a place where all people are welcome.

LISTEN: What feeling comes to mind when you think about being at Trinity?

Renewing Joy in our generosity... sit in the place most familiar to you (your pew☺)

READ: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6: 21

PONDER: Where is your treasure?

PRAY: We thank you, God, for your generosity through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus. Give us generous hearts in response to your love so we can experience the joy of generosity.

LISTEN: In what ways or places is God calling you to be generous?