

# **SERVE & SHINE**

## **Prayer Booklet**



We are so delighted that you are interested in praying for the  
2023 Serve and Shine Servant Event.

As Solomon writes in Psalm 127: *“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake.”* We call upon the Lord in our Serve and Shine prayers, asking him to build us up and watch over us as we work serving others. By serving others, we wish to show our love toward them so that they might see Jesus’ love for them, the true servant. We pray over our service because Jesus wants us to pray (Matthew 6: 5-13), and God hears our prayers (Matthew 21:22). So, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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**How to use this prayer guide.**

Prayer Partners: Each day read the listing of events, meditate on the scripture, and pray the suggested prayer. Add to the suggested prayer your additional prayers prompted by the Holy Spirit. Maybe pray for each event by name, adding what you think they might need. God bless you and the Serve and Shine event participants!

Leaders/Site Coordinators: Please use the daily prayer guide and pray the suggested prayer below or your own prayer on site before beginning serving.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing us here to serve our neighbor as you bid us do. Be with us in word and deed. Protect us from all injury. Send us your Holy Spirit for we are here to be used for your glory. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## **Friday April 14**

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Servant Events this day:

Jolie's Hair Solon – Assemble Desks

Vida Y Fe – Electric work

School work

Homeless Mats Weaving Training

Weeklong Events:

Homeless Mats Weaving

Donating Blood

Fleece Blankets

Suggested prayer:

Dear God, we are truly delighted and excited that you have brought us to this day, the beginning of the Serve and Shine Event. Thank you for the Serve and Shine Leadership team and all the work they have done for this day to happen. Help all the participants to use the gifts you have given in services to others for your glory.

In Jesus name. Amen

## **Saturday April 15**

Matthew 20:28

“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Servant Events this day:

Continental Breakfast and Kick Off

Bike Path Cleanup

LERT Tree Removal

School Locker Room Renovation

Koehlert's Yard Work

Trim Bushes on the School Berm

School Beautification

FISH Food Truck Loading

Suggested Prayer:

Might God, who's power is greater than any other's we come to you this day humbly asking that you would watch over and protect those who are participating in the Serve and Shine Event. There are many dangerous situations that might occur but with your sovereign eye watching over us we know we will be protected. Send your Holy angels to watch over all keeping them from pain and injury. All this we ask through Jesus' name. Amen

## **Sunday April 16**

John 12:26

*“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”*

Servant Events this day:

FISH Food Truck Loading  
Kids Hygiene Kits  
The Life Center – Spring Yard Clean Up  
Koehlert’s – grout tile

Suggested Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ so that we may be his disciples and following him. We long to follow Him by serving Him and others. As our Serve and Shine Event continues, we ask that you mold all participates into your disciples. That they would be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in them, Jesus Christ, with gentleness and respect. We pray all this in Jesus’ name. Amen

## **Monday April 17**

Galatians 5:13

*“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”*

Servant Events this day:

Serve at Wayside  
SMILE – College Student Care Packages  
Weeklong Events:  
Homeless Mats Weaving  
Donating Blood  
Fleece Blankets  
Random Acts of Kindness – for out of state members

Suggested Prayer:

Resurrected Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we are unable to understand all that it meant for you to set aside your divinity and take on human flesh, although we give you all glory, praise, and honor for doing so. Thank you as well for sending us the Holy Spirit, for without the faith He gives, we would be unable to love our neighbor as you instruct. We ask you on this day, to remind all those who are serving individually by Mat Weaving, Donating Blood, making Fleece Blankets, or Random Acts of Kindness so that they to would serve their neighbor for your glory. In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **Tuesday April 18**

1 Peter 4:11

*“Whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”*

Servant Events this day:

Vida Y Fe – Radiator Covers  
First Responder Kits

Suggested Prayer:

Almighty God, we thank you for giving us the strength to serve you and others. You are the creator God and all that we have, and need is provided by you. Your grace and mercy are never ending. We ask that you provide strength to all participants of Serve and Shine. Give them wisdom to accomplish all that you have given them for this day.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

## **Wednesday April 19**

Mark 12:31

*“The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

Servant Events this day:

Looming Hats  
Creating Cards  
Creating Mats

Suggested Prayer:

Holy One, we come to you this day as sinners knowing that we are inherently selfish. You are the Holy One, just and all loving. We ask that you rid all participants of selfishness and anger. Help them to work together in serving others with love, joy, patience, kindness, and self-control. That all their doing would be pleasing to you and worthy of the name of Christian.

In Jesus' name.  
Amen

## **Thursday April 20**

John 13:35

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Servant Events this day:

Fleece Blankets

FISH Hygiene Kits

Create Mats

Writing Letters MOPS

Suggested Prayer:

Living God, we know that you used the words of today’s scripture on Maundy Thursday as a new commandment. Loving one another will be the mark of your disciples. We pray on this day that as all the participants work and serve all the people, they touch will see the love they have for one another.

All this we pray in Jesus’ name.

Amen

## **Friday April 21**

2 Corinthians 8:7

*“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.”*

Servant Events this day:

Comfort Dog Training Center Spring Clean Up

Weeklong Events:

Homeless Mats Weaving

Donating Blood

Fleece Blankets

Random Acts of Kindness – for out of state members

Suggested Prayer:

God of Grace, you have given us grace upon grace, all that is needed for this life on earth and life eternal, though we are undeserving. We ask that you send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of all participants, increasing the grace they give other participants and the people they serve.

In your Son’s name we pray,

Amen

## **Saturday April 22**

2 Corinthians 9:7

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

Servant Events this day:

Meissner Garden Work  
Altergott Porch  
Reimer Gardening  
Rogman Gardening  
FISH Food Truck Loading  
Celebration Desserts in the Vine

Suggested Prayer:

Merciful Heavenly Father, you desire a cheerful giver, we ask as participants today go their way to their work sites that you would give them a joyful heart, to know they are doing your work, for your kingdom and help others in the process. Brighten their spirits by reminding them that they are loved by you and that one day they will see you face to face and live with you forever. In Jesus name, Amen

## **Sunday April 23**

Psalm 150

*“Praise the LORD!*

*Praise God in his sanctuary;*

*praise him in his mighty heavens!<sup>[a]</sup>*

*Praise him for his mighty deeds;*

*praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!*

*Praise the LORD!”*

Servant Events this day:

FISH Food Truck Loading  
Cook and Serve Breakfast  
Mulch School Yard

Suggested Prayer:

Lord of Life, we thank and praise you for the time we have had serving in the Serve and Shine Event. We pray for all of those that we have served, that they would see our serving them pointing to the ultimate server, your Son, Jesus Christ, who died so that all may live. May the people we have served remember you when they think of the serving Immanuel has done. We also pray that all the participants will remember the times they had working with other members. May there be friendships that grow from this event. In Jesus name, Amen



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