

## 31 Ways to Pray

1. **Pastor** – Lord, I lift up Matt to You. Thank You for his servant's heart. Keep him from losing trust when ministry gets tough. Help him prove faithful with the things you have entrusted to him. Teach him Your ways so that he knows You, and finds favor with You as He leads. Keep him open and honest before You and help him to present and represent Your truth plainly. (2 Cor. 4:1; 1 Cor. 4:1-3; Ex. 33:13)
2. **Elders** – Lord, I lift up the future elders to You. Help us respect and honor them as they direct the affairs of the church. May they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. Keep them above reproach, devoted to their families, self-controlled, respectable and hospitable. May they be gentle and honest as they deal with Your people. (1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 6:4; 1 Tim. 3:1-2; Titus 1:7)
3. **Leaders** – Lord, I lift up the leaders to You. May they always walk worthy of respect and with sincere hearts. Help them to serve well and keep hold of truth. May they keep short accounts with You so that their conscience is clear. Bless their households with peace and joy. Fill them with Your Spirit and let them operate in Your wisdom as they carry out all of their responsibilities. (1 Tim. 3:8-9, 12; Acts 6:3)
4. **Adults** – Lord, I lift up the adults in the congregation to You. May they live worthy of Your call on their lives. As they respond to that call, fulfill every purpose and every faith-filled act of service by Your power. May they walk well in righteousness, with hearts that delight greatly in You. Enable them to live with integrity and full of grace to those around them. (Eph. 4:1; 2 Thess. 1:11; Ps. 132:9; Isa. 61:10; Rev. 3:4)
5. **Children & Youth** – Lord, I lift up the children and youth of Deep Rivers Church to You. May they be humble examples of what we adults need to become in the Kingdom. Let their conduct be pure and right with reputations that show that they know You. May they flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. (Matt. 18:3-4; Prov. 20:11; Eccl. 12:1; Ps. 71:17; 2 Tim. 2:22)
6. **Seniors** – Lord, I lift up the seniors at Deep Rivers Church. That we would be blessed by their example. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You've promised to the weak and weary. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process. (Prov. 16:31; Titus 2:4; 1 Pet. 5:5; Job 12:12; Isa. 40:29, 31)
7. **Those Seeking God** – Lord, I lift up those who are looking for You who will come to Deep Rivers Church. Let the gospel be presented clearly through the Word and in the power of the Holy Spirit with conviction. Help them to make the most of each opportunity to share the good news of forgiveness. I pray against the enemy's attempts to blind them to Your truth. (1 Thess. 1:5; Col. 4:5; 2 Cor. 2:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)
8. **Worship Leaders** – Lord, I lift up the worship leaders. Appoint people who sense Your holiness and then praise You out of that understanding. Help them to lead faithfully and in sincere gratitude for Your love. May they be the true worshipers You are looking for; who worship in Spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh. (2 Chron. 20:21-22; Jn. 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3)

9. **Speakers & Teachers** – Lord, I lift up the speakers and teachers at Deep Rivers Church. May everyone who holds that position (teachers, small group leaders, guest speakers, etc.) rightly share Your truth. Let them admonish gently and teach with wisdom. Let them speak and teach with a spirit of faith that springs from their intimate relationship with You. (2 Tim. 2:15; Col. 1:28; Dan. 2:47; Phil. 1:14; 2 Cor. 4:13)

10. **Women's Ministry** – Lord, I lift up the ministry to women at Deep Rivers Church to You. Inspire our older saints to train the younger. Teach them to be virtuous women with spirits who only put their hope in You. Let this ministry produce women who feel Your passion for them and who deeply desire to spend time with you each day. (Titus 2:4, 5; Prov. 31:10; 1 Pet. 3:4, 5; Ps. 45:11; Lk. 10:38-42; Phil. 4:3)

11. **Men's Ministry** – Lord, I lift up the ministry of men at Deep Rivers Church to You. Use it to build men of faith. Enable them to be in right relationship to You and with each other, to love their wives sacrificially, to instruct their children with patience and to hold each other accountable as they carry each other's burdens. (Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Tim. 5:1; Eph. 5:25, 6:4; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:15; Prov. 27:6)

12. **Youth Leaders** – Lord, I lift up the Youth Leaders. Let them set an example in their speech, life, love, faith and purity. Help them to have Godly discernment and to notice any of the teens who are struggling or lacking in judgment, so they can teach them to value Your life-giving principles. Help them to connect well with young hearts and minds. (1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Jn. 2:14; Prov. 3:21, 7:7, 7:2; Joel 2:28)

13. **Behind-the-Scenes Workers** – Lord, I lift up all those who work behind the scenes at Deep Rivers Church. Thank You for every nursery worker, parking lot attendant, office volunteer, (etc.) who have devoted themselves to often unnoticed service. Bless them deeply for the generosity they have displayed and let them know their value in this mission. (1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 9:12-13; Jas. 3:13; Eph. 6:7)

14. **Children's Ministries** – Lord, I lift up the children's ministries to You. Create an atmosphere that encourages the children to know You. Let the teachers remind each child of the marvelous things You have done. Cause everything they learn about You to grow in their heart. May they remember all they have learned and to always keep walking in Your truth. (Mk. 10:14; Dt. 4:9; 29:29; 30:19; Prov. 22:6; 3 John. 1:4)

15. **Prayer Focus** – Lord, I lift up the prayer focus at Deep Rivers Church. Make it into a house of prayer. We desire to pray first, always, continually and thankfully. May everyone recognize that this is Your desire for all. Let us stand in the gap for others with prayer that is both powerful and effective for many. (Mk. 11:17; 1 Pet. 4:7; 1 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6; Ps. 32:6; Ezek. 22:30; Jas. 5:16)

16. **Spiritual Maturity** - Lord, we need those who know how to walk well in the Spirit to be a vital part of the community. Raise up those who have experience leading others to hear Your voice in prayer. We desire to see those who live in the freedom of Your Spirit show others how to live in righteousness, peace and joy. (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19; Acts 7:51; Jn. 16:8; Ps. 143:10; Gal. 5:25; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:18; Rom. 8:6, 14:17)

17. **Spiritual Level** – Lord, I lift up the spiritual temperature of Deep Rivers Church. Revive and refine them so that they live for You. Give them singleness of heart and action so that they always know and follow Your will. Let them turn to You with all our heart, soul and strength. Help them understand Your Word so that their hearts turn towards You. (Ps. 85:6; Rev. 3:14-18; Jer. 32:39; Ps. 111:10; 2 Ki. 23:25; Lk. 24:45, 32)

18. **Spiritual Gifts** – Lord, I lift up the use of Your spiritual gifts in Deep Rivers Church. We desire the gifts that You've given for the common good. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work together. Teach us to use what we've received to serve others and faithfully administer Your grace in whatever form that takes. Help us exercise these gifts in love. (1 Cor. 14:1, 12:4-7; 1 Pet. 4:10; 2 Tim. 1:6)

19. **Love & Unity** – Lord, I lift up their love for one another as a body at Deep Rivers Church. Give them a Spirit inspired love for one another that is deep and sincere. May their love for one another prove they are Your disciples. Give them a spirit of unity so that they we may glorify You with one heart and voice. Help them to be patient, loving and always accepting of one another. (1 Pet. 1:22; Jn. 13:34-35; Rom. 15:5-7; Col. 3:14)

20. **Finances** – Lord, I lift up the finances of Deep Rivers Church to You. May they sow generously into the church without reluctance or compulsion. Provide so we have all we need for every good work that You've assigned to us. Remind us of your promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven; and then pour out Your blessing on all who bring the whole tithe into Your house. (2 Cor. 9:6-11; Mal. 3:10)

21. **Outreach & Missions Projects** – Lord, I lift up the passion for outreach at Deep Rivers Church. Keep them outwardly focused so they don't become self-absorbed. Enable them to meet people wherever they have a need. Help them minister faithfully so that the ones they reach and serve might come to know You. Help them to always reflect You well to a fallen world. (Heb. 13:16; Phil. 2:4; Col. 1:7; Jude 1:23)

22. **Single Parents** – Lord, I lift up the single parents in Deep Rivers Church. May they know You as a father to the fatherless and defender of widows. Let us be a family to them. Show us ways to include them and minister grace to them. Stir up practical ideas in us that show Your love and care. Give them wisdom and daily guidance as they parent. (Ps. 68:5-6, 25:16; Matt. 25:35-40; 2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:19)

23. **Help for the Hurting** – Lord, I lift up the hurting at Deep Rivers Church. May they come to know You as El Roi, the God who sees. For every situation of rejection, help them to feel belonged. Heal the broken-hearted. In areas of bondage, set the captives free; replace mourning with gladness. Comfort them so they will have a ministry of comfort to others. (Gen. 16:13; Ro. 8:15; Isa. 61:1-3; 2 Cor. 1:3-4)

24. **Freedom from strongholds** – Lord, I lift up those who struggle with sin, fear, depression, (etc.) at Deep Rivers Church. Protect them from the enemy. Thank You that sin was defeated at the cross and that we are no longer slaves to it. Help us to throw off everything that entangles, and to run our race with

perseverance. Help us live in the freedom of our new identity. (Rom. 8:1; 2 Tim. 2:25,26; Rom. 6:6; Heb. 12:1)

**25. Kingdom Focus** – Lord, I lift up the priorities of the body at Deep Rivers Church. Give them ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying. Open their eyes to see things as You see them. Help them to move beyond issues of immediate need to pursuing Kingdom issues. Make “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” more than just a prayer. (Rev. 3:22; 2 King. 6:17; Matt. 6:25, 33, 10)

**26. Missional Community Groups** – Lord, I lift up the small groups at Deep Rivers Church. Let their purposeful interactions win others to Christ through intentional relationships with those in their spheres. I pray for heartfelt burdens and meaningful connections that lead to life changing conversations and ultimately the salvation of the lost. (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 3:1-2; Col. 1:13; 2 Cor. 5:20)

**27. Protection from the Enemy** – Lord, I lift up the need for Your protection for those at Deep Rivers Church. Protect and deliver them from the evil one. Help them be fully aware that evil does exist, and that Satan has plans to harm. Help them recognize the enemy’s plans, temptations and purposes so that he won’t have a damaging influence. (Jn. 17:15; Matt. 6:13, 10:14; 1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Cor. 11:14, 2:11)

**28. Our Neighborhoods** – Lord, I lift up their community, especially the neighborhoods of those at Deep Rivers Church. Let them love their neighbors as they love themselves. May their concern for others needs override the things that often take our time and focus. Send Your peace into the places You’ve planted them. Bless each individual, home and family. (Gal. 5:14; Prov. 3:28; Isa. 61:4; Jer. 29:7; Lk. 10:5-6; Ps. 127:1)

**29. The Churches in Our Region** – Lord, I lift up all the churches in the area. Let Deep Rivers Church be a body that builds up other believers in the community. Thank You for creating the Body as one unit made up of many parts. Help us understand the value of each part as You have arranged them. Help us to work at being one, by being concerned about one another, valuing and honoring each other. (1 Cor. 12:12-26)

**30. The Churches in Our Nation** – Lord, I lift up the churches in our nation. Let Deep Rivers Church be a body that impacts our country. We confess the American church has often operated out of its wealth, thinking we could do it on our own. Help us to realize our total dependence on You, and then to display Your desires to those who are struggling and to those too comfortable. (2 Chron. 7:14; Rev. 3:17)

**31. The Churches around the World** – Lord, I lift up the Church universal. Let Deep Rivers Church be a body that spreads the Gospel throughout the world. Keep us from becoming complacent, judgmental and self-focused. Give us Your heart for the lost, the hurting and those without the things we far too often take for granted. Give us opportunities to serve You often in faraway places. (Jn. 17:11-23)