

# Week of Unbroken Prayer

December 17–23

## Adoration

### Read:

John 1: 1–4, 14 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### Pray:

The eternal Creator makes himself known to us in the incarnate Son. His light has come to dispel the darkness. This is your God. Let his glory fill you with awe and wonder as you voice your praise to him.

## Confession

### Read:

Ephesians 5:8–10, 15–17

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. ... Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

**Pray:**

Where have you failed to live as a child of light? Where have you not made the most of every opportunity to choose wisely and live carefully? Ask God to search your heart and reveal any sin. Confess it and receive his forgiveness.

## Thanksgiving

**Read:**

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

**Pray:**

It is God who opened your eyes and made himself known to you. Thank him for bringing light to your darkened heart.

## Supplication

**Read:**

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

**Pray:**

Who do you know that is still living in darkness? Pray specifically for them during this Christmas season, asking God to open their eyes to see the glory of Christ.

**Read:**

Luke 4:18–19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the

poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

**Pray:**

Pray for all who have a part in Christmas at DPAC—from the parking lot to the stage. Pray that they would be filled with the Spirit and sensitive to his leading. Pray for all who attend to sense and know that presence of the Spirit of God in our gatherings. Pray especially for those who are poor and needy, both physically and spiritually, that they would hear the Good News. Pray for all who are held captive by the enemy that they would experience freedom and new life. Pray for those who are blind to the truth that God would open their eyes to see and know the glory of God in the face of Christ. Pray for those who are oppressed and afflicted that God would show favor to them and satisfy them with his great love for them.

**Read:**

Habakkuk 3:2

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

**Pray:**

Can you recall those times when you have seen or heard of a great move of God? Can you call to mind times when he has been merciful and gracious? Ask him to repeat that, to again be gracious to us and make his face to shine on us, so that he and his ways are known here in Durham and that salvation comes to people all over our city and around the world.

**End your time giving thanks to God for all that he has promised to do in us and through us for his glory.**